

“Family reunification for refugee and migrant children: standards and promising practices”

Webinar

Thursday, 2 July 2020, 9.30 – 12.00

Programme

- 9.30 – 9.45 Opening remarks, Ambassador Drahoslav Štefánek, Special Representative of the Secretary General on Migration and Refugees, Council of Europe
Mr Christos Giakoumopoulos, Director General of Human Rights and Rule of Law, Council of Europe
- 9.45 – 9.55 Keynote - Challenges for realising the right to family reunification, Ms Dunja Mijatović, Commissioner for Human Rights, Council of Europe
- 9.55 – 10.05 A parliamentary view on family reunification, Ms Penelope Denu, Head of secretariat of the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe Committee on Migration, Refugees and Displaced Persons
- 10.05 – 10.15 Handbook on family reunification for refugee and migrant children: a short presentation of the publication, Dr Mark A. Klaassen, Assistant Professor at the Institute of Immigration Law, Leiden University
- 10.15 – 10.25 Going through family reunion myself, Ms Pegah Moulana, British Youth Council representative to the Advisory Council on Youth at Council of Europe
- 10.30 – 10.45 Discussions
- 10.45 – 11.00 Main trends in ECHR case-law on family reunification, Ms Michelle Lafferty, Senior Lawyer, European Court of Human Rights
- 11.00 – 11.20 Sharing lessons learned from practice, Ms Eleonora Servino, Coordinator of the IOM Family Assistance Programme
The International Red Cross Red Crescent Movement ‘s response to family reunification, Ms Vanessa Cowan, refugee family reunion Operations Manager at the British Red Cross
- 11.20 – 11.30 Family reunification in times of COVID-19, Ms Jutta Seidel, Officer in charge, UNHCR Representation to the European Institutions in Strasbourg
- 11.30 – 11.45 Discussions
- 11.45 -12.00 Closing remarks, Ambassador Drahoslav Štefánek, Special Representative of the Secretary General on Migration and Refugees, Council of Europe