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AGE ASSESSMENT OF UNACCOMPANIED MIGRANT CHILDREN: promoting a human rights and multidisciplinary approach

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Via di San Gallicano 25/a
00153 - Rome, Italy

Organised by:

Italy's National Institute for Health, Migration and Poverty (INMP) and Council of Europe's Office of the Secretary General's Special Representative on Migration and Refugees, in the framework of the Italian Presidency of the Committee of Ministers of the Council of Europe

PROGRAMME

INTRODUCTION

This event is organised by Italy's National Institute of Health, Migration and Poverty (INMP) and the Council of Europe's Office of the Secretary General's Special Representative on Migration and Refugees, as part of the calendar of events of the Italian Presidency of the Committee of Ministers (November 2021 – May 2022) and in line with its priorities.

The Council of Europe Action Plan on Protecting Refugee and Migrant Children in Europe (2017-2019) already envisaged the preparation of “guidelines regarding age assessment and guardianship”. In December 2019, the CoE Committee of Ministers adopted Recommendation CM/Rec(2019)11 on “Effective guardianship for unaccompanied and separated children in the context of migration” and in February 2022, the Council of Europe Steering Committee on the Rights of the Child (CDENF) completed the preparation of a new Recommendation on “Human Rights Principles and Guidelines on age assessment for children in the context of migration”, to be adopted by the Committee of Ministers of the Council of Europe later this year.

This event is divided into two sections. The first one, including the welcoming speeches, will cover the Italian protocol for age assessment of unaccompanied migrant children, the results of the national survey on its implementation at regional level, and the presentation of experiences on age assessment procedures from other member states of the Council of Europe (Austria and Greece).

The second section will focus on addressing the main critical aspects emerging from the experience in the implementation of the existing procedures on age assessment of unaccompanied migrant children at the national level, including the views of international organisations and civil society. The event will also provide the opportunity to exchange information and experiences from different countries as regards age assessment procedures in a migration context.

The event will be held in a hybrid manner, with some participants present in Rome and other joining via videoconference. The working languages will be Italian, English and French, and simultaneous interpretation will be provided.

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Time	Speaker	Organisation
08.00-09.00	Registration	INMP

Opening Session

<i>Moderator</i>	<i>Gianfranco Costanzo</i>	<i>Health Director - INMP</i>
09.00-09.15	Concetta Mirisola	Director General - INMP
09.15-09.30	Maria-Andriani Kostopoulou	Chair of the CoE Committee on the Rights of the Child (CDEF)
09.30-09.45	Leyla Kayacik	Special Representative on Migration and Refugees - CoE
09.45-10.00	Sandra Zampa	Rapporteur of the Italian law on Protection of Unaccompanied Migrants Minors - Italy
10.00-10.15	Roberto Speranza	Minister of Health
10.15-10.45	Health Break	

1st Session Morning

Age assessment of unaccompanied migrant children: The national experiences

<i>Moderator</i>	<i>Filippo Curtale</i>	<i>Director Int. Relations - INMP</i>
10.45-10.50	Video: "Age assessment, what you need to know!"	CoE - EUAA
10.50-11.10	A multidisciplinary approach for age assessment of unaccompanied migrant children: legal and regulatory implications	Gianfranco Costanzo - INMP
11.10-11.30	Presentation of the results of the national survey on the implementation of the Italian Protocol	Alessandra Diodati - INMP
11.30-11.50	Presentations of national frameworks and experiences - Austria	Karoline Preißer - Federal Office for Immigration and Asylum - Austria
11.50-12.10	Presentations of national frameworks and experiences - Greece	Eirini Flevotomou, Ministry of Migration and Asylum - Greece
12.10-12.40	Plenary discussion	All participants
12.40-14.10	Lunch break	

2nd Session Afternoon

Age assessment of unaccompanied migrant children: Operational aspects and critical issues

Moderator	Dr. Filippo Curtale	Director Int. Relations - INMP
14.10-14.25	Nilde Robotti	Vulnerability Officer - EUAA
14.25-14.40	Jozef Bartovic	Technical Officer - Migration and Health Programme - WHO EURO
14.40-14.55	Carolina Lasén Diaz	Legal Adviser, SRSG Office - CoE
14.55-15.10	Giuseppe Lococo	Protection Associate - UNHCR
15.10-15.25	Ivan Mei	Child protection specialist - UNICEF ECARO
15.25-15.40	Giusy D'Alconzo	Institutional Relationship & Advocacy Manager - Save the Children
15.40-16.10	Plenary discussion	All participants

Closing session

16.30-16.45	Leyla Kayacik	CoE
16.45-17.00	Gianluca Alberini	Principal Director for the United Nations and Human Rights - MAECI