Refugee and migrant children in Greece
As of 31 December 2019

Key figures
- **42,500** estimated number of refugee and migrant children across Greece. Among them, **4,815** unaccompanied
- **96** accompanied children have been returned to Turkey, in the framework of the EU - Turkey Statement (20 March 2016 – 31 December 2019)
- **512** unaccompanied children received international protection in Greece on first instance during 2019 (January – December 2019)

Number of available places in long term accommodation for UAC (shelters and Supported Independent Living programme (SIL), December 2019)
- **1352** places in shelters
- **136** places in SIL

Number of available places in temporary accommodation for UAC (safe zones and UAC hotels, December 2019)
- **300** places in safe zones
- **541** places in hotels for UAC

Total number of UAC in need of long term accommodation (December 2019)
- **3327**

Out of the estimated **4,815** unaccompanied children in Greece, approximately **3,327** (including **195** in protective custody) are still in need of long-term accommodation

- **12,800** refugee and migrant children of school age (4-17 years old) across Greece are enrolled in formal education (as of June 2019, source: Ministry of Education and Religious Affairs)
- **67%** of children 4-17 years old residing in apartments with their families or shelters and hotels for unaccompanied children are enrolled in Greek schools (as of June 2019)

37% of the total sea arrivals in 2019 were children. Among total sea arrivals 6% were unaccompanied children

The main countries of origin of children arriving by sea in Greece during Jan-Nov 2019 were Afghanistan (52%), Syria (27%), Iraq (7%), and other countries (14%).

33% (25,370) of all registered asylum applications in Greece during 2019 concerned children