



PROGRAMME  
Seminar

**The Effective Protection of Refugee and Migrant Children in Portugal**

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***Salão Nobre do Conselho Geral da Ordem dos Advogados  
Largo de São Domingos 14, 1169-060 Lisboa***

**Monday, 27 May 2019**

<b>08:45 – 09:10</b>	<b>Registration of participants</b>
<b>09:10 – 09:50</b>	<b>Opening remarks: purpose and goals of the Seminar</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Isabel Cunha Gil, Member of the General Council of the Portuguese Bar Association</li><li>- Marina Portugal, Head of the Asylum and Refugees Department of the Immigration and Borders Service (SEF)</li><li>- Rosário Farmhouse, President of the National Commission for the Promotion of Rights and the Protection of Children and Young People (CNPDPJ)</li><li>- Lilja Gretarsdottir, Deputy Head of Division, Cooperation with International Institutions and Civil Society, Council of Europe</li><li>- Jessica Anderson, Associate Protection Officer, UNHCR Regional Representation for Southern Europe, Rome</li></ul>
<b>09:50 – 10:30</b>	<b>The Council of Europe Action Plan on Protecting Refugee and Migrant Children in Europe (2017-2019), as well as relevant findings from country reports of the Special Representative of the Secretary General on Migration and Refugees</b> <p>Janeta Hanganu, Legal Adviser, Office of the Secretary General's Special Representative on migration and refugees</p>
<b>10:30 – 10:45</b>	<b>Coffee break</b>

<b>10:45 – 11:45</b>	<b>Council of Europe member States’ policies, procedures and practice on age assessment of children in migration, with a focus on Portugal</b> - Daja Wenke, Independent Researcher and Consultant to the Council of Europe/ CAHENF - Odete Severino, Vice President of the National Commission for the Promotion of Rights and the Protection of Children and Young People (CNPDPJC) - Célia Chamiça, Head of the Unit of International Relations of the National Commission for the Promotion of Rights and the Protection of Children and Young People (CNPDPJC)
<b>11:45 – 12:40</b>	<b>Best interests within the asylum procedure</b> Rekha Menon, Protection Officer, UNHCR Bureau for Europe, Geneva
<b>12:40 – 13:00</b>	<b>Observations, Questions and Answers</b>
<b>13:00 – 14:00</b>	<b>Lunch offered to all participants</b>
<b>14:00 – 15:00</b>	<b>Provision of child friendly information in the migration &amp; asylum context</b> - Livia Stoica Becht, Secretary to the Ad hoc Committee for the Rights of the Child/ Children’s Rights Division, Council of Europe - Chiara Pelaia, Protection Associate (Child Protection), UNHCR Regional Representation for Southern Europe, Rome
<b>15:00 – 15:15</b>	<b>Observations, Questions and Answers</b>
<b>15:15 - 16:10</b>	<b>Guardianship and legal representation</b> - Maria-Andriani Kostopoulou, Chair of the Ad hoc Committee for the Rights of the Child (CAHENF), Council of Europe - Chiara Pelaia, Protection Associate (Child Protection), UNHCR Regional Representation for Southern Europe, Rome
<b>16:10 – 16:30</b>	<b>Observations, Questions and Answers</b>
<b>16:30 – 17:10</b>	<b>Wrap-up/identified follow-up measures from Day 1</b> - Janeta Hanganu, Legal Adviser, Office of the Secretary General’s Special Representative on migration and refugees - Ana Sofia Barros, Assistant Protection Officer, UNHCR Portugal

**Tuesday, 28 May 2019**

<b>09:30 –10:30</b>	<b>Combatting trafficking in human beings and how to assist child victims</b> - Ursula Sticker, Administrator, Secretariat of the Council of Europe Convention on Action against Trafficking in Human Beings - Chiara Pelaia, Protection Associate (Child Protection), UNHCR Regional Representation for Southern Europe, Rome
<b>10:30– 11:10</b>	<b>Selected ECtHR case-law under Article 3 ECHR and Article 13 combined with Article 3 ECHR, as well as Article 4 ECHR</b> Valentin Nicolescu, Lawyer, Rule 39 Unit, Filtering Section, Registry of the European Court of Human Rights, Council of Europe
<b>11:10- 11:30</b>	<b>Observations, Questions and Answers</b>
<b>11:30 -11:45</b>	<b>Coffee Break</b>

<b>11:45 –12:10</b>	<b>Specific Council of Europe standards regarding the administrative detention of migrants and alternatives - Special focus on children and families, as well as on alternatives</b> Lilja Gretarsdottir, Deputy Head of Division, Cooperation with International Institutions and Civil Society, Council of Europe
<b>12:10 –12:40</b>	<b>UNHCR’s position regarding the detention of refugee and migrant children in the migration context and alternative care arrangements</b> Rekha Menon, Protection Officer, UNHCR Bureau for Europe, Geneva
<b>12:40 -13:00</b>	<b>Observations, Questions and Answers</b>
<b>13:00- 14:00</b>	<b>Lunch offered to all participants</b>
<b>14:00– 14:45</b>	<b>Best practice example of a CoE member state which has successfully implemented alternatives to immigration detention</b> Thomas N. Dunning, Principal Social Worker, Separated Children Seeking Asylum, Túsla, the Child and Family Agency, Dublin, Ireland
<b>14:45- 15:30</b>	<b>Selected ECtHR case-law pertaining to children and families in immigration detention, their best interests and the obligation to seek alternatives</b> Valentin Nicolescu, Lawyer, Rule 39 Unit, Filtering Section, Registry of the European Court of Human Rights, Council of Europe
<b>15:30– 16:00</b>	<b>Observations, Questions and Answers</b>
<b>16:00– 16:50</b>	<b>Wrap-up/ identified follow-up measures from Day 1</b> -Lilja Gretarsdottir, Deputy Head of Division, Cooperation with International Institutions and Civil Society, Council of Europe - Elzbieta Gorska, Associate Resettlement Officer, UNHCR Portugal

**The working languages of the event will be Portuguese and English. Simultaneous interpretation will be provided.**