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Implementation of the guardianship system (METAdrasi & Praksis)

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The project

- Based on the planning of the General Secretariat for the Protection of Unaccompanied Minors, the National Guardianship System started on the 1st of January 2024 with **60 Guardianship Mandated Persons** (45 from METAdrasi and 15 from PRAKSIS) and 6 Coordinators from METAdrasi and 2 Coordinators from PRAKSIS.
- The Guardianship Mandated Person and the Coordinators were trained in a five-day training, before taking up their duties. The training was organized by METAdrasi and participated officers of the Ministry of Migration Policy etc.
- In addition, another training about the Best Interest Assessment followed as and a presentation of circular 1/12.01.2024

- These Guardianship Mandated Persons are currently covering **Lesvos, Chios, Samos, Kos, Leros, Orestiada, Alexandroupolis, Serres, Drama, Kavala, Thessaloniki, Polykastro, Alexandria, Veria, Ioannina, Attica, Oinofyta, Thiva, Ritsona**. These teams are to be reinforced with additional Mandated Persons with future rounds of recruitment
- Until the recruitment of the total planned number of Guardianship Mandated Persons is completed, the Institutional Protection Unit has prioritized unaccompanied children under the age of 15, girls of all ages and particularly vulnerable children, regardless of gender and age, to be assigned a Guardian as soon as possibler.

Proposals & locations

- ✓ So far, **251** proposals have been submitted to prosecutors' offices by the Institutional Protection Unit for the appointment of a Guardian, concerning **130** girls and **121** boys, in which it is proposed to appoint METAdrasi or PRAKSIS, as Guardian.
- ✓ 39 prosecutor's orders and corresponding to guardianship's assignments have been issued.

In particular:

- ✓ Lesvos: 9
- ✓ Orestiada: 1
- ✓ Alexandroupolis: 2
- ✓ Polykastro: 12
- ✓ Veroia: 7
- ✓ Alexandria: 8

**It should be noted that the 80% of proposals , 251 proposals, 192 concern separated minors.*

- It should also be noted that all Guardianship Mandated Persons who have been assigned in Reception and Identification Centers have participated in procedures of reception and identification of unaccompanied children who are under the age of 15, following instructions of the Institutional Protection Unit.
- Although there is no relevant provision in the law, circular 1/12.01.2024 provides that the Guardianship Mandated Persons may be present during the registration and identification procedures to ensure that the process is carried out without errors.

Challenges

- A. Delays from the Public Prosecutors' Offices
- B. Cooperation with some Reception and Identification Centers on :

a) entry requests (this issue has now been resolved)

b) tasks of staff of the Safe Area of the RIC: because for any action concerning unaccompanied minors the staff always asked for prosecutorial authorization, now they have questions regarding their tasks and they ask the Guardianship Mandated Person to provide them with authorizations in order to proceed to their duties

c) the Guardianship Mandate Person is asked to sign documents of geographical restriction (because there is a field which requires the signature of the minor, the Guardianship Mandated Person is asked to sign the document)

Also, the Guardianship Mandated Person is asked to be present during the age assessment procedure, without being assigned by the Public Prosecutor yet.

As mentioned above, there are currently not enough Guardianship Mandated Person appointed for all unaccompanied children. There is therefore an issue with children who have not yet been placed under guardianship as there are ongoing procedures such as family reunification procedures through the Dublin Regulation, or asylum interview etc.

Next Steps (I)

- On 1 March 2024 the next group of Guardianship Mandated Persons should
  be appointed: **35** from METAdrasi and **25** from Praksis
- Therefore, we are back in the recruitment process.
- Also, we have to deploy for the second phase 2 coordinators from METAdrasi and 2 from Praksis.
- Then, the last group of 60 Mandated Persons will be recruited, (**40** METAdrasi, **20** Praksis). For this third group of recruitments we do not yet have a recruitment timetable. We will be informed by the General Secretariat, which will make the decision based on the flows of unaccompanied minors entering the country.

Next steps(II)

- ✓ The newly recruited mandated persons will also receive the same training as the previous group.
- ✓ The recruits who will take up their duties on 1 March will strengthen our existing teams and will also be deployed in new locations such as Leros, Patras, Kalavrita, Kalamata, Kozani, Epirus, Makrinitsa, Larissa, Halkidiki, Crete, Thebes, Oinofita, Ritsona.
- ✓ As a result, unaccompanied minors throughout the whole territory will be able to have a guardian.

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