Refugee and migrant children in Greece
As of 31 December 2018

Key figures

- **27,000** estimated number of refugee and migrant children across Greece. Among them, **3,458** UAC
- **88** accompanied children have been returned to Turkey, in the framework of the EU - Turkey statement (20 March 2016 - 31 December 2018)
- **6,249** children received international protection in Greece on first instance during 2018. Among them, **345** UAC (January - December 2018)

33% (21,771) of all registered asylum applications in 2018 concerned children

- **1040** places in shelters
- **24** places in SIL (December 2018)
- **300** places in temporary accommodation for UAC (December 2018)
- **595** places in SIL
- **2394** total number of UAC in need of shelter/SIL (December 2018)

Out of 3,458 estimated number of UAC in Greece, more than **2,394** children (including those living in safe zones and hotels) are still in need of shelter for unaccompanied children, including **86** UAC in protective custody.

It is estimated that **10,900** refugee and migrant children of school age (4-17 years old) across Greece are enrolled in formal education (as of December 2018).

- **66%** 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 December 2018).

37% of the total sea arrivals in 2018 were children. Among those, **16%** were unaccompanied children.

During Jan – Dec 2018 there was a 8% increase of child sea arrivals compared to the previous year (Jan – Dec 2017).