

Child Protection Sub-Working Group
23.03.2023 Minutes of Meeting

Date:	Thursday, 23 March 2023 at 10.00-12.00 a.m., via Webex	
Participants:	Special Secretariat for the Protection of UAM/ MoMA, MoLSA (UAM Unit), EC, UNHCR CO, UNHCR FO Thessaloniki, UNHCR SO Lesvos, UNHCR FU Athens, IOM, ARSIS, Metadrasi, IRC Hellas, Solidarity Now, Velos Youth, NCR, DRC Hellas, ELIX, GCR, PRAKSIS, HRC, Faros, NIDOS, INTERSOS, Safe Passage, MDM, ICSD Ioannina	
Chair:	UNHCR: Theodora D. Tsovili (tsovili@unhcr.org)	
Agenda	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>UAC Futures</i>, exchange of good practices and proposed improvements in the quality of support for migrant children during their transition to adulthood at European level – coordinated by the Council of Europe, SSPUAM & Solidarity Now (Greece), Stichting Nidos (Netherlands) and Fundación Cepaim (Spain). • <i>Empowerment and Self-reliance opportunities to UAC reaching adulthood</i>, with the support of UNHCR - IRC Hellas • <i>Supported Independent Living in Adulthood/SILA 18+</i>, with the support of UNHCR - METAdrasi 	
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	<p>In May, a training by SN in coordination with SSPUAM for front line professionals such as lawyers, psychologists, social workers, livelihood officers, etc. will take place – a call will be addressed to the actors in the following weeks.</p> <p>Please see in detail the attached presentation of Solidarity Now.</p>	
<p>Empowerment and Self-reliance opportunities for UAC reaching adulthood, with the support of UNHCR, IRC Hellas</p>	<p>The IRC Hellas presented the project “<i>Empowerment and Self-reliance opportunities to UAC reaching adulthood</i>” which is implemented with the support of UNHCR. The aim of the program is to ensure the successful transition to adulthood and to provide self-reliance opportunities and necessary competencies to youth 18-21 years old (asylum seekers and recognised refugees) with particular emphasis to former unaccompanied children.</p> <p>The intervention axes of the project are the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Psychosocial support • Access to employment, education, and skill-building opportunities • Support in navigating the housing market • Referrals to other services as needed including legal support. <p>Supported languages: English, French, Farsi, Arabic, Urdu, Ukrainian, Somali.</p> <p>Access to the IRC leaflets for the program on 18+: https://help.unhcr.org/greece/children-youth-eng/child-friendly-material/ and this → link to access the application form.</p> <p>Please see in detail the attached presentation of IRC Hellas.</p>	<p>Action Points: n/a</p>
<p>Supported Independent Living in Adulthood/SILA 18+, with the support of UNHCR - METAdrasi</p>	<p>METAdrasi runs the Supported Independent Living in Adulthood scheme (SILA 18+). So far since 2018, 60 young adults have been hosted in apartments located in Athens and Kalamata (2 apartments on each location) of total capacity 26 places. The aim of the project is to provide a safe environment, integration prospects, empowerment, and access to labour market for the young adults.</p> <p>Referrals to be shared at: sila@metadrasi.org</p> <p>Please see in detail the attached presentation of METAdrasi.</p>	<p>Action Points: n/a</p>
<p>AOB</p>	<p>The next CPSWG will take place in April 2023. The date and time will be confirmed.</p>	<p>Action Points: n/a</p>