



Study on Typology and Policy Responses to Child Begging in the EU

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Consortium Partners

ECORYS Netherlands BV

ECPAT Austria

Save the Children Denmark

Save the Children Italy

Save the Children Romania

Terre des Hommes Hungary

Countries under study

1. Romania
2. Bulgaria
3. Denmark
4. Sweden
5. France
6. Italy
7. Spain
8. UK

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9. France
 10. Germany
 11. Poland
 12. Hungary
 13. Greece
 14. Kosovo
 15. Albania

Selection of Countries

- Source, Transit and Destination Countries
- 9 pre-2004 EU Member States
- 2 post-2004 EU Member States
- 2 post-2007 EU Member States
- 2 non-EU countries

NATIONAL REPORT FORM

Purpose: Contextual national information and prepare for local fieldwork.

Method: Desk research; Interviews with national stakeholders.

Specific focus on child begging and related phenomena.

- Reports are being analysed comparatively.

INTRODUCTION, PATTERNS AND CHARACTERISTICS

Any available statistics on child begging, child trafficking and street children. In the absence of statistics, estimates.

Overview description of groups involved in child begging

Geographical distribution of the phenomenon

NATIONAL LEGAL FRAMEWORK

National Legal and Social Definitions of:

Child begging, Street Children, Child trafficking, Child protection framework

Any Relevant Case Law (prosecutions, etc.)

Available statistics on police apprehensions of beggars or exploiters, incl. deportations.

NATIONAL POLICY RESPONSES

National and local policy responses to child begging

- Prevention of child begging
- Protection of child victims
- Prosecution of offenders

PUBLIC PERCEPTION

Public debates

Media “Events” during the last five years

Public Campaigns

Street outreach to identify child beggars

Shelters for people involved in begging

Child helpline or other phone number: have there been calls in relation to child begging?

Interviews National Level

Interviewees

Policy-makers;
NGO or government staff working with children;
The judiciary,
Police (task force on child begging/exploitation/trafficking).

Questions

Framework: Causes, extent, settings
Rights
Exploitation and organised crime
Responses
Perceptions

TOOLS FOR LOCAL CASE STUDY

Step 1: Short Overview provided by Desk research at local level

Step 2: Semi-structured questionnaire for interviews to key persons

Step 3: Observation sessions: forms for recording information during observation sessions

Step 4: Interviews and focus groups with children...

List of deliverables

- Full list of international and national stakeholders
- Report on EU and international legislation and policy
- 15 country reports
- Comparative report with tables of 15 countries
- Local level research tools
- Full list of local stakeholders
- Local case studies
- Comparative report on local context and practices
- Draft final typology of child begging situations (on the basis of the research results)
- Collection of “best practices”
- Draft final policy recommendation

More information on the project and contacts
at

ICMPD Research Website:

<http://research.icmpd.org/1492.html#c3366>



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