

CONFERENCE

«Protection of the Refugee Minors»

08th of December 2016

9.00-18.00

Cultural Centre «Alexandros»

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The conference is organized under the Mario Project, which aims the strengthening of the protection mechanism for the children on the move in Europe that are vulnerable to abuse, exploitation and trafficking. The Mario Project is funded by the European Commission and the OAK Foundation.

The main aim of the conference is to present the issues regarding the welfare, the development of services and the protection of refugee minors living in shelters or in other accommodation structures and the analysis of the phenomenon of children on the move.

At the conference will be presented the experience and the concerns of social services, of Greek and non Greek organizations which are active in the field of service development for children especially in residential centers and it is expected to become a comprehensive overview of issues related to the protection of refugee minors. Also, it is on purpose the exchange of the views, highlighting the good practices and identifying obstacles or challenges between professionals who work in the field of child protection and the networking among stakeholders. Finally, the conference aims to sensitize the society on the respect of child rights and the child best interest.

AGENDA

Duration	Content	Speaker
9.00 - 10.00	Participant's registration	
10.00 - 10.30	Welcome Greetings	Valbona Hystuna , ARSIS Iosif Alexandridis , Representative of Ministry of Immigration Giannis Boutaris , Mayor of Thessaloniki Charalampos Aidonopoulos , Representative of the Region of Central Macedonia
10.30 - 11.35	Policies and actions for the protection of refugee minors (10' per speaker) Discussion (15')	Coordination: Valbona Hystuna , ARSIS Nikos Ragkos , Regional Coordinator of Immigration Policy, Ministry of Immigration Pandelis Mpraikidis , Regional Asylum Bureau of Thessaloniki Dimitra Pippidou , Representative of EASO in Northern Greece Gunn Marianne Aase , Child Protection Officer UNHCR Georgios Moschos , Greek Deputy Ombudsman for Children's Rights
11.35 - 12.00	Coffee break	
12.00 - 12.55	Educational and psychosocial services in refugee camps (10' per speaker) Discussion (15')	Coordination: Ioanna Petritsi , ARSIS Dimitris Koukopoulos , Psychologist, ARSIS - Save the Children Magdalena Tosheva , Case Management Team Leader, ARSIS - Terre des hommes Jennifer Goodman , Head of the Mission, INTERSOS Nikolaos Skederis , Member of the Executive Council of Hellenic Commission of UNICEF
12:55 - 13.30	Light lunch	
13.30 - 14.15	Physical and mental health of refugee minors (10' per speaker) Discussion (15')	Coordination: Vasiliki Kokkinidou , ARSIS Panagiota Paneli , Head of Social Service, Ippokrateion General Hospital of Thessaloniki Alice Maymaridou , Coordinator of mental health activities in the project of Thessaloniki, Doctors without borders Aggeliki Kosmatopoulou , Pediatrician, Doctors of the world Christina Plati , Pediatrician, PRAKSIS

<p>14.15 – 15:30</p>	<p>Unaccompanied and separated children (10' per speaker)</p> <p>Discussion (15')</p>	<p>Coordination: Thomas Charalampidis, ARSIS</p> <p>Margarita Kelesi, Director of the National Center of Social Solidarity in Thessaloniki</p> <p>Ioannis Chatzilazaridis, Director of the Police Department against Illegal Migration in Mygdonia</p> <p>Irida Pandiri, Coordinator of Shelters for Unaccompanied Refugee Minors, ARSIS</p> <p>Giorgos Papagiannidis, Responsible person in the shelter for unaccompanied refugee minors “ Synyparxi”, SOS Children’s Villages</p> <p>Vasileios Tiliakos, Senior Case Management officer, International Rescue Committee</p> <p>Eudokia Gryllaki, Department of Unaccompanied Minors, Metadrasí</p>
<p>15.30 – 15:55</p>	<p>Coffee break</p>	
<p>15.55 – 17.10</p>	<p>Social integration (10' per speaker)</p> <p>Discussion (15')</p>	<p>Coordination: Vasilis Paligiannis, ARSIS</p> <p>Kalypso Goula, Deputy Mayor on Municipality Social Policy, Thessaloniki</p> <p>Maro Vassara, Assistant Head of the Department of Social Protection, Solidarity, Labor and Equality in Neapoli- Sykies Municipality</p> <p>Nikos Sochalis, Lawyer, Solidarity Now</p>
<p>17.10 – 18.00</p>	<p>Development of educational activities and the school integration of the refugee minors (10' per speaker)</p> <p>Discussion (15')</p>	<p>Coordination: Argyro MOUNTZIDOU, ARSIS</p> <p>Christos Karabetis, High Intercultural School Principal in Thessaloniki</p> <p>Georgios Maurochalivitis, High School Principal in Koronia</p> <p>Anna Papa, Teacher</p> <p>Michalis Karagiannis, Primary School Principal in Lagadikia</p> <p>Georgios Aggelopoulos, Assistant Professor, Aristotle University of Thessaloniki</p>
<p>18.00</p>	<p>Closure of the conference</p>	