

# “NATIONAL EMERGENCY RESPONSE MECHANISM (NERM) FOR UNACCOMPANIED CHILDREN: FROM NEEDS ASSESSMENT TO RESPONSE”

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Time: 09.30 – 16.00



**HELLENIC REPUBLIC**  
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**UNHCR**  
The UN Refugee Agency

## Conference agenda

09.00 – 09.30

Registration and online connection

09.30 – 10.30

Welcome and opening session

- Sofia Voultepsi, Deputy Minister for Migration and Asylum
- Irene Agapidaki, General Secretary of Public Health, Special Secretariat for the Protection of Unaccompanied Minors (SSPUAM) during the years 2020 to 2021
- Leyla Kayacik, Special Representative of the Secretary General on Migration, Council of Europe (Video Message)
- Beate Gminder, Deputy Director-General in charge of the “Task Force Migration Management” in DG Migration and Home Affairs (HOME), (Video Message)
- Maria Clara Martin, United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees Representative in Greece
- Gianluca Rocco, International Organization for Migration (IOM) Chief of Mission in Greece
- Luciano Calestini, UNICEF Greece Representative
- Jette Christiansen, European Union Agency for Asylum (EUAA) Head of Greece Office
- Lajla Jakhelln, Ambassador of Norway in Greece
- Stefan Estermann, Ambassador of Switzerland in Greece
- Prof. Christina Koulouri, Dean of Panteion University of Social and Political Sciences

*Moderator: Heracles Moskoff, Special Secretary for the Protection of Unaccompanied Minors (SSPUAM)*

10.30 – 10.50

Break

10.50 – 13.00

### Plenary Session I

a) Panteion University research study by the European Research Center on Human Rights and Humanitarian Action (EKEKDAAD), commissioned by UNHCR in 2020 on protection needs of homeless unaccompanied children in Greece, leading to the establishment of the NERM

- Theodora Tsovili, UNHCR Senior Child Protection Associate
- Dr. Fania Antoniou and Chara Katsigianni, Panteion University researchers
- Nikolas Psathas, Lawyer ARSIS, Child Protection
- Pelopidas Nikolopoulos, Legal Advisor Network for Children Rights (NCR) & Mando Liadopoulou, psychologist, NCR
- Interventions and Q&A on the study

b) Protection of Children and the National Emergency Response Mechanism through its institutional footprint

- Ana Guerreiro, Children's Rights Division/Lanzarote Committee Council of Europe (livestreaming)
- Georgia Adeilini, Solicitor General of the High Court
- Anastasios Sfikas, Police Captain, Aliens and Border Protection Branch Migration Management Division
- Interventions and Q&A on the institutional footprint of NERM

*Moderator: Daniella Marouda, Assistant Professor in International Law/ International Humanitarian Law/Human Rights, Panteion University*

13.00 – 13.30

Break

13.30 – 16.00

### Plenary Session II

(a) Two years of piloting and implementing the NERM (2021-2022)

- Vasilis Fragkos, NERM Founding Member
- Maria Dritsa, UNHCR Senior Child Protection Assistant
- Kelly Namia, IOM Project Manager
- Foteini Demi, Association for the Social Support of Youth - ARSIS Program Manager
- Pelopidas Nikolopoulos Legal Advisor Network for Children Rights (NCR)
- Matina Stamatiadou, Intersos Project Manager
- Eudokia Grullaki, METAdrasi Child protection and Child Safeguarding Senior Officer
- Q & A

*Moderator: Vasilis Fragkos, NERM Founding Member*

(b) Future Plans

- Jun Shirato, UNHCR Assistant Representative – Protection, Global Refugee Forum
- Professor Vasilios Ioakimidis, Director Centre for the Study of Social and Humanitarian Crises Department of Social Work, University of West Attica
- Theofanis Papadopoulos, Head of Managing Authority for Migration and Home Affairs
- Eftychia Georgiadi, International Rescue Committee (IRC) Hellas, Head of Programs
- Heracles Moskoff, Special Secretary for the Protection of Unaccompanied Minors (SSPUAM)
- Q & A

*Moderator: Maria Kouzinopoulou, Athens-Macedonian News Agency*