

DETAILED PROJECT DESCRIPTION

Project title	Strengthening the protection of unaccompanied migrant children in Türkiye
Country/region	Türkiye
Budget	454 772 Euros
Donor	Sweden
Duration	18 months (1 January 2026 – 30 June 2027)
Partners and beneficiaries	Main partner: Ministry of Family and Social Services (MoFSS) Target group: Personnel of the MoFSS working on child protection in migration, <i>i.e.</i>, social workers, psychologists, child protection experts. Other stakeholders: Personnel of the Presidency of Migration Management; Relevant Ministries and public officials; Legal professionals, law enforcement professionals; Civil society organisations working in the field of human rights, migration and child protection. End beneficiaries: Unaccompanied migrant children.
Main objective and objectives	Main Objective: To improve the protection of unaccompanied migrant children in Türkiye. Specific objectives: 1. To strengthen the capacities of national authorities to respond to the specific needs of unaccompanied migrant children. 2. To support unaccompanied migrant children in transition to adulthood. 3. To increase awareness about rights and foster empowerment among unaccompanied migrant children.
Expected results	1. Further alignment of practices for the protection of unaccompanied migrant children with European and international standards. 2. Strengthened knowledge and capacities of the MoFSS personnel working on child protection in migration to improve reception and care systems for unaccompanied migrant children and to effectively support them in their transition to adulthood. 3. Comprehensive tools, methodologies, and guidance materials that enable professionals to deliver responsive, child-friendly care to unaccompanied migrant children and to effectively support them during transition to adulthood.

	4. Enhanced understanding of rights and improved access to child-friendly information for unaccompanied children on the move.
Key activities	• Trainings for the MoFSS personnel on various topics, including (a) guardianship, (b) care placement practices, (c) transition to independent living and after-care support. • Comparative analysis and feasibility study of international reception and assessment models for unaccompanied migrant children. • Guidance for the MoFSS personnel on various topics including (a) leaving-care plans and after-care support, (b) case management. • Expert consultations with the relevant public authorities, academics, and civil society organisations working on child protection in migration. • Working groups between the relevant Ministries, law enforcement agencies, provincial directorates of the MoFSS and civil society organisations to enhance inter-institutional coordination. • International conferences and expert events to share experience and promising practices on the protection of unaccompanied migrant children. • Translation and adaptation of the HELP course on the Transition of Migrant and Refugee Children to Adulthood into the Turkish context. • Child-friendly guidance and materials for unaccompanied children, informing them about their rights and the support mechanisms available to them. • Awareness-raising and outreach activities for unaccompanied children in migration.