

## Panel debate

# Let Children be Children: Lessons from the Field on the Protection and Integration of Refugee and Migrant Children in Europe

## Invitation

4th December 2017 (9:30 – 13:00)

Committee of the Regions (room JDE51), Rue Belliard 101, B-1040 Brussels

Hosted by Mr Georgios Kaminis, Mayor of Athens

Please register here by Friday 10 November

### The half day event will be the occasion to launch our compendium of inspiring practices on migrant and refugee children in Europe.

The compendium documents how child protection services are responding to the specific needs of refugee and migrant children, and aims to contribute to solutions to provide quality family and community-based care.

Gathering 16 case-studies from Europe, it will offer a useful resource to support national and EU level advocacy and will also be a helpful tool to offer advice to policy-makers on investment priorities and long-term benefits of realising the rights of every child for society as a whole.

### Who should attend?

The event will bring together decision makers, CSOs and relevant stakeholders from EU, national and local levels to discuss how the responses of child protection systems can be improved to better protect the rights of refugee and migrant children.

The debate will in particular focus on how lessons from the ground can better inform policy implementation. We will also exchange on how actors from EU, national and local levels can better cooperate to ensure that refugee and migrant children are treated as children.

### Confirmed speakers

**Andor Urmos** - European Commission's DG Regional and Urban Policy

**Margaret Tuite** - European Commission's DG Justice and Consumers

**Maria Zuber / Isabela Atanasiu** - European Commission's DG Migration and Home Affairs

**Georgios Kaminis** - Member of the Committee of the Regions

**Jacques Spelkens** - Head of CSR Benelux at ENGIE

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