



20 November 2017

## Programme

### **Training Seminar: Monitoring places where children are deprived of their liberty as a result of immigration procedures**

Organised by the PACE Committee on Migration, Refugees and Displaced Persons in cooperation with the Council of Europe Children's Rights Division  
In the framework of the  
*Parliamentary Campaign to End Immigration Detention of Children*  
Developed in partnership with



9.00 am – 5.30 pm, Monday, 20 November 2017  
Council of Europe, Strasbourg, Palais de l'Europe, Room 17

#### **Objectives of the training seminar**

- Provide training with relevant information regarding standards and practical tools to participants
- Allow exchanges between MPs and Children's Ombudspersons and promote their collaboration at national level
- Learn how to better use the practical guide for Parliamentarians on monitoring places where children are deprived of their liberty as a result of immigration procedures

#### **Content**

This training seminar will have a practical approach aimed at providing participants with information regarding the reality of immigration detention of children, the applicable standards, and a methodology on how to visit a detention centre and to interview a child. The training seminar will be guided with the objective of giving participants a toolbox for how to perform an effective monitoring visit to a place where migrant children are deprived of liberty. A participative approach will facilitate an exchange of experiences, techniques, and information.

9.00 **Welcome and opening remarks**

*Ms Doris Fiala, General Rapporteur on ending immigration detention of children: Committee on Migration, Refugees and Displaced Persons*

9.10 **Tour de table**

**Theme 1: Migrant children detained in Europe: reality, context, and applicable standards**

9.20 **Migrant children in detention: overview of the European context and international standards and exchange of views**

*Ms Livia Stoica Becht, Secretary to the Ad hoc Committee for the Rights of the Child*

**Theme 2: Visiting an establishment & interviewing children: making it real**

9.40 **Visiting a migrant detention centre with a child rights lens: guiding principles and techniques for the preparation of a visit**

- *Mr Benoit Van Keirsbilck, Director, Defence for Children International, Belgium*
- *Mr Julien Attuil-Kayser, Juvenile Justice Officer, Defence for Children International, Belgium*

**With the input of resource persons:**

- *Mr Hugh Chetwynd, Head of Division, Secretariat of the Committee for the Prevention of Torture (CPT)*
- *Ms Petra Levrincová, Head of Office, UNHCR Czech Republic*
- *Ms Stamatina Poulou, Senior Investigator, Children Ombudsman Office, Greece*

10.30 *Coffee break*

10.45 **What to observe during a visit: tips and practical exercises**

- *Mr Benoit Van Keirsbilck and Mr Julien Attuil-Kayser*

**With the input of resource persons:**

- *Mr Hugh Chetwynd, Ms Petra Levrincová and Ms Stamatina Poulou*

12.30 *Lunch*

14.00 **Consequences of the detention on the mental health and development of the child – presentation and exchange of views**

- *Ms Mária Barna, Psychologist, Cordelia Foundation, Hungary*

14.30 **Interviewing migrant children: how to prepare interviews, guidance and practical considerations**

- *Ms Mária Barna and Mr Julien Attuil-Kayser*

**Practical exercise on conducting interviews and debriefing**

16.00 *Coffee break*

### **Theme 3: After the visit: ensuring an effective follow-up**

- 16.30      **Follow-up to the visit and strategies at national level: discussions and practical exercises**
- *Mr Benoit Van Keirsbilck and Mr Julien Attuil-Kayser*
- 17.30      **Feedback session and closing**