



## Romania - Child Protection Sub-Working Group Minutes

*11 April 2024, 10:00 am – 11:30 am*

### **Participants**

Autism Voice – Oliviana – board member

TdH – Rodica, Radu

ICRC – Ioana Panaite

UNICEF – Gheorghe Trofin

UNHCR – Anca, Pedro

Save the Children - Alina Lazar

Asociatia Social Activ – Carmen Stepan Tataru (Arad)

Corina Marinescu – ANPDCA

### Agenda:

1. Updates on the Workplan Progress - Overview of the finalized Workplan
2. Theme presentation: Working with children with specific needs (Facilitator – Autism Voice)
3. AOB

**The CPSWG** agreed upon organizing meetings quarterly, with the following meeting to be scheduled for June or July

### **Updates on the Workplan Progress – agreed objectives**

- Organigram of governmental responsibilities and institutional structures - TDH will share it in the next meeting in July
- Dissemination of information – National Authorities to share useful information for the group, concerns and updates
- Thematic discussions to be continued as per Workplan



- Develop a supporting tool for service mapping and referral pathways: Tdh will take the lead and seek support of co-chairs to collect info from other organizations – TDH to do the first draft (for UA and non-UA UASC)
- Repository UNICEF and UNHCR – to find a solution so that the repository can be accessed by all members of the CPSWG
- Child friendly materials to facilitate child participation – to be shared among the members

## **Presentation and thematic discussion** on Protecting Children with Disabilities

### Autism Voice

#### Challenges:

- Lack of specialists in Romania
- High number of requests for services
- Language
- Mental health
- Medical assessment
- School integration
- Employment for mothers with children with autism (no skills as they used to take care of the children in Ukraine and didn't work)

#### Lessons learned

- 3 things that someone who encounters cases should do: don't give them advice, refer the cases to a specialist, patient, encourage them to learn Romanian or English
- Social cohesion: Romanian and Ukrainians – needs and advice through the work bring Romanians and Ukrainians together: the centers enabled and continue to enable this approach: Ukrainian and Romanian parents are encouraged to engage in summer camps, activities in groups. Suggestion: create an environment where they can interact – soft approach

*Consideration in case other organizations encounter cases of children with specific needs*



The current capacity of Autism voice for children: at the moment Autism Voice doesn't have capacity to support with therapy, but organizations can refer cases to Autism Voice: for specialized assessments, group activities. If there is need for individual therapy, Autism Voice can refer the cases further to other psychiatrists that they work with.

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### **Other Updates from the group members**

TdH mentioned FONPC's initiative on empowerment, known as Children Government, which contains chapters covering various themes, with TdH is contributing by developing a chapter dedicated to Migration.

Asociatia Social Activ: raised the need for applying for consistent budget, strategy for applying to European funds

### **AOB**

The CPSWG agreed upon sharing information on any new events regarding group of children

UNHCR to share materials from GII sessions upon GII's agreement.