

SLOVENIAN ASYLUM POLICY FROM THE PERSPECTIVE OF THE UNACCOMPANIED MINOR MIGRANTS

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RESEARCH AIMS

- Evaluate existing asylum policies and support mechanisms from a child-centred perspective
- Get to know the experience of children with reception and asylum procedures and find out more about how they experience the support mechanisms and integration measures they receive.
- Learn more about the factors that affect well-being of children
- Develop recommendations for a child-centred approach to asylum policy



CHILD-CENTRED POLICY

- **Focuses on children here and now**
 - **Aims to guarantee children's well-being and participation**
 - **Is developed with cooperation with children**
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WHY CHILD-CENTRED APPROACH TO POLICY

- Because migrant children experience asylum procedures differently from adults
- Because, in accordance with Article 3 of the CRC, Slovenia must ensure the well-being of all children
- Because, in accordance with Article 12 of the CRC, children have the right to express their opinion on all matters affecting them.



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RESEARCH in SLOVENIA

- Research in the the Asylum Home in Logatec from August to October 2020.
- two researchers who visited the asylum home regularly (approximately 30 days)
- eight interviews (individual and group) with 19 migrant children.
- two interviews with asylum seekers at the student dormitory in Postojna
- Unaccompanied young boys aged between 14 and 17 years

BORDER PROCEDURES

Interviewees reported about readmission to Croatia

without assigning a guardian for a specific case

without assessing the child's best interests

without individual treatment

without proper translators

**Interviewees reported experiences of police by police officers,
especially Croatians, and chain returns**

Violation of Article 3 of the ECHR



CENTRE FOR FOREIGNERS

- Confiscation of private property by police officers (phones, backpacks, documents, money)
- Access to information
- Leisure activities
- Relationship with staff

ASYLUM HOME IN LOGATEC

impact in view of their well-being

The interviewees were not extremely critical of the accommodation conditions.

Accommodation

Relationship
with staff

Agency

Material and
financial
support

religious activity

ASYLUM PROCEDURES

impact in view of the
right to be heard

Financing and supervising the work of legal representatives

Supporting children with information and counselling

Adaptation of asylum procedures and hearings

Qualification of officials to work with migrant children

Assessing the credibility of migrants

Quality of translation and access to translation services



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