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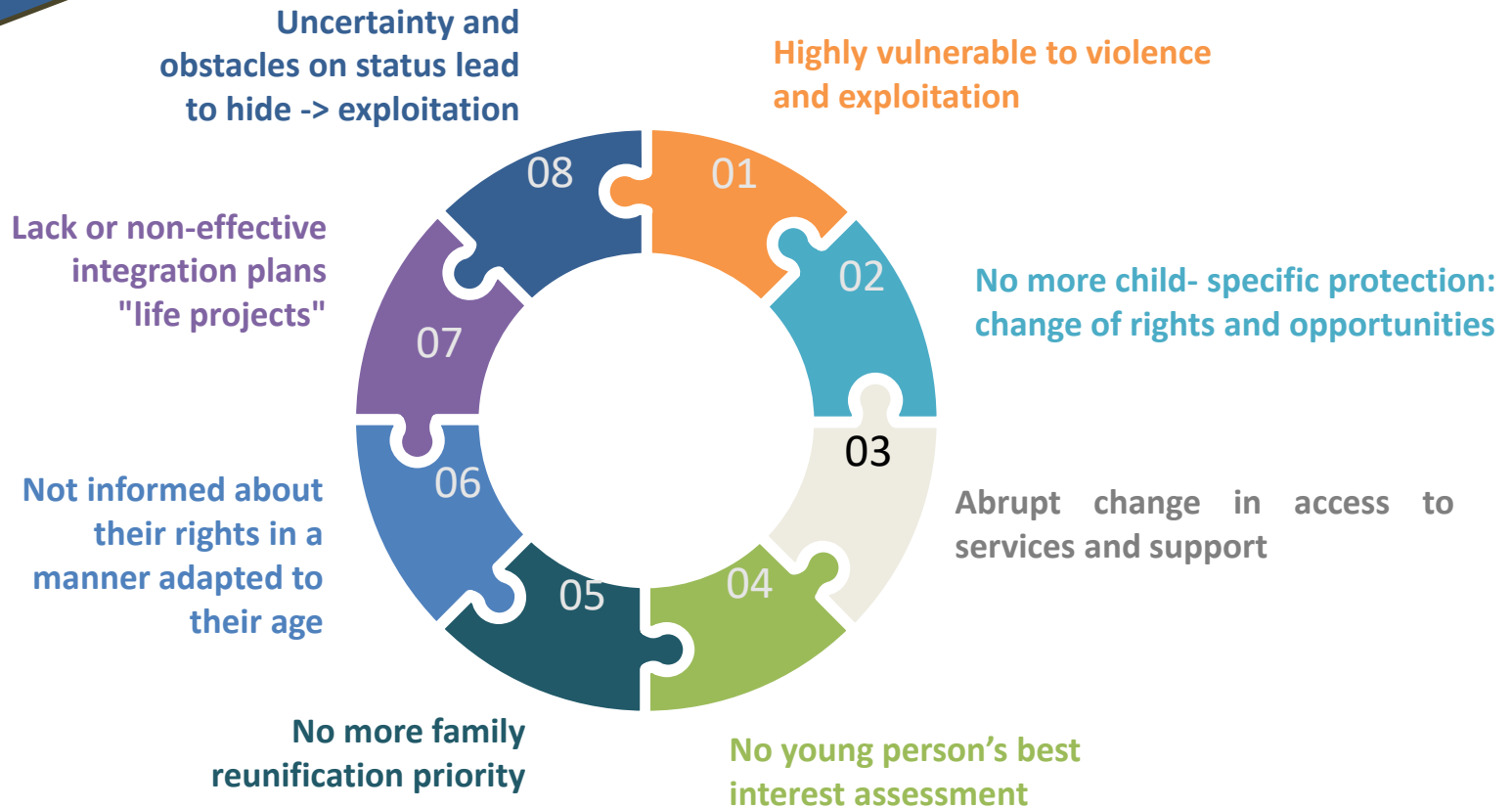
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**Council of Europe's work on  
Supporting young  
refugees in transition  
to adulthood**

# Challenges faced by young migrants



# Supporting young refugees in transition to adulthood

## Previous CoE work:

Recommendation [CM/Rec\(2007\)9](#)  
on life projects for  
unaccompanied migrant minors

Recommendation [CM/Rec\(2016\)7](#) on young  
people's access to rights

Recommendation [CM/Rec\(2010\)7](#) on the  
Council of Europe Charter on Education for  
Democratic Citizenship and Human Rights  
Education;



The [Action Plan](#) recognised the need for “policy recommendations on assisting young refugees (...) in their transition from childhood to adulthood (...) to be prepared in co-operation with the relevant stakeholders.”

Adoption on 24 April 2019

Of Recommendation [CM/Rec\(2019\)4](#)  
on supporting young refugees in transition to  
adulthood



## I. Philosophy, scope and purpose

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**Legal status: Non-binding guidelines**

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**Scope: Young refugees** having reached 18 who **arrived** in Europe **as children**.

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**Purpose:** Provides **temporary** prolongation of existing rights according to individual needs.

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**Approach: Interdisciplinary** and synergy between different sectors to support the young refugees' access to services they need.

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**Philosophy: Opportunity-focused**  
empower young refugees to enhance social inclusion.



## II. 9 Guiding principles

1

Improve the legal framework

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Ensure non-discrimination

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Access to social services, accommodation and welfare benefits

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Access to education

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Health care and psychological support

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Access to information and legal service

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Right to family reunification

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Employment

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Life projects



## III. Recognising the role of youth work

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Mobilise and support the **potential of youth work**

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**Participation** in society and decision-making processes

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**Understand** better the situation of young refugees in transition to **provide adequate support** from the youth sector

4

**Awareness-raising**

# Implementation

➤ *Member States*

➤ *CoE activity: Youth.together project*  
**Long-term training course (1 year)**

➤ youth and social workers/ educators

➤ young refugees

➤ active in reception and hosting centres or other social facilities for young refugees

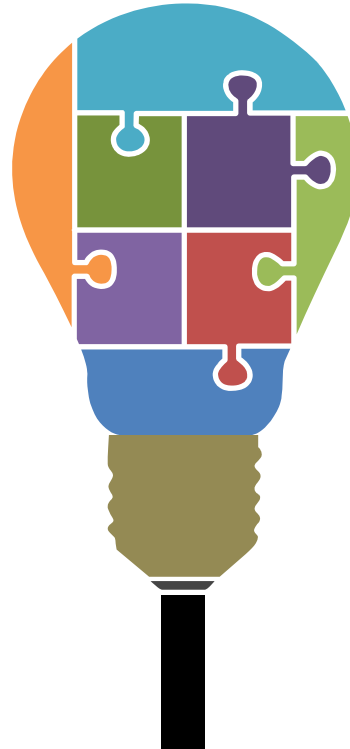
# Outstanding issues

01

Non-binding guidelines

02

Very **limited target group**: young refugees, arrived in Europe before 18.



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No fixed duration of support measures: MS discretion

04

Many limitations : in accordance with **national law**



# Thank you for your attention!



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