



**Missing
Children
Europe**



*The President's
Foundation for the
Wellbeing of Society*

Lost in Migration

Working together in protecting children from disappearance

26 & 27 January 2017, Malta



Venue

Please note that the conference venue has changed to accommodate the vast interest of delegates. The conference venue now the **Verdala Palace, Buskett Road, Siggiewi, Malta**

Programme

Thursday 26 January

> Buses will leave from Corinthia Hotel to Verdala Palace at 8.00

Morning sessions (08.30 – 12.30) – Verdala Palace

> Registration (08.30 – 09.10)

> Welcome (09.15 – 09.30)

- > Ruth Farrugia, Director General of the President's Foundation for the Wellbeing of Society
- > Delphine Moralis, Secretary General of Missing Children Europe

> Opening remarks (09.30 – 09.50)

- > HE Marie Louise Coleiro Preca, President of Malta
- > Maud de Boer Buquicchio, President of Missing Children Europe

> Testimonials of children in migration (09.50 – 11.00)

Moderators: Elaine Micallef, psychotherapist

- > Live and video testimonials by adults on their experiences as unaccompanied children in Malta

> Coffee break (11.00 – 11.30)



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> **Panel discussion (11.30 – 13.00)**

Moderators: Federica Toscano, Focal Point Children in Migration, Missing Children Europe and Nicholas Millet, Coordinator, Be Aware and Share

- > Susan Bissell, Director of the Global Partnership to End Violence Against Children
- > Rob Wainwright, Director Europol
- > Francisco Fonseca Morillo, Deputy Director General, DG Justice

Moderators: Hanne Beirens, Migration Policy Institute, and Michael Diedring, Director EPIM

- > Vincent Cochetel, Director of the Bureau for Europe, UNHCR
- > Ambassador Laura Thompson, Deputy Director General of IOM
- > Hilde Vautmans, MEP

> **Standing lunch (13.00 – 14.00)**

Afternoon sessions (14.00 -17.00)

> **Living Library**

THEME 1: "Arrival: identification and reception conditions"

Three discussions led by: [Faros \(Greece\)](#), [Praksis \(Greece\)](#) and [Cooperazione Internazionale Sud Sud \(Italy\)](#)

THEME 2: "On the move: protection across states and effective guardianship systems"

Two discussions led by: [Metadrasis \(Greece\)](#) and [Save the Children Italy](#)

THEME 3: "Inclusion and participation in society: reaching adulthood, emancipation and empowerment"

Four discussions led by: [Minor-Ndako \(Belgium\)](#), [Deutsche Kinder- und Jugendstiftung \(Germany\)](#), [Jugendliche ohne Grenzen \(Germany\)](#) and [Dedalus Social Cooperative \(Italy\)](#)

> **Coffee break with light snacks (17.00)**

> **Transport back to Corinthia Palace Hotel in Attard for those who did not register to the movie screening at 17.00**

Evening programme (17.30 – 20.00) at the Verdala Palace

> **Screening of film "Kakuma, the invisible city" (17.30 – 18.20)**

> **Debate moderated by Professor Gloria Lauri Lucenti (18.20 – 19.00)**

- > Lieven Corthouts, Filmmaker
- > Heidi De Pauw, CEO Child Focus and Vice President Missing Children Europe
- > Verena Knaus, Senior Policy Advisor, Unicef
- > Gulwali Passarlay, Author, The Lightless Sky

> **Stand up dinner 19.00**

> **Transport back to Corinthia Palace Hotel at 20.00**



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Friday 27 January

> Buses will leave from Corinthia Hotel to Verdala Palace at 8.00

Morning sessions (08.30 -13.15) Verdala Palace

> Registration (08.30 – 09.00)

> Opening discussion (9.00 – 10.00)

Moderator: HE Marie Louise Coleiro Preca, President of Malta and Maud de Boer Buquicchio, President of Missing Children Europe

- > Dimitris Avramopoulos, Commissioner for Migration and Home Affairs
- > Carmelo Abela, Minister for Home Affairs and National Security, Malta
- > Jose Carreira, Executive Director, EASO

> First workshop session (10.00 – 11.30)

Participants will attend one of the following workshops:

- > Missing unaccompanied children and links with trafficking – legal obligations on protection and areas for improvement
- > When is 'return' to the country of origin in the best interests of the child?
- > Guardianship: minimum standards
- > Establishing mechanisms for transnational child protection
- > How to prevent and respond to unaccompanied children going missing
- > Identify holistic solutions and to enhance local cooperation in the best interest of the child

> Coffee break (11.30 – 11.45)

> Second workshop session (11.45 -13.15)

Participants will attend one of the following workshops:

- > The role of quality care in encouraging children and youth on the move in Europe to seek support in protected spaces
- > The enhancement of practical inter-state cooperation in the context of Dublin procedures
- > Heading Back to Harm: Separated and trafficked children missing from care in the UK
- > Setting minimum standards for the interagency cooperation to better protect children in migration from harm
- > Durable solutions for children on the move

> Standing lunch (13.15 -14.30)

Afternoon sessions (14.30 – 16.00):

> Plenary adoption and launch of conference conclusions

Moderators: Ruth Farrugia, Director General of the President's Foundation for the Wellbeing of Society and Delphine Moralis, Secretary General of Missing Children Europe

- > The workshop rapporteurs will present on the conclusions of the workshop – 2 min per workshop

> Feedback from JHA Council Meeting, considerations on the campaign and conclusions:

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- > Her Excellency Maria Coleiro Preca, President of Malta
- > Caterina Chinnici, MEP, Co-Chair of the Intergroup on the Rights of the Child
- > Maud de Boer Buquicchio, President of Missing Children Europe



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> Transport back to Corinthia Palace Hotel at 16.00

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We look forward to welcoming you in Malta!



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