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## **Training Seminar: Monitoring places where children are deprived of their liberty as a result of immigration procedures**

Organised by the Council of Europe Children's Rights Division and the PACE  
Committee on Migration, Refugees and Displaced Persons  
In the framework of the  
*Parliamentary Campaign to End Immigration Detention of Children*  
Developed in partnership with



9.00 am – 5.30 pm, Tuesday, 11 April 2017  
9.30 am – 12.30 pm, Wednesday, 12 April 2017  
Room 17, Council of Europe, Strasbourg, Palais de l'Europe

### **Objectives of the training seminar**

- Provide training with relevant information regarding standards and practical tools to participants
- Allow exchanges between MPs and Children's Ombudspersons and promote their collaboration at national level
- Identify further elements/needs to be included in the final version of a practical guide for parliamentarians on monitoring places where children are deprived of their liberty as a result of immigration procedures.

### **Content**

This training seminar will have a practical approach aimed at providing participants with information regarding the reality of immigration detention of children, the applicable standards, and a methodology on how to visit a detention centre and to interview a child. The training seminar will be guided by the objective to give participants a toolbox for how to perform an effective monitoring visit to a place where migrant children are deprived of liberty. A participative approach will facilitate an exchange of experiences, techniques, and information.

## Tuesday 11 April

9.00 am **Welcome and opening remarks**

*Ms Doris Fiala, General Rapporteur on ending immigration detention of children: Committee on Migration, Refugees and Displaced Persons*  
*Mr Tomáš Boček, Special Representative of the Secretary General on Migration and Refugees*  
*Ms Regína Jensdóttir, Head of the Children's Rights Division and Council of Europe Co-ordinator on the Rights of the Child*

09.20 am **Tour de table**

**Theme 1: Migrant children detained in Europe: reality, context, and applicable standards**

9.30 am **International standards regarding the detention of migrant children**

*Mr Ben Lewis, Advocacy Co-ordinator, International Detention Coalition*

10.30 am **Coffee break**

11.00 am **Migrant children in detention – an overview of the European context**

*Mr Arne Treves, Protection Officer, UNHCR Bureau for Europe*

**Theme 2: How to carry out a child-friendly and effective visit**

11.30 am **Visiting a migrant detention centre: principles**

*Mr Julien Attuil-Kayser, Children's Rights Officer, DCI-Belgium*

12.30 pm **Lunch**

2.00 pm **Visiting a migrant detention centre: techniques**

*Mr Julien Attuil-Kayser, Children's Rights Officer, DCI-Belgium*

3.00 pm **Follow-up to the visit**

*Mr Benoit Van Keirsbilck, Director, DCI-Belgium*

3.30 pm **Coffee break**

4.00 pm **How to interview migrant children (principles & techniques)**

*Mr Philip Jaffé, Director, Center for Children's Rights Studies, University of Geneva*

5.30 pm **CLOSE**

**Wednesday, 12 April**

**Theme 3: Visiting an establishment & interviewing children: making it real**

9.30 am **Exchange of views with practitioners**

*Chair: Mr Julien Attuil-Kayser*

*Mr George Moschos, Greek Children Ombudsman*

*Mr Sebastian Rietz, European Committee for the Prevention of Torture*

10.30 am **Coffee break**

11.00 am **Practical exercises based on a case study**

12.00 pm **Feedback and discussion**

12.30 pm **CLOSE**