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Therapeutic foster care for unaccompanied minors and their foster families

CHALLENGE:

Not only adults and families try to reach Europe to start a better life, but sometimes also youngsters and children arrive in Europe without the guidance of a parent. Now more than ever, with the ongoing war in Ukraine! This leads to a growing number of unaccompanied minors. Foster care services report an enormous need to offer therapeutic care for these youngsters and the foster families that are taking care of them. Furthermore, the challenge is huge for national authorities to take care of them according to national and international standards of child care and children's rights.

OVERVIEW OF THE PROJECT:

In the FORM project 6 partner guided by **Belgium** (Odisee University of Applied Sciences, Brussels; Foster care East Flanders, Ghent) with **Germany** (University of Kassel), **Italy** (Salesiani Per Il Sociale, Rome; ENSA European Network for Social Authorities, Veneto/Brussels) and **Cyprus** (Hope For Children, CRC Policy Centera) join efforts to bring together knowledge and experiences for the empowerment and social inclusion of Unaccompanied Minor Refugees and their Foster Families.

RESULTS:

- A **knowledge based literature review, a research and best practices;**
- A **guidance model** - to be used by professional foster care workers - for the delivery of therapeutic care;
- A **training in exile on this model**, addressed to professional foster care workers;
- **Policy recommendations.**

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