

Joint statement of the European Network of Ombudsman for Children (ENOC) on the occasion of the 17th ENOC General Assembly following the ENOC Annual Conference on "Children on the move: Children First!"

Urgent help required for Syrian children in refugee camps to avoid humanitarian catastrophe

Last year ENOC already drew the attention of the Chair of the UN Committee on the Rights of the Child on the dramatic consequences of the armed conflict taking place in Syria on Syrian children.

Millions of Syrian children are currently suffering from terrible hardship in refugee camps.

The refugee camps do not have enough food, water, shelter and sanitation to deal with the basic needs of the children who are living there. It is September now and the coming winter could lead to a humanitarian catastrophe. The problems are so grave that even the UNHCR is only able to partly deliver the help that is required.

Seeing the appalling situation of the Syrian children in the refugee camps, ENOC members appeal to the European and international community to:

- 1) take quick and decisive humanitarian action to prevent the pending humanitarian catastrophe
- 2) accept as many Syrian refugee children as possible.