Access to justice for migrant children in the EU

Wednesday, 25 April 2018, 12:00-14:00
Room ASP A5G1, European Parliament, Brussels

Migrant children in the EU face violations of their human rights every day. Lack of access to their families, to information, guardians and legal assistance, lack of access to housing or education, unlawful detention – are few examples of what the children suffer.

The International Commission of Jurists – European Institutions (ICJ-EI) invites you to a final event of the FAIR project (Fostering Access to justice for Immigrant children’s Rights). The panel discussion will include specific cases that national lawyers are dealing with in Italy, Spain, Greece, Bulgaria, Malta, Germany and Ireland, on behalf of migrant children.

AGENDA:

1. Challenges to access to justice for migrant children in the EU (12:00-13:00)

   Video from the FAIR project

   Cecilia Wikström, Member of the European Parliament, ALDE - Introduction, setting the EU legislative framework
   Ulrike Schwarz, B-umF (Germany) - Access to family life in Germany for subsidiary protection beneficiaries
   Julien Makalu, engineering student, former unaccompanied migrant child in Greece - Experience with accessing his rights as a child in Greece, detention, access to legal assistance, guardianship
   Elena Rozzi, ASGI (Italy) - Reception conditions in Italy, the future of the CEAS for children
   Jean Lambert, Member of the European Parliament, Greens/EFA

   Chaired by: Karolína Babická, International Commission of Jurists

   Discussion

2. The ways forward (13:00-14:00)

   Alexandros Konstantinou, Greek Council for Refugees - Situation of minors in Greece today
   Catherine Cosgrave, Immigrant Council of Ireland - Ireland: Direct provision, access to citizenship
   Ilaria Paolazzi, Child Rights Connect – The latest developments from the UN Committee on the Rights of the Child
   Margaret Tuite, DG Justice, European Commission
   Tanja Fajon, Member of the European Parliament, S&D

   Chaired by: Róisín Pillay, International Commission of Jurists

   Discussion