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## Recommendations from the Roundtable Conference

### Child Protection & EU Funding for migrant populations in Greece:

#### A reality check and the way forward

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On 16 May 2019, on the occasion of the Roundtable Conference, several child protection experts and migration stakeholders met to discuss the reception system and integration perspectives of children in migration in Greece from the perspective of EU funding. Participants included Greek authorities, EU institutions, European and national civil society actors as well as international organisations. The discussion was focused on child protection challenges that the Greek State encountered in the aftermath of the so-called refugee crisis of 2015 that revealed chronic deficiencies of the reception, asylum and child protection systems of the country.

#### Introduction and highlights from the discussion

Children in migration are amongst the most vulnerable population groups in need of a safe and stable environment, access to education and child specific services, which are not always able to reach. Of the 79,500 refugees and migrants estimated to have stayed in Greece in 2015, 28,500 children account to 28,500. Amongst them, a growing number of unaccompanied and separated children (UASC)

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Provide protection services to unaccompanied children living in the street. Homeless unaccompanied children should be the absolute priority in the Referral Mechanism of the National Center for Social Solidarity providing with a safe shelter

Build capacity and enhance expertise in child protection