



PROGRAMME Seminar

The Effective Protection of Refugee and Migrant Children in Portugal

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**27 & 28 May 2019
Lisbon, Portugal**

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

Monday, 27 May 2019

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| 08:45 - 09:10 | Registration of participants |
| 09:10 - 09:50 | Opening remarks: purpose and goals of the seminar <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Isabel Cunha Gil, Member of the General Council of the Portuguese Bar Association- Marina Portugal, Head of the Asylum and Refugees Department of the Immigration and Borders Service (SEF)- Rosário Farmhouse, President of the National Commission for the Promotion of Rights and the Protection of Children and Young People (CNPDPJ)- Lilja Gretarsdottir, Deputy Head of Division, Cooperation with International Institutions and Civil Society, Council of Europe- Jessica Anderson, Associate Protection Officer, UNHCR Regional Representation for Southern Europe, Rome |
| 09:50 - 10:30 | 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 Janeta Hanganu, Legal Adviser, Office of the Secretary General's Special Representative on migration and refugees |
| 10:30 - 10:45 | Coffee break |
| 10:45 - 11:45 | Council of Europe member States' policies, procedures and practice on age assessment of children in migration, with a focus on Portugal <ul style="list-style-type: none">- 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 (CNPDPJ)- 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 (CNPDPJ) |

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| 11:45 - 12:40 | Best interests within the asylum procedure Rekha Menon, Protection Officer, UNHCR Bureau for Europe, Geneva |
| 12:40 - 13:00 | Observations, Questions and Answers |
| 13:00 - 14:00 | Lunch offered to all participants |
| 14:00 - 15:00 | Provision of child friendly information in the migration & asylum context - 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 |
| 15:00 - 15:15 | Observations, Questions and Answers |
| 15:15 - 16:10 | Guardianship and legal representation - 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 |
| 16:10 - 16:30 | Observations, Questions and Answers |
| 16:30 - 17:10 | Wrap-up/identified follow-up measures from day 1 - 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

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| 09:30 - 10:30 | Combatting trafficking in human beings and how to assist child victims - Representative of the 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 |
| 10:30 - 11:10 | Selected ECtHR case-law under Article 3 ECHR and Article 13 combined with Article 3 ECHR, as well as Article 4 ECHR Valentin Nicolescu, Lawyer, Rule 39 Unit, Filtering Section, Registry of the European Court of Human Rights, Council of Europe |
| 11:10 - 11:30 | Observations, Questions and Answers |
| 11:30 - 11:45 | Coffee Break |
| 11:45 - 12:10 | Specific Council of Europe standards regarding the administrative detention of migrants and alternatives - Special focus on children and families, as well as on alternatives Lilja Gretarsdottir, Deputy Head of Division, Cooperation with International Institutions and Civil Society, Council of Europe |

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| 12:10 - 12:40 | UNHCR's position regarding the detention of refugee and migrant children in the migration context and alternative care arrangements Rekha Menon, Protection Officer, UNHCR Bureau for Europe, Geneva |
| 12:40 - 13:00 | Observations, Questions and Answers |
| 13:00 - 14:00 | Lunch offered to all participants |
| 14:00 - 14:30 | Best practice example of a CoE member state which has successfully implemented alternatives to immigration detention Thomas N. Dunning, Principal Social Worker, Separated Children Seeking Asylum, Tüsla, the Child and Family Agency, Dublin, Ireland |
| 14:30 - 15:30 | Selected ECtHR case-law pertaining to children and families in immigration detention, their best interests and the obligation to seek alternatives Valentin Nicolescu, Lawyer, Rule 39 Unit, Filtering Section, Registry of the European Court of Human Rights, Council of Europe |
| 15:30 - 16:00 | Observations, Questions and Answers |
| 16:00 - 16:50 | Wrap-up/identified follow-up measures from day 2 - 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.