



Webinar

“Access to housing and education for children in migration: challenges and good practices”

European Migration Network (EMN)

10 March 2021, 10.00 – 12.35 (CET)

CONTEXT AND AIMS

The EMN in response to the request of the European Commission has developed a report “Children in Migration” (hereinafter – the Report) to synthesise information on the implementation of the 2017 Commission Communication on the protection of children in migration¹ (hereinafter – the Communication) at national level. The Report covers all the key chapters of the Communication and reflects the legislation, policies and practices in place in Member States and Norway from 1 January up to 31 December 2019.

The webinar “**Access to housing and education for children in migration: challenges and good practices**” is organised in the context of the follow-up report to the Communication and will serve as a launch event for the Report produced by the EMN. Being aware that both the Communication and the Report covers broad range of topics related to protection of children in migration, the webinar will specifically focus on two important reception conditions for migrant children – housing and access to education.

The 2017 Communication provides that reception conditions should be in line with the EU acquis, whereby reception conditions should include not only safe and appropriate accommodation, but also any necessary support services to secure the child's best interests and well-being, such as: independent representation, access to education, healthcare, psychosocial support, leisure and integration-related measures.

A detailed agenda can be found below.

¹ Communication from the Commission to the European Parliament and the Council: The protection of children in migration (COM(2017) 211 final), accessible at: <https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/DE/ALL/?uri=COM:2017:211:FIN>

Agenda	
10.00 – 10.05	<p>Introduction</p> <p>Rafael Bärlund, EMN Finland and EMN Communication and Dissemination Working Group co-chair</p>
10.05 – 10.15	<p>Vision on protecting the rights of children in the new Pact on Migration and Asylum</p> <p>Javier Moreno Sanchez, Vice-Chair, European Parliament Intergroup on Child Rights</p>
10.15 – 10.30	<p>EMN Synthesis Report “Children in Migration”: presentation of key findings</p> <p>Adolfo Sommarribas, Legal Advisor, EMN Luxembourg</p>
10.30 – 10.40	<p>Q&A session</p>
10.40 – 11.05	<p>Panel discussion I: access to housing</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Monica Gutierrez Arques, EU Fundamental Rights Agency • Laetitia Van der Vennet, Advocacy Officer, Undocumented Children, Families and Youth, PICUM • Evriliki Georgiou, Operational Manager, “Hope for Children” CRC Policy Center, Cyprus • Blandine Chatelet, Policy officer specialized in unaccompanied minors, Office for Child and Youth protection Sub-Directorate for child and family, General Directorate for social cohesion, Ministry of Solidarity and Health, France <p>Moderator: Isabela Atanasiu, Legal Officer, DG Migration and Home Affairs (DG HOME), European Commission</p>
11.05 – 11.20	<p>Q&A session</p>
11.20 – 11.30	<p>Break</p>
11.30 – 11.55	<p>Panel discussion II: access to education</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Vincente López-Brea, Deputy Director of Territorial Cooperation and Educational Innovation, the Ministry of Education, Spain • Kerstin Holst, Senior Programme Coordinator of the Section of Migration, Displacement and Emergencies, UNESCO • Jennifer Zuppiroli, Advocacy Adviser, Save the Children

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Gelly Aroni, Head of the Unit for Integration and Support of the Special Secretariat for the Protection of Unaccompanied Minors, Ministry of Migration and Asylum, Greece <p>Moderator: Vincent Catot, Policy Officer, DG HOME, European Commission</p>
11.55 – 12.10	Q&A session
12.10 – 12.25	<p>Presentation on the upcoming EU strategy on the rights of the child (2021 – 2024)</p> <p>Valeria Setti, Coordinator for the rights of the child, DG HOME, European Commission</p>
12.25 – 12.30	Q&A session
12.30 – 12.35	<p>Closing remarks</p> <p>Magnus Ovilius, Head of Agencies and Networks Coordination Sector and Chair of the EMN, DG HOME, European Commission</p>