

# Actions for the protection of children in migration

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All children in migration are vulnerable and in need of protection.

In its Communication, the Commission sets out urgent actions to be taken as part of a comprehensive approach for the protection of children in migration in the EU.



## Identifying and protecting children

- ▶ **Commission and EU agencies** → improve guidance for identifying and registering children in migration
- ▶ **Commission and EU agencies** → support Member States in collecting data
- ▶ **Commission** → support the Member States to integrate child protection and safeguarding procedures for all children in migration, and take action to prevent children going missing, ensure follow-up to cases of disappearances
- ▶ **Member States** → to appoint a child protection officer in each hotspot



## Children's access to status determination procedures and procedural safeguards

- ▶ **Commission and EU agencies** → establish a European guardianship network in cooperation with European Network of Guardianship Institutions
- ▶ **Member States** → recruit and train guardians to safeguard the best interests of unaccompanied children
- ▶ **Member States** → prioritise cases and proceedings involving children
- ▶ **Member States** → prioritise the relocation of unaccompanied children from Greece and Italy

## Reception in the EU

- ▶ **Commission** → promote alternatives to detention of children
- ▶ **Member States** → ensure children's individual needs are assessed in first reception centres
- ▶ **Member States** → provide timely access to legal assistance, healthcare and psychological support.
- ▶ **Member States** → provide a range of alternative care options for unaccompanied children, e.g. foster care
- ▶ **Commission and EU agencies** → prepare guidance on reception conditions for unaccompanied children





## Durable solutions

- ▶ **Commission** → promote integration through funding and exchange of good practices
- ▶ **Member States** → ensure children's equal access to education within short time span after arrival
- ▶ **Member States** → implement programmes to support full inclusion (teacher training, skills and language assessment, special support for unaccompanied children, etc.)
- ▶ **Member States** → step up actions for resettlement of children through national programmes and EU schemes.



## Collecting data, exchanging good practices and implementing the Communication

- ▶ **Commission and EU agencies** → launch consultation on data collection methodology with the aim of improving data on children in migration
- ▶ **Commission** → establish an online database of good practices
- ▶ **Commission and EU agencies** → monitor implementation of actions set out in Communication
- ▶ **Member States** → ensure children are informed about their rights
- ▶ **Member States** → Train all those working with children in migration (border guards, guardians, reception care workers, etc.)
- ▶ **Member States** → prioritise children in migration under Asylum Migration and Integration Fund (AMIF) and Internal Security Fund (ISF) national programmes.

