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- Improving reception, protection and integration of unaccompanied children in Europe

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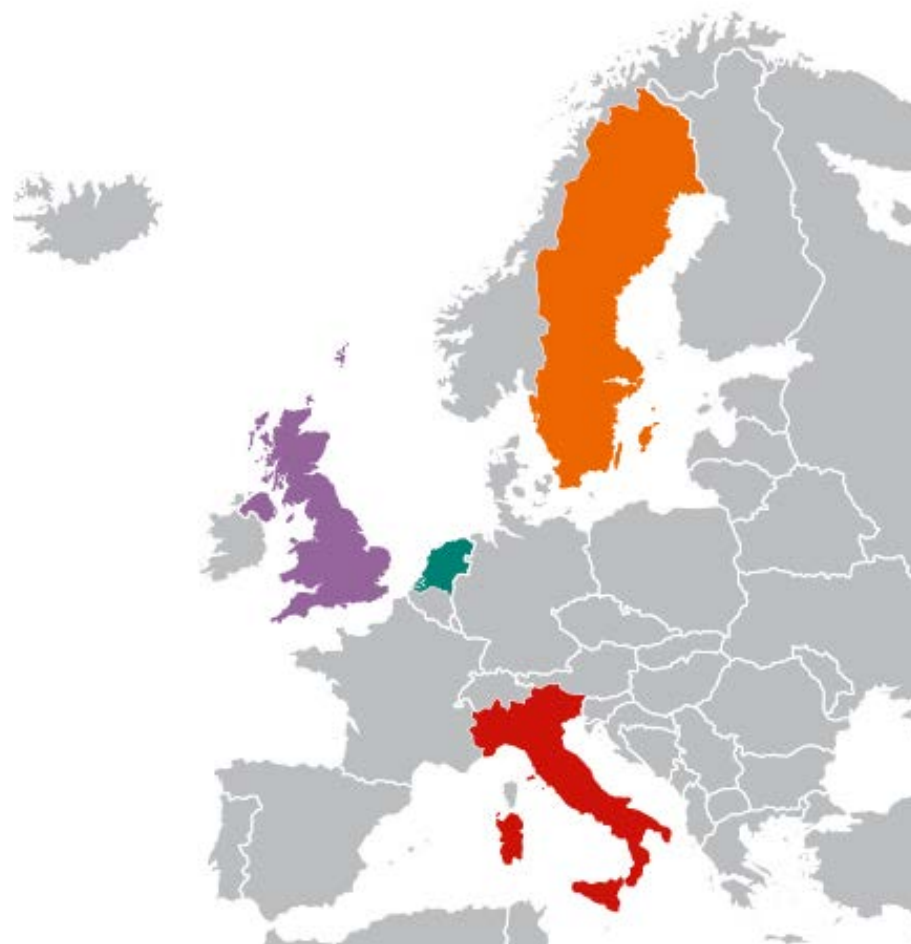
- EU law and policy
- Focus on actors
- Cooperation between actors
- CRC and general measures of implementation
- Integrated approach and child protection



- Legal and policy framework, actors and cooperation
- How actors identify and respond to situations of extra-vulnerability, including trafficking
- How actors prevent and respond to disappearances of children from care
- How status protection procedures are informed about the circumstances of the child

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Identifying good practices in, and improving, the connections between actors involved in reception, protection and integration of unaccompanied children in Europe

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EU REFERENCE DOCUMENT ON UNACCOMPANIED CHILDREN

IDENTIFICATION
RECEPTION
PROTECTION &
OF UNACCOMPANIED
CHILDREN

COMPILATION
OF EU MEASURES

The Legal, policy and administrative framework

- The double responsibility of states
- Fragmentation of law
- Decentralisation of reception

Mitigating measures

- National strategies
- National coordinating agencies
- Integrating service provisions
- Specialised skills and tools

Actors

- The extent of particular qualifications is very varied
- Fluctuations in number, reliance on volunteers and the involvement of generalists can impede the involvement of skilled actors
- There is emerging specialisation in key areas

What is needed to better organise and support actors?

- Appropriate and coherent roles
- Actors should be properly equipped
- Effective cooperation between actors
- Cross-border cooperation within the EU and with third countries

Recommended EU actions

- Renew the EU policy framework
- Vigorously pursue proper application of EU trafficking and asylum law
- Develop and improve cross border cooperation within the EU
- Develop transnational mechanisms which focus on child protection concerns

Tools

1. Who's Responsible? A Tool to Strengthen Cooperation between Actors Involved in the Protection System for Unaccompanied Migrant Children (Italy)
2. Local Cooperation for Unaccompanied Children- A Tool to Assess and Improve Reception Conditions (Sweden)
3. Standards to Ensure that Unaccompanied Migrant Children are Able to Fully Participate- A Tool to Assist Actors in Legal and Judicial Proceedings (the UK)
4. The Right to be Heard and Participation of Unaccompanied Children- A Tool to Support the Collection of Children's Views on Protection and Reception Services (The NL)
5. Working with the Unaccompanied Child - A Tool for Guardians and Other Actors Working for the Best Interest of the Child (the NL)



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