



Consultation Group on the Children of Ukraine (CGU)

11th Plenary Meeting, 23 September 2026

Online (Zoom)

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Agenda

Wednesday, 23 September	
09:15 - 09:30	 Opening Remarks: <ul style="list-style-type: none">➤ Hallvard Gorseth, Director, Directorate of Equal Rights and Dignity➤ Jennifer Schuetze-Reymann, Special Advisor on the Children of Ukraine, Children's Rights Division
09:30 – 09:45	 General updates by Ukraine on current initiatives, challenges, and good practices <i>Liudmyla Shemelynets, First Deputy Minister of Social Policy, Family and Unity</i>
09:45 - 10:45	Part 1: Children in between the transition from Temporary Protection and transition into adulthood: a first stock taking exercise of current national frameworks, practices, gaps, and effective approaches  Update by the European Commission on Temporary Protection <i>Angèle Sears Debono, Legal and Policy Officer, Civil Justice, DG Justice, European Commission</i>

	<p> Setting the scene: A brief overview on the complexity of transitioning from Temporary Protection for children and the transition into adulthood</p> <p><i>Jyothi Kanics, Director, Policy and Advocacy, Europe Kids in Need of Defense (KIND)</i></p> <p> Thematically focused Tour de Table: Updates on national responses and challenges regarding transitioning out of Temporary Protection focusing on children</p> <p><i>Members and participants are invited to briefly introduce themselves and highlight key elements of their national policies, frameworks, or plans—if any—for phasing out temporary protection, with particular attention to children, their transition to adulthood, and information and counselling services for minors (see Preparation Note). We kindly ask that other updates concerning children from Ukraine be limited only to <u>significant and timely new developments</u>, to ensure the session remains focused on the topic.</i></p> <p><i>Session facilitated by Jyothi Kanics, Director, Policy and Advocacy, Europe Kids in Need of Defense (KIND) and Antonina Gain Trotignon, Ukraine Task Force, Ministries of Social Affairs, France</i></p>
10:45 - 11:00	Break
11:00 - 12:10	<p> Continued: Thematically focused Tour de Table: Updates on national responses and challenges regarding transitioning out of Temporary Protection focusing on children</p> <p><i>Session facilitated by Jyothi Kanics, Director, Policy and Advocacy, Europe Kids in Need of Defense (KIND) and Antonina Gain Trotignon, Ukraine Task Force, Ministries of Social Affairs, France</i></p> <p> Brief summery and closing remarks</p> <p><i>Jyothi Kanics and Antonina Gain Trotignon</i></p>
12:10 - 12:30	<p> Spotlight Presentation: Transition from Temporary Protection: Implications for Vulnerable People</p> <p><i>Meron Yared, Associate Reporting Officer (Protection), Regional Bureau for Europe, UNHCR</i></p>
12:30 - 14:30	Lunch break
14:30 - 15:00	Part 2: Co-creation of CGU priorities from 2027 and beyond

	 Keynote speech: Effective Multilateralism in Action: Shaping Priorities Together Natalia Voutova, Head of Council of Europe Office in Chisinau, Social and Behaviour Change Lead at the Council of Europe  Kick-off & Participant Mapping  Taking Stock of CGU Phase II – Mapping past CGU engagement using collaborative whiteboards in breakout groups
15:00 - 15:30	 Breakout Discussions: “What’s possible for 2027-2030” <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Thematic deep-dives into primary challenges in each thematic area ➤ CGU’s comparative advantage and added value ➤ Concrete deliverables for 2027-2028 Part 2: co-creation exercise moderated by Lindsey Higgs & Mia Barrett, Sage & Spark
15:30 - 15:45	Break
15:45 – 16:15	 Feedback Session: conclusions from break-out rooms and plenary discussions Rapporteurs will report back from break-out room discussions (5 minutes each)
16:15 – 16:45	 Prioritisation & Potential Impact <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Impact mapping via voting on whiteboards to identify top 3 thematic priorities with highest potential impact ➤ Interactive reflection via chat and simultaneous submission of main takeaways Part 2: co-creation exercise moderated by Lindsey Higgs & Mia Barrett, Sage & Spark
16:45 - 17:00	 Wrapping Up: Final Remarks, Concrete Takeaways, and Proposed Way Forward CGU Secretariat