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Unaccompanied and separated children: non-discrimination and equity of care for children deprived of parental care in EU



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UN Alternative Care Guidelines and unaccompanied and separated children

*“Unaccompanied or separated children already
abroad should, in principle, enjoy
**the same level of protection and care as national
children in the country concerned”.***

EU legal framework

- UN Convention on the Rights of Child signed by all EU MS
- EU Charter on Fundamental Rights, Article 24
- Specific provisions on accommodation in Reception Conditions Directive:

Specialised facilities, priority to family type care and foster care

- In addition, specific provisions prompt on appointment of guardians to all unaccompanied children (EU asylum acquis, Anti-trafficking Directive, Victim's Rights Directive)
- EU DI policy

Key challenges

- Appointment of responsible adult-guardianship
- Prioritization of foster care vs residential care
- Individual need assessment
- Promote safety and well being of the child
- Vetting and training requirements for care staff
- Independent oversight and complaint mechanism

Steps forward

- Integrated child protection systems
- Develop national standards on alternative care in line with the UN Alternative Care Guidelines
- Promote equity of care
- Strengthen participation of children
- (Joint) training activities

Thank you for your attention!



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