

## PROJECT CONSORTIUM

Ministry of Labour and Social Affairs (CZ)

Organisation for Aid to Refugees (CZ)

Bulgarian Helsinki Committee

Bulgarian State Agency for Refugees

Guardianship Office (HU)

Hungarian Aid

Ministry of National Resources (HU)

Office for Foreigners (PL)

General Directorate for Social Assistance  
and Child Protection (RO)

Romanian Immigration Office

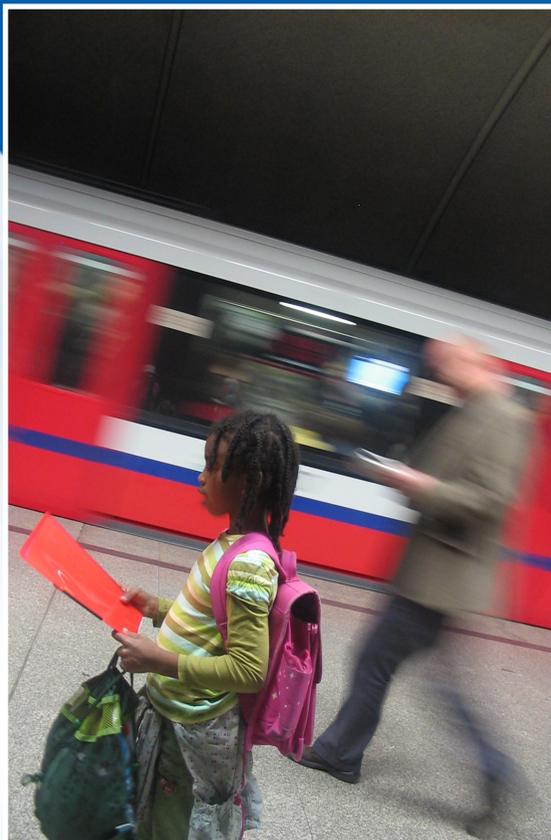
Save the Children Romania

Ministry of Labour, Social Affairs and  
Family (SK)

Society of Goodwill Slovakia

Ministry of Interior (SI)

Slovenian Philanthropy



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## IMPROVING THE QUALITY OF UNACCOMPANIED MINOR ASYLUM SEEKERS' GUARDIANSHIP AND CARE IN CENTRAL EUROPEAN COUNTRIES



## Project Summary

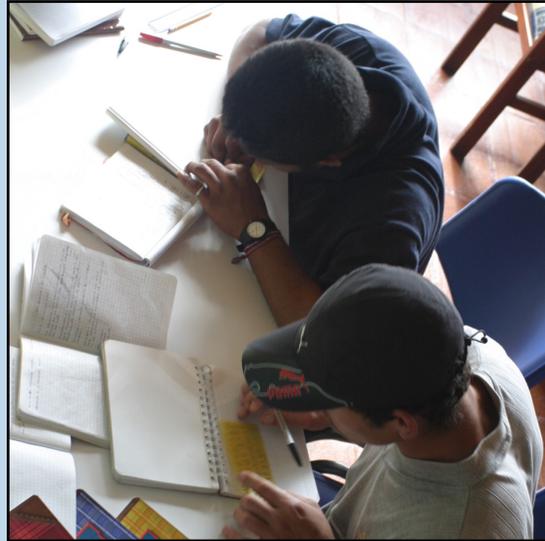
The project aims to contribute towards the enhancement of the quality of guardianship and overall care of unaccompanied minors asylum seekers (UAMAS) in the targeted countries in line with the EU Action Plan on Unaccompanied Minors, EU directives and the Convention on the Rights of the Child. It seeks to monitor and improve the quality of guardianship and care in order to ensure that the best interests of the child are represented and adequate care and support are provided to the child, facilitating in this way his/her integration into the host society. Not least, the project will address the lack of established practices in the participating countries to offer higher standards of protection and assistance to UAMAS.

## Beneficiaries

- Guardians and caregivers assisting unaccompanied minors seeking asylum in participating countries
- Current and future UAMAS in the participating seven countries who will benefit from the improved quality of UAMAS' guardianship in the region
- Relevant stakeholders in other EU MS (IOs, NGOs, UAMAS guardians, caregivers, and governmental institutions)

## Project Implementation Locations

Bulgaria, Czech Republic, Hungary, Poland, Romania, Slovakia and Slovenia.



## Timeline

1 September 2011 - 1 September 2012

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## Project Activities

The objective of this project will be achieved through the implementation of the following activities:

- Review/assessment on UAMAS' guardianship/caregiver practices conducted in the participating Member States and a Synthesis Report of the findings drafted
- UAMAS' Guardians and Care Givers Training Manual developed, based on the findings of the Synthesis Report, which can be used by stakeholders directly working with UAMAS
- Training of Trainers organised for partner NGOs and experienced representatives from each country on how to carry out the Guardians' and Care Givers' trainings
- Trainings carried out for an estimated number of 140 UAMAS guardians, counsellors and social workers in the seven target countries, based on the aforementioned manual
- International two-day conference organised to discuss the results of the review, share the training methodology, and propose practical measures towards the improvement of the quality of UAMAS' guardianship and care in the region and EU MS in general
- An ex-post evaluation conducted to assess the effectiveness of the trainings