

The Transition of Migrant and Refugee Children to Adulthood

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Background¹

Every year, large numbers of **migrant and refugee children** arrive in Europe via various migratory routes, often without their parents or adult caregivers. Upon arrival in various European countries, migrant and refugee children fall under child protection schemes and are thus protected by the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child. Once they **turn 18 years old**, they lose the additional rights and protection they had as children, often from one day to another.

To enjoy human rights effectively, and without disruptions, they must be prepared for their **transition to adulthood** and continue to be supported after turning 18 years old. The right to be supported during the transition to adulthood is not a new human right. It is grounded in existing children's rights and human rights standards. This module aims, therefore, to clarify the corresponding human rights standards and understand how they can be applied to ensure that young refugees and migrants enjoy both in law, and in practice, the fundamental rights they are entitled to. In addition, examples of promising practices are included throughout the different sessions with a view to promoting knowledge sharing and inspiring relevant professionals in the field.

Module outline

The module consists of 1 introduction and 5 chapters:



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Target audience

This free online module is primarily addressed to **professionals working with migrant and refugee children in transition to adulthood**, including social workers, lawyers, educators, healthcare providers, frontline officers, field officers, youth workers, mentors, guardians, and community workers.

It can be also useful for policymakers, government officials, and non-governmental organisations working in the field of child protection and migration.

About

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The module was developed in 2023. It can be taken both as a stand-alone course or as part of the Council of Europe HELP course on **Refugee and Migrant Children** where it appears as an additional module.

How to access the HELP online module

The module is **freely available** in self-learning format on the [CoE HELP e-learning platform](#). The overall length of the online module is approximatively **three hours** and those who complete it in self-learning format can obtain an electronic ‘**Statement of accomplishment**’.

To access the module, you need to have a HELP account. If you haven’t created one yet, you can [sign up here](#), it only takes 2 minutes.

