



Programme

Strengthening the protection against abuse and exploitation of vulnerable persons, in particular women and children, fleeing the war in Ukraine

Follow-up to the SRSG fact-finding visit to the Slovak Republic

Online event organised by
the Council of Europe/ Office of the Special Representative of the Council of Europe on Migration and Refugees, and the UNHCR

Held online on 21 September 2022

09:00 – 09:15	KEY-NOTE OPENING SPEECH: Relevant findings from the SRSG Report of the fact-finding mission to the Slovak Republic, 2-6 May 2022 <i>Leyla Kayacik, Special Representative of the Secretary General on Migration and Refugees</i>
09:15 – 9:30	INTRODUCTORY REMARKS <i>Vendelin Leitner, State Secretary of the Ministry of Interior</i> <i>Sona Danova, Director of Human Rights Department, Ministry of Foreign Affairs and European Matters</i> <i>Danijela Popovic-Efendic, Head of Office, UNHCR National Office in Slovakia</i>
09:30 – 10:15	PROTECTING THE RIGHTS OF MIGRANT AND REFUGEE WOMEN AND CHILDREN The national system regarding the protection of migrant and refugee women and girls/children in law and practice and challenges encountered (20 min) <i>Ms Lucia Vlasakova, Department of Equality between Men and Women and Equal Opportunities, Ministry of Labour, Social Affairs and Family (10 min)</i> <i>Ms Natasa Just Hrnarova, Department of Strategy for Social Protection of Children and Families (10 min)</i>

	<p>Presentation of the new Recommendation CM(2022)17 on protecting the rights of migrant, refugee and asylum-seeking women and girls and other relevant CoE standards (15 min) <i>Martina Bosak, Member of the Gender Equality Commission of the Council of Europe</i></p> <p><i>Questions and answers (10 min)</i></p>
10:15 – 10:30	Coffee break
10:30 – 11:40	<p>Protection of children against sexual abuse - Focus on CoE's standards and checklist (15 min) <i>Ana Guerreiro, Secretariat of Council of Europe's Lanzarote Committee on the Sexual exploitation and sexual abuse of children</i></p> <p>Standards of the CoE on Alternative Care and Protection (15 min) <i>Lilja Gretarsdottir, Head of Cooperation Programmes division, DG1, Council of Europe</i></p> <p>Selected ECHR case-law related to the protection of women and children migrants and refugees (20 min) <i>Aikaterini Lazana, Lawyer from the Registry of the European Court of Human Rights</i></p> <p>Child Protection: Presentation of UNHCR's and UNICEF's position and relevant standards <i>Teona Aslanishvili, UNICEF Slovakia (10 min)</i> <i>Sergii Lavrukhin, UNHCR Regional Bureau for Europe (10 min)</i></p>
11:40 – 12:00	Discussion
12:00 - 13:00	Lunch break
13:00– 14:30	<p>COMBATTING TRAFFICKING IN HUMAN BEINGS AND ASSISTING VICTIMS</p> <p>Targeted presentation of what has been done to address the risks of trafficking of Ukrainian refugees by relevant national authorities (20 min) <i>Sona Grauzlova, Director of Information Center for the Fight Against Human Trafficking and Crime Prevention</i></p> <p>Presentation of relevant CoE standards and GRETA's recommendations and Guidance Note related to the war in Ukraine (20 min) <i>Parvine Ghadami, Secretariat of Council of Europe's Convention on Action against Trafficking in Human Beings (GRETA and Committee of the Parties)</i></p> <p>UNHCR's position and global good practices (10 min) <i>Sandra Berty, UNHCR Regional Bureau for Europe</i></p> <p>IOM observations from the field (10 min) <i>Zuzana Cacova, IOM Slovakia</i></p>

14:30 – 14:45	Coffee break
14:45 – 15:30	Discussion and conclusions on how to effectively implement Council of Europe and other international standards aimed at effectively protecting vulnerable migrants and refugees, including women and children fleeing Ukraine

Simultaneous interpretation provided in English and Slovak.