

## Seminar: Legal Rights for Unaccompanied Children Seeking Asylum

29 January, 14h30 – 17h00, Press Club, 95 Rue Froissart, Brussels

The objective of the seminar is to share information on different methods for supporting professionals who assist children seeking asylum to access their legal rights. Different tools and methods of supporting professionals will be presented, followed by open discussion.

The participants will have the opportunity to be informed about targeted training materials, and other tools developed during the project and published on an e-learning platform.

The training manual and modules are designed to build the capacity of legal practitioners who work with children, in order for them to develop in-depth knowledge of asylum procedures for unaccompanied children and their rights.

Participants will include professionals working in closed institutions for children (guardians, social workers, etc) and in child rights organisations, legal representatives and lawyers, and international stakeholders from the EU Institutions, the Council of Europe, UNHCR and UNICEF. Representatives from donor foundations and pro bono legal services are also invited to participate with the aim of increasing support for provision of quality legal assistance.

**Programme:** (coffee and registration from 14h00)

- 14h30 Opening comments – ECRE
- 14h40 Sabine Himbert and Claire Gayet, Forum réfugiés-Cosi – Presentation of training tools and lessons from training
- 15h00 Valentina Boz, Council of Europe – How to support to professionals working with children?
  - Open discussion on lessons on support to legal professionals
- 15h45 Coffee break
- 16h00 Zsolt Szekeres, Hungarian Helsinki Committee – Policy implications, comments from project partners
  - Open discussion on how to ensure that policies contribute to legal rights for UAC

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### REGISTRATION

If you wish to attend the seminar, please confirm your presence by sending an email to Omar Al Tarsheh at [oaltarsheh@ecre.org](mailto:oaltarsheh@ecre.org).

Please do not hesitate to forward the Save the Date invitation to those colleagues of yours who may follow this topic more closely.

Registration will be closed on **20 January 2019**.