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Committee « Rights of persons who are migrants » and Civil society Committee on the Rights of the Child

WEBINAR Child migration: the phenomenon in particular contexts CONCEPT NOTE



Date: 17 November 2023 - 9:00-11:30 (Strasbourg CET) *!!!! The webinar will be held in English* 

The webinar on Child Migration: the phenomenon in particular contexts is jointly organized by the <u>Civil Society Committee on the Rights of the Child</u> (CSC-RC) and the <u>Committee for the</u> <u>Rights of Persons who are Migrants</u> of the Conference of INGOs.

This free webinar will provide an opportunity for exchanges of views and knowledge amongst researchers, professionals on migration and child protection, humanitarians and policy makers working in the field of children in migration across diverse European countries.

The webinar will include a range of presenters with expertise and perspectives from different European countries. It is aimed at anyone working with children and young people affected by migration.

It will inform and reflect the work of the Conference of International Non-Governmental Organizations in the Council of Europe and contribute to European level advocacy for better support for children rights.

It aims to shed light on three aspects of the situation:

1- to be aware that new itineraries are constantly emerging as a corollary of intense border control and territorial barriers;

- 2- To identify neglect and violations of the rights and needs of children who are on the move;
- 3- to emphasize the NGO's assisting role under the hardship of limited resources and funding.

These questions will be addressed through two themes that will serve as concrete and contrasting examples: the cases of Cyprus and Ukraine.

## Theme 1/ Country related approach: "Child migration in Cyprus"

Cyprus has been among the top EU countries for reception of asylum seekers, unaccompanied minors included. Migration flows to Cyprus and the particularities of the country will be explored further aiming to address the latest trend in migration flow.

## Theme 2/ "Child displacement: The Ukrainian case"

The theme is touching the uniqueness of the migration movement from Ukraine as a paradigm of an EU respectful response to human rights.

These questions and themes will be addressed in two parallel workshops and a concluding panel discussion. Each workshop will start with an introduction of the theme by the two speakers [about 20 minutes each] followed by an exchange of views and experiences among participants [about 20 minutes].

## **!!!!** In case of many participants, we might not be able to give the floor to all. To ensure a smoother discussion, priority will be given to the ones that had sent a text in advance. **!!!!**

We therefore recommend that the audience express their interest by briefly sharing their views and experiences before the webinar. One or both of the following questions should be addressed in a text of no more than 500 words:

1) How the mobility of migrant children affects the role and agency of NGOs, especially when new itineraries are constantly changing?

2) How may NGOs prevent children's rights violations even when provided with limited resources?

→ Please express your interests in the webinar and/or send your contribution by email to: <u>civilsocietycommittee.rc@gmail.com</u> by November 10<sup>th</sup>.

PRACTICAL INFORMATION:

This webinar is free and does **not** require registration.

The link to the conference room is here:

https://us06web.zoom.us/j/82515682215?pwd=TVNKd1EzdjJKOTh5NkVhNmFQSVY0UT09

It will be posted on the websites of the Civil Society Committee on the Rights of the Child (CSC-RC) and the Committee for the Rights of Persons who are Migrants.