



AD HOC QUERY ON 2020.7 COM & LU on Missing Unaccompanied minors - Part III

Requested by EMN NCP Luxembourg on 4 February 2020

Responses from Austria, Belgium, Bulgaria, Croatia, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Ireland, Italy, Latvia, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malta, Poland, Portugal, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden plus Norway (25 in Total)

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1. Background information

The issue of migrant unaccompanied minors going missing is an important policy topic within the EU. In the Communication on the protection of children in migration of April 2017 (COM(2017) 211 final), the European Commission underlines that missing migrant children have the same right to protection as missing national children, and that tackling the phenomenon of missing children requires setting up robust prevention mechanisms and responses.

The collection of comparable data on migrant children going missing in the Member States is crucial in order to enable policy-makers to understand causes and trend and to design effective policy responses to this phenomenon. However, currently there is a lack of harmonized data on unaccompanied minor migrants going missing. The Communication encouraged the Member States to "(...) collect and exchange comparable data to facilitate the cross-border tracing of missing children and the verification of family links".

In order to obtain further information on the collection of data on missing unaccompanied minors in the Member States, the EMN would like to launch the following adhoc query:

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[1] http://lostinmigration.eu/Programme[2] http://lostinmigration.eu/Recommendations2019.pdf

2. Questions

1. Can you please provide the number of unaccompanied missing children reported missing in your Member State in the last three years? Please detail the information by gender, age and top five nationalities (Please use the attached table)

We would very much appreciate your responses by **15 April 2020**.

3. Responses

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П	EMN NCP Austria	No	This EMN NCP has provided a response to the requesting EMN NCP. However, they have requested that it is not disseminated further.
	EMN NCP Belgium	Yes	1. For (partial) numbers received from the Belgian Reception Agency (Fedasil), Child Focus and the Guardianship Service, see attachment.

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-	EMN NCP Bulgaria	Yes	1. The applicable national legislation on search activities in Bulgaria does not provide for a separate category of "missing unaccompanied minor migrants".
H	EMN NCP Croatia	Yes	1. Attached please find the filled table. Please note that these are all minor aliens, not just unaccompanied minors. 2020.7_hr_missing_children_stats_1.xlsx
¥	EMN NCP Cyprus	Yes	1. These are the data that the Social Welfare Services have: In the past years, there were only four cases of UAMs. All the UAMs are female, above 15 years old. Below, are the nationalities and the date the UAM went missing Somalia 24/06/2019 Kongo 05/06/2013 Somalia 01/03/2014 Cameroon 05/09/2013
	EMN NCP Czech Republic	Yes	1. Please see table attached. statistics_cz_missing_uams.odt

-	EMN NCP Estonia	Yes	1. The UAMs haven`t been in Estonia for the last three years.
+	EMN NCP Finland	Yes	1. Please find the FI statistics in the enclosed table. fi_missing_children_stats_2017-2019.xlsx
•	EMN NCP France	Yes	1. No precise data has been collected on the national level on unaccompanied missing children in France. Data are thus not exhaustive.
-	EMN NCP Germany	Yes	1. Please see the attached table. Because the mere enumeration of missing children would not reflect the reality, we have added the column which of them have been returned or detected. kopie_von_bka_emn_ahq_missing_unac_minors_stats.xlsx
	EMN NCP Greece	Yes	1. 2017: 826 2018: 1110 2019: 1566 Total: 3502 Source: Hellenic Police Headquarters, Public Security Directorate Additional explanaroty notes to be added. missing_children_stats_el.xlsx

=	EMN NCP Hungary	Yes	1. Please see the table attached. missing_children_part_iii_stats_hu.xlsx
••	EMN NCP Ireland	Yes	1.Total UAMs missing from careTotal found20178520181142019246No further breakdown is available. Source: Tusla, the Child and Family Agency
•	EMN NCP Italy	No	This EMN NCP has provided a response to the requesting EMN NCP. However, they have requested that it is not disseminated further.
=	EMN NCP Latvia	Yes	1. Latvia has not reported any UAM as missing during the last three years.
-	EMN NCP Lithuania	Yes	1. Please find statistics attached. missing_children_lt_statsxlsx

=	EMN NCP Luxembourg	Yes	1. Please see table attached. missing_children_stats.xlsx
	EMN NCP Malta	Yes	1. In Malta there were: 2017 - 2 males 2018 - 16 males 2019 - 61 males / 3 female 2020 - 21 males Ages between 14 year till close to 18 years. The top five nationalities are: Sudan Bangaladesh Ivory Coast Eritrea Somalia
-	EMN NCP Poland	Yes	1. missing_children_stats_pl.xlsx
	EMN NCP Portugal	Yes	1. At the moment information available is 2017 - 4 minors reported missing 2018 - 5 minors reported missing

			2019 - 8 minors reported missing
-	EMN NCP Slovakia	Yes	1. Please, see the attachment. missing_children_statistics_sk.xlsx
1	EMN NCP Slovenia	Yes	1. data not available
8	EMN NCP Spain	Yes	 In our statistics we do not differentiate between accompanied and not accompanied missing minors. We cannot provide data for the last 3 years, as the data are aggregated per year. We had to modify the age categories, as this is how they are collected in our statistics (<>13) missing_children_stats_es.xlsx
-	EMN NCP Sweden	Yes	1. Please see the attached Excel-table! kopia_av_missing_children_stats_3.xlsx

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#	EMN NCP Norway	Yes	1. In Norway, the data is electronically registered at the reception centres. The reception centres and the Norwegian Directorate of Immigration have a shared system which allows updated information to be shared when an unaccompanied minor goes missing.
			 Norway - there were a total of 225 missing unaccompanied minors in 2017, 2018, and 2019 all male, all over 15 years old; 201 from Afghanistan. 184 left in 2017, 36 in 2018 and 5 in 2019 See attached table. no_responsecom_lu_part_iii2020.07_on_missing_unaccompanied_minorspart_iii-1.docx
