



Code 1317. Unaccompanied Minors. Between Boundaries and Opportunities

Length/Duración: 90 minutes

The mobility of unaccompanied minors has several shared features with the adult one, but there are specific aspects that differentiate this peculiar form of migration. These aspects are worthy to be known and considered, in order to provide proper measures addressed to this particular target. Despite the worldwide increasing of this kind of migration, rules on the status of unaccompanied minors are still inadequate and so the necessary protection measures are not satisfactorily provided. In particular, the “best interest of the child”, remarked in a large number of international human rights documents, may not be properly guaranteed. In addition, there is often a discrepancy between the rights to which migrant minors are entitled, according to international legal standards, and the effective protection they receive. Drawing on experiences in different countries, the workshop will provide a base of understanding the best practices implemented for unaccompanied minors.



4:45 - 6:15 p.m.

Room/Salón: “Piranesi”

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