

Romania - Child Protection Sub-Working Group
26 October 2023, 11:00am-1:00pm

Participants: 9 from Asociatia Social Activ CNRR, ICRC, Salvati Copiii, Tdh, UNHCR, UNICEF and World Vision

Agenda and discussions:

- 1. Presentation on the new Order regarding the roles, duties and responsibilities for representatives for foreign unaccompanied children – Andreea Manea/CNRR**
 - ✓ Engaging conversation on the new Order and its application. Participants highlighted need for further conversation on the topic with some clarity from ANPDCA (e.g., SINA) and need for monitoring of the application with potential follow-up conference in coming months to address positive practices and gaps/challenges. CPSWG to further discuss concrete actions/steps that can be coordinated through the group on this Order.
 - ✓ UNICEF highlighted need to link efforts on this new Order with UNICEF's review of the child protection legal framework in Romania, which will conclude with a report and a number of recommendations.
 - ✓ CNRR to circulate the PPT and the notes from the conference on the Order that it had organized in September.
- 2. Tour de table of child protection actors' planned activities for 2024**
 - ✓ Members provided brief updated on known planned child protection activities and locations for next year and will further communicate on these once finalized.
- 3. Consultation on the RRP 2024 narrative for child protection**
 - ✓ Draft narrative was presented to the participants and will be circulated for feedback with a 30 October deadline in advance of the 2 November deadline to the inter-agency team.
- 4. AOB**
 - ✓ Sector leads presented suggestion for the CPSWG to be integrated into the PWG for 2024 to ensure continuation of effective dialogue and collaboration on child protection matters, but to also alleviate some of the pressures on having an additional coordination group, particularly considering the current context and number of *active* members (majority of whom participate in the PWG). Dedicated thematic discussions on child protection issues and priorities can still be organized with potential for re-establishment of the coordination group if needed. There were no objections by members, so the sector leads will present the suggestion at the next ISWG meeting.
 - ✓ Next CPSWG and final for 2023 will be held on Thursday, 23 November. World Vision will look into possibly hosting the meeting at their office.
 - ✓ Salvati Copiii raised concerns about Ukrainian children from institutional care in Prahova being "forced" to return to Ukraine to continue their studies. UNHCR will look into the situation for more information.
 - ✓ UNICEF flagged that there has been an increase in number of Ukrainian children in conflict with the law (e.g., stealing) in Romania and Salvati Copiii confirmed the same. To be further discussed at the November CPSWG meeting.