

Better Regulation Action

“Recommendations for improving the protection and social inclusion of children in migration in Europe”

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Partnership on Inclusion of Migrants and Refugees

Preparatory work on the Action

- Establishing **cooperation with NGO** (Missing Children Europe)
- **Thematic working group** with city-experts, NGO's and Commission
- **Investing in fact-finding and enlarging city-cooperation:** 14 case studies in cities in cooperation with the Secretariat

Developing recommendations

- **Assessment of case-studies** by Missing Children Europe + cooperation with University of Leiden (department of Child Law)
- **Outreach-activity** (feedback) on case-studies through 2 workshops with city-experts during Missing Children's annual conference
- **Guidance** from thematic working group

Drafting and adopting recommendations

- Agreement within Partnership to **dedicate expert-days** on the recommendations
- **Cooperation with the Secretariat** (dedicated expert to draft recommendations based on all preparatory work)
- **Discussion plus adoption** in Partnership on final report

On the content:

Key recommendations:

- Prioritise children in migration in relevant EU funding
- Collect more and better data at EU level on unaccompanied migrant children
- Identify alternative solutions (with cities) on the age bottleneck in guardianship
- Support the exchange of good practices across the EU
- Promote research on protection and integration of children in migration
- Ensure the Fundamental Rights Agency's advisory role for European cities on children in migration