

# Conference on Children's Rights in the Migration Crisis and in the Digital Environment

## PROGRAMME

### 3 NOVEMBER

- 14:00 -15:00 Visit to E-Showroom  
*(the bus to the showroom will departure 13:45 from Hilton hotel)*
- 16:00 -17:00 Visit to HITSA Smartclass  
*(the bus to the smartclass will departure 15:30 from Hilton hotel)  
Find more information about the trips here.*
- 19.00 Reception of the Estonian Chancellor of Justice, Ülle Madise  
*Reception will take place at the Chancellery of Justice office at Kohtu 8.  
See the directions from Hilton hotel here. For the registered participants  
there will be bus at the Hilton hotel taking you to the Chancellor's office  
and back.*

### 4 NOVEMBER

*When talking about children it is important to hear their thoughts as well.  
For that reason, the panels will be introduced by children from the Estonian  
Union for Child Welfare.*

8.00 - 8.45 *Registration of participants*

8.45 - 9.15 **WELCOME REMARKS**

Jürgen Ligi, Estonian Minister of Foreign Affairs Key Note speaker:  
Nils Muiznieks, Council of Europe's Commissioner for Human Rights

9.15 - 10.50 **Panel I: REFUGEE CHILDREN**

It is foremost the task of each country to protect the children and guarantee them a sustainable violence free future. However, in times of crisis international cooperation is inevitable. What are the challenges for societies as whole, governments and international organizations (UNICEF, Council of Europe) to protect children's rights, to keep them

safe in conflict zones and refugee camps as well as in new homelands?

*The panel will be introduced by children.*

Moderator: Jaanus Kangur, Estonian trainer and anthropologist  
David McLoughlin, Deputy Regional Director of Central and Eastern Europe and the Commonwealth of Independent States in UNICEF  
George Moschos, Deputy Ombudsman for Children's Rights in Greece  
Fredrik Malmberg, Ombudsman for Children in Sweden  
Stephanie Rap, Lecturer and Senior Researcher at the Child Law Department at Leiden University  
Elin Wernquist Roberts, Head of the Children's Rights Bureau in Stockholm

10.50 - 11.20

*Coffee Break*

11.20 - 11.35

Key Note speaker: Andres Aru, Head of the Children's and Youth Rights Dept. (by the Chancellor of Justice)

11.35 - 13.10

**Panel II: CHILD'S RIGHT TO OWN IDENTITY**

Migrants come to Europe with their own customs and traditions - their own cultural heritage. What are the challenges and best practices to integrate children and their families into new societies while being mindful about their background? What roles do different stakeholders have in the process – (local) governments, schools, civil society? Have the national action plans and strategies worked? What are the lessons learned and what could be improved in the future?

*The panel will be introduced by children.*

Moderator: Margit Sutrop, Professor at the University of Tartu  
Abdirahim Hussein Mohamed, Somalian-born Finnish politician and consultant

Kadri Soova, Advocacy Officer on EU Migration Policies in PICUM  
Solve Bjørn Randal, Programme Director for Child Protection for Unaccompanied Minor refugee children in Bergen city, Norway  
Koen Leurs, assistant professor Department of Media and Culture, Utrecht University

13.10 - 14.10

*Lunch break*

14.10 - 14.25

*Introduction to the second part of the conference*

Key Note speaker: Sven Jürgenson, the Permanent Representative to the United Nations in New York and the President of the UNICEF Executive Board

Key Note speaker: David Mcloughlin, UNICEF Deputy Regional Director

14.25 - 15.45

### Panel III: THE POSSIBILITIES OF THE DIGITAL WORLD

New technologies and digital solutions are inseparable part of modern lives. The digital environment gives numerous possibilities to learn. ICT and digital media have added a new dimension to children's right to education. What is the role of schools and education? It is the task for educators and leaders to prepare next generation for the digital future and give them necessary skills and digital intelligence. How to best use the modern means? What is the role of parents when their children are better at handling modern devices than themselves? Could parents stupidity hamper the children's potential? Does all the information available online make us more knowledgeable and how to be an intelligent Internet user? What is the future of the digital solutions and what should be the goal of learning?

*The panel will be introduced by children.*

Moderator: Henrik Roonemaa, Estonian technology journalist

Birgy Lorenz, ICT development manager and a teacher in Pelgulinna Gymnasium

Mart Laanpere, Senior Research Fellow in Tallinn University and a training manager in Samsung's DigiTurn project

Elizabeth Milovidov, Independent Expert on Digital Parenting, Council of Europe

15.45 - 16.15

*Coffee break*

16.15 - 16.25

Guest Speaker: Malle Hallimäe, Coordinator of the Safer Internet in Estonia

16.25 - 18.15

### Panel IV: THE CHALLENGES OF THE DIGITAL ENVIRONMENT

The digital environment is like an enchanted forest. While offering numerous opportunities and great solutions there are also many dangers and risks that often remain hidden at first sight. The emphasis should be on the supporting not controlling the children because more informed children will be better prepared for the potential risks. What are the potential risks the children should know about? What could be done at government level to protect and how to keep pace with the changes in the digital environment? How to recognize and report abuse and bullying? Is there a difference between virtual and real life? How to recognize addiction to virtual life (e.g. surfing online, social media, gaming) and what are the impacts on mental health? Where to find help? What are the responsibilities of private stake holders and how could perpetrators be held accountable (considering the cross-border nature of virtual life).

*The panel will be introduced by children.*

Moderator: Kristel Siitam-Nyiri, Deputy Secretary General of Criminal Policy Department of the Estonian Ministry of Justice

Anne Kleinberg, Head of the Psychiatry Clinic of Tallinn Children's Hospital

Maarja Punak, Estonian police officer and a web-constable

Jutta Croll, Managing Director of the German Centre for Child Protection on the Internet

Anne Larilahti, Vice President, Head of Group Sustainability Strategy in Telia Company, Finland

Boris Veler, Councillor of safe and creative use of web technologies in Logout, Slovenia

18.15 - 18.30 **Concluding remarks**

Livia Stoica Becht, Secretary to the Ad hoc Committee on the Rights of the Child, Council of Europe

Margus Tsahkna, Minister of Social Protection

18.30 - 20.00 **Networking reception**

*\*The organiser reserves the right to make changes in the schedule and the presenters.*



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