“Improving the work with Children on the move in the EU”

24th April 2014

From 9.30 a.m. to 1.00 p.m.

Final Conference of the European Project
‘Net for U - Needs Tackling and Networks for Unaccompanied integration’


European Economic and Social Committee
74 rue de Trèves, Brussels
RoomTRE 7701, 7th floor
Presentation

The situation faced by unaccompanied children throughout Europe is a growing concern for a great number of NGOs working with and for children.

Starting with a presentation of the results provided by the different partners of the European project “Net for U – Needs tackling and Networks Tracing for Unaccompanied Minors integration”, this conference will focus on sharing experiences and promising practices to improve the work of professionals dealing with unaccompanied children and children on the move, in regards to two key aspects: the needs assessment and family tracing.

What is the role of the children’s family and what level of involvement is necessary in order to support the child during their transition to adulthood? How can we identify, support and meet the children needs, taking into consideration the complexity of the phenomena and the variation in challenges faced by different EU countries? How can we foster a cooperative strategy between organisations and stakeholders working at the local, national and international level? These will be the main issues around which participants will discuss and share their experiences.

More information about the project can be found at http://www.oijj.org/en/the-project-net-for-u

This conference has been organized by the International Juvenile Justice Observatory (IJJO) and Net for U partners in collaboration with the European Economic and Social Committee. The IJJO is a non-profit organisation based in Brussels, working for the rights of children at risk of social exclusion, especially those in conflict with the law.

The IJJO promotes and encourages the improvement of juvenile justice systems and policies, the implementation of international standards, the strengthening of professional competence in the field, and the exchange of innovative good practices.

For more information about our work, please visit our website: http://www.oijj.org/en
9.30 - 10.00  Registration and welcome breakfast

10.00 – 10.15  Opening

Inauguration: Ms Grace Attard. European Economic and Social Committee. Belgium

Mr. Cédric Foussard. Director of International Affairs. International Juvenile Justice Observatory. Belgium

Ms. Sabrina Brutto. Project Coordinator. Istituto Don Calabria. Italy


10.15 – 11.00  Working with Children on the move and their families: the results of the Net for U project - “Needs Tackling and Networks Tracing for Unaccompanied Minors Integration”

Ms. Sabrina Brutto. Project Coordinator. Istituto Don Calabria. Italy

Mr. Emanuele Frezza. Researcher. Synergia. Italy

Mr. Pablo Gallego. Psychologist of the Technical department. Fundación Diagrama. Spain

Intervention of project partners and exchange with the audience
11.00 – 12.00  Round table Session: “Good practices on Family tracing, needs assessment, and reception of Children on the move”

Mr. Pascal Reyntjens. Chief of mission. International Organisation of Migrations. Belgium

Ms. Lilana Keith. Programme Officer. Platform for International Cooperation on Undocumented Migrants. Belgium

Ms. Ulrike Schwarz. Legal consultant, Bundesfachverband Unbegleitete Minderjährige Flüchtlinge e.V. (BUMF), one of the German stakeholders in IOM project: "Promoting Family Reunification and Transfer of Unaccompanied Minor Asylum Seekers under Dublin Regulation - PRUMA"

Ms. Daphné Bouteillet. Senior Advocacy Officer. Save the Children- EU Office. Belgium

Exchange with the audience

Moderator: Ms. Svenja Heinrich. EU Project Coordinator. CJD-Eutin. Germany

12.00 - 12.45  Roundtable: “Improving the coordination and cooperation between EU and non EU actors for a better protection and integration of Children on the move in EU”

Mr. Salvatore Parata. Head European Office. Terre des Hommes. Belgium

“Destination Unknown, an international campaign to protect children on the move”

Mr. Bernard de Vos. Délégué général de la Communauté française aux droits de l’enfant. Belgium (to confirm)

Mr. Stephan Durviaux. Conseiller du Délégué général de la Communauté française aux droits de l’enfant. Belgium


Projection of the Documentary “Children on the move, children first!”

Discussant: Mr. Pablo Gallego. Fundación Diagrama. Spain

Exchange with the audience

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European Commission
Directorate-General Home Affairs
Directorate B: Immigration and Asylum
UNIT B4: Financial Support – Immigration and Asylum
12.45 – 13.00 Conclusions

Mr. Cédric Foussard. Director of International Affairs. International Juvenile Justice Observatory. Belgium

Mr. Brian de Lord. Director. Europeace Youth. UK.

The Conference will be followed by a lunch offered by the IJJO for all the participants.
Partners: