



**Missing
Children
Europe**



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Who we are

At Missing Children Europe (MCE), our tagline says it all:

"Together we can create a safer Europe that empowers children."

Every two minutes, a child is reported missing in the EU. The reasons for their disappearance may include situations of violence and abuse, including sexual exploitation. That's where Missing Children Europe comes in.

Our vision is simple but powerful:

"All children should be able to rely on effective and holistic systems of child protection, where all measures are taken to empower and protect them from any situation of harm."

As the European federation for missing and sexually exploited children, we represent 32 organisations from 27 European countries. We serve as the link between research, policies, and organisations on the ground, working tirelessly to protect children from all forms of violence, abuse, and neglect that result from or cause them to go missing.

At the heart of our work is the coordination of the [116 000 hotline network](#). This network of hotlines, operated by national organisations across 32 European countries, provides free and immediate emotional, psychological, social, legal, and administrative support to children and families in crisis 24/7. As a central contact and coordination point for cross-border cases, we ensure that vulnerable children receive the help they need, no matter where they are in Europe.

But our work doesn't stop there. We also coordinate the [Cross-Border Family Mediators network](#). This group of trained family mediators is specifically equipped to handle cross-border family conflicts, including international parental child abduction.

At Missing Children Europe, we believe that every child deserves to be safe and secure. Our mission is to create a Europe where children can thrive without fear of violence, abuse, or neglect.

Welcome

It has been an eventful year for Missing Children Europe. Without a doubt, the full-scale invasion of Ukraine dominated much of 2022. The following refugee stream led to a stark increase in cross border cases of children going missing in Europe. In early March, we established the Ukraine Helpdesk and launched our website www.missingchildreurope.eu. Together with Ukrainian member NGO Magnolia and our hotlines in neighbouring countries we were able to reconnect children with their families. This is as a reminder of the immense value and impact of the 116000 hotlines network, which celebrated its [15th anniversary](#) in February.

For our other milestone, MCE's [20th Anniversary](#) in November, we were joined by our Patrons, partners and supporters to celebrate our achievements and honour some members who have been of invaluable service to the organisation and the issue over the years. At her goodbye to the organisation, we presented an Honour Award to Her Majesty Queen Paola of Belgium for her outstanding support and commitment to the issue of missing children. We also had the pleasure of welcoming a new member from Denmark, [Børns Vilkår](#). Still, the war and its impact on children were at the centre of the celebrations, which we dedicated to raising awareness of the more than 19.000 Ukrainian children deported to Russia and the occupied territories.

That did not distract us from our core work: supporting professionals to protect and empower children through research, training, advocacy and awareness. This past year, we launched the RADAR free [online course on children who run away](#), the first of its kind in Europe, and inaugurated the "MCE Academy", a new concept bringing academic expertise together with practitioners' views on specific themes around missing. Our very first Twitter Space event on pre-mediation bureaus during international mediation week in October also drew quite a crowd. As did the [iCare Final Conference](#) on parental abductions in September, and the "Under the Radar" conference on children who run away from home or care in November, both disseminating the results of our recent research.

In 2022 Missing Children Europe's network has demonstrated its strength and resilience. On this it can certainly build for the challenges ahead in 2023. While the war wages on and new cross border cases keep coming in, we have embarked on two exciting new research projects. [DATA MISSING](#) will do a deep dive into available data on missing to understand how we can improve their quality and reporting. [CESAGRAM](#) will research the link(s) between missing and the growing phenomenon of online grooming, a timely project as in 2023 EU politicians have a [unique opportunity](#) to put in place legislation that can tackle the issue at scale.

Missing Children Europe could not do all of this without the support of the donors who have been so generous to us and of the volunteers who give us so much of their time and energy every year. Last but not least, we'd like to commend and thank the members for their commitment. In their tireless efforts to support families in their darkest hour lies the true strength of our network.

Aagje Ieven
Secretary General

Sandrine Pépit
Interim President



Missing Children Europe's 20th Anniversary Ceremony in Brussels in November 2022

My experience at the conference of Child Guarantee which took place in Paris last year, was a beautiful adventure for me. I met several people from different countries, who crossed different realities from mine. I saw so much courage and so much strength in each of them and I really enjoyed sharing moments of interculturality and diversity.... Even today, after more than a year of the conference, I am in contact with many of them.

Thank you to Missing Children Europe for giving me the opportunity to talk about support for migrant mothers and many migrant women who need to be helped and guided to be able to integrate into society, from a cultural and economic point of view.

Young girl refugee in Italy

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"Missing Children Europe continues to do amazing work and truly has made a difference in countless lives... Today, [Missing Children Europe and its members] are touching the lives of the quarter million European children that go missing each year."

Emie Allen OBE, Founding Chairman, WeProtect Global Alliance

Members

Our 32 member organisations are active on the ground in 27 European countries, preventing, protecting, and supporting missing and sexually exploited children and their families.

The national 116 000 hotline services for missing children are managed by 23 members, who provide free and prompt emotional, psychological, social, legal, and administrative support 24/7 to children (at risk of) going missing and their families.

Our members disseminate publicity appeals, facilitate connections between parents and law enforcement during investigations, provide cross-border support, promote awareness, and plan preventative campaigns, many of which directly include children.

Missing Children Europe conducts programmes that involve its members to address the most serious issues that contribute to child disappearances in order to protect children and ensure their rights are safeguarded.

Where our members are



Members

1. **Albania:** ALO 116
2. **Austria:** 147 Rat auf Draht,
3. **Belgium:** Child Focus
4. **Bulgaria:** Nadja Centre Foundation
5. **Croatia:** Centar za nestalu - CNZD
6. **Cyprus:** Consortium SPAVO & Hope for Children
7. **Czech Republic:** Cesta z krize, z.ú.
8. **Denmark:** Børns Vilkår
9. **Finland:** Lasten perusoikeudet, Kaapatut Lapset ry
10. **France:** APEV, 11600 Enfants Disparus, La Mouette
11. **Germany:** Weisser Ring
12. **Greece:** Smile of the Child
13. **Hungary:** Kék Vonal
14. **Ireland:** Irish Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children
15. **Italy:** SOS Il Telefono Azzurro Onlus
16. **Latvia:** Bezvests.lv
17. **Lithuania:** Missing Persons' Families Support Centre
18. **Poland:** Itaka Foundation
19. **Portugal:** Instituto de Apoio à Criança, Associação Portuguesa de Crianças Desaparecidas
20. **Romania:** Salvati Copiii
21. **Serbia:** Astra
22. **Slovakia:** Linka detskej istoty, n. o.
23. **Spain:** Fundación ANAR
24. **Switzerland:** Missing Children Switzerland, Fondation Suisse du Service Social International
25. **The Netherlands:** Centrum Internationale Kinderontvoering
26. **Ukraine:** NGO Magnolia
27. **United Kingdom:** Missing People

9 in 10

members surveyed argue that being a Member of Missing Children Europe brings an added value to the work of their organisation, 4 in 5 says it helps them stay ahead of opportunities.

88% 85%

of members surveyed confirm that our projects are based on the real and current needs of missing children and their families on the ground.

of members surveyed declared a positive influence in awareness for the 116000 hotlines.

"Our membership of Missing Children Europe made it possible for us, as a small NGO, to participate in two timely European projects this year."

MPFSC, Lithuanian member hotline



Parental Abductions

International child abduction happens when one parent takes or keeps their child in a country other than the child's habitual residence without the consent of the other parent with parental custody. The arbitrary removal or holding of a child abroad is not just a violation of the custodial rights of the other parent. It is a violation of the child's rights: the child is subjected to a violent uprooting from his or her previous environment, which often entails the hindering or complete severing of ties with the left-behind parent, as well as members of his or her family, circle of friends, familiar surroundings and environment, and, often, the language the child used.

In order to protect children from the consequences of such decisions, including participating in lengthy court procedures, Missing Children Europe promotes prevention and awareness raising on the subject. As we consider family mediation as one of the best means of resolving family disputes and preventing abduction, we coordinate the network of [Cross-Border Family Mediators](#). This network consists of more than 200 bi-cultural mediators from more than 40 countries across the world, trained to engage directly with parents to find a solution that reflects the specific family

In 2022, Missing Children Europe participated in the [iCare project](#) which aimed to promote international judicial cooperation on International Child Abduction, involvement of children in mediation proceedings and integrating international family mediation as an adjunct to legal proceedings. To this end, in March during a workshop with legal practitioners, judges, representatives of Central Authorities, and family mediators dealing with International Child Abduction cases we developed policy recommendations. During the summer, we contributed to the iCare methodology for involving children in international family mediation. In September, we organized the [iCare Final Conference](#), presenting the project's 2-year results, including an AI chatbot for information on international child abductions. In October, we raised awareness on family mediation in parental abduction cases during [International Mediation Week](#), hosting a Twitter Space event with over 70 participants.

When can children abducted by a parent return to Ukraine?

In April 2022, 11-year-old Alex from Ukraine, was taken to Italy by his mother, in violation of

the custody arrangement.

Alex' father reported the abduction and used the 1980 Hague Convention on international child abduction to seek the court's intervention for Alex's return to Ukraine. As Alex' habitual residence was in Ukraine and the father's custody was undisputed, the court ruled in favour of the father, and an executive order was issued for Alex's return, but the order was not executed by the Italian authorities. Through Missing Children Europe, Ukrainian hotline NGO Magnolia contacted Italian member Telefono Azzurro, to stay informed about Alex' situation.

Alex's case highlights the difficulties parents face when attempting to return their children in the context of the war in Ukraine. The Hague Convention was established to ensure the prompt return of children to their habitual place of residence if taken away without permission. However, in conflict-affected countries, the Convention allows for exceptions if returning the child poses physical or psychological harm. This case raises a broader question of whether returns to Ukraine under the 1980 Hague Convention are possible at all while war is ongoing, even to the more "peaceful" regions of Ukraine. In difficult circumstances such as these, NGO Magnolia, together with Missing Children Europe's member in the relevant country, in this case Telefono Azzurro, continue to monitor the situation and emphasize the vital importance of communication and collaboration amongst all parties involved.

*The young person's name has been changed for protective purposes

Missing children in migration

Thousands of young newcomers fleeing violence or poverty in their home country, remain unaccounted for during their journey throughout Europe. Children who go missing in migration are underreported and face a very high risk of trafficking and exploitation.

Missing Children Europe regards such a young person as missing when they have been registered at arrival and then disappear from the reception or care facility where they were supposed to stay. Too frequently, the disappearance of a child in migration is disregarded because it is viewed as a voluntary act, with little or no consideration given to the reasons why the child might have gone missing, the possibility that the child may have been abducted, or the dangers which the child may face.

The war in Ukraine forced more than 4 million people, mainly women and children, to seek refuge abroad, making them vulnerable to separation and going missing. Children are especially vulnerable during times of conflict, enduring unimaginable fear and facing the risk of physical and psychological harm. In 2022, much of our advocacy on migration focused on the importance of registration, and access to protection, care and guardianship for these vulnerable children.

Missing Children Europe is a focal point for the Initiative for Children in Migration, an informal collaboration of over 100 NGOs engaged in advocacy on EU law and policy impacting children in migration. In 2022, Missing Children Europe has been closely monitoring the status of the New Pact for Migration and Asylum, with a particular focus on the revision of the Anti-trafficking Directive, the Voluntary Solidarity Mechanism, the relocation of unaccompanied migrant children, and the EURODAC Regulation updates.



Support young newcomers through the Miniila app

The [Miniila app](#) aims to give young newcomers access to child friendly and up to date information on their rights and provides support wherever they are in Europe. Miniila is tailored to meet the needs of unaccompanied children and youth on the move, with a focus on facilitating access to understandable information and over 1000 services, such as where to find shelter, food banks, and health services. In 2022 we translated the app to Ukrainian and Russian, among others and it now covers ten languages, also including English, Urdu, Farsi, Pashto, Bengali, French, Arabic and Tigrinya. Miniila is available in ten countries: Belgium, Bulgaria, Croatia*, France, Germany, Greece, Italy, Slovenia*, Sweden and the UK.

Do you work for an organisation that provides support to young newcomers in Europe? If so, add your support services to the Miniila app to help children in migration find their way to safety. More information via [Miniila.com](#).



Children who run away

Each year, an estimated 250,000 children are reported missing in Europe, and more than half of them are children who “run away” due to adverse childhood experiences like abuse, neglect, and violence. Once on the streets, these children face various risks to their safety and well-being, such as substance abuse, and exposure or involvement in criminality, and violence. However, such disappearances are often seen as behavioural problems or attention-seeking, leading to underreporting and inadequate responses by child protection systems.

RADAR



The RADAR project, which began in March 2020, was the first European effort to attempt to make significant advances in the understanding of running away. In January, we launched [Understanding and Responding to Children who Run Away from Home and Institutions](#), a four-week course which aims to dispel common misconceptions about running away and show that it is not a “problem behaviour,” but rather an indication that something is wrong. To date, over 800 learners have joined the course across 20 European Member States. 97% of learners

stated it gave them an improved understanding of why children run away.

The impact of the [RADAR project](#), which concluded in October 2022, can be observed across all five partner countries, which contributed to the capacity building and training of 342 frontline workers as well as improved awareness of the issue of running away with over 500,000 campaign impressions. Missing Children Europe hosted the Under the Radar conference in November 2022 in Brussels to build on the project’s accomplishments and to continue pushing our work to strengthen protection for children who run away. The conference aimed to highlight the relationship between running away and childhood hardship, as well as to reflect on how running away is a cross-cutting child protection issue.



Missing Teenage couple is found in Rome

In May 2022 Polish member ITAKA Foundation received a report about a missing teenage couple. This was not the first time Anna, 14 and Tomek, 16 had gone missing together. It was likely that, this time, the pair had gone to Rome.

With permission of the parents and law enforcement, ITAKA Foundation issued a publicity appeal in Poland and reached out to Missing Children Europe so it could also be published in Italy. During the search, the organisation cooperated closely with Italian member Telefono Azzurro as well as the police.

The fact that cost of the journey from Poland to Rome had cost around 12,000 PLN, while neither Anna nor Tomek had access to that amount of money, was an issue of great concern. The fare had been paid in cash in advance, and while in Italy, the teenagers used an unknown person’s phone to arrange rides.

Despite these concerns, after two weeks of searching, the missing couple were found in Rome and returned safely to their parents.

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Online Child Sexual Abuse

In 2022, the issue of child sexual abuse material (CSAM) and grooming reached unprecedented levels. The NCMEC CyberTipline, a U.S.-based reporting hotline, received an astounding number of reports (32,059,029), while the IWF’s reporting tool saw a 35% increase from the previous year. Up to 70% of these investigations revealed evidence of child sexual abuse, with the majority of the reports tracing back to European hosting services.

Missing Children Europe’s member hotlines had already taken note of this concerning trend reporting an increase in the number of missing cases linked to tech-facilitated child sexual abuse. In February 2022 MCE therefore submitted a proposal to the EU Internal Security Fund. The CESAGRAM project aims to develop a Comprehensive European Strategy against Grooming and Missing Children. In late 2022, this was approved and we began work on the 24-month project in January 2023. Missing Children Europe actively advocates for the implementation of the EU legislation to combat child sexual abuse and exploitation. We sit on the steering group of ECLAG, together with Brave Movement, ECPAT International, IWF, Terre des Hommes, and Thorn.

Through our work with ECLAG, Missing Children Europe has published three open letters in 2022, garnering the support of more than 70 child rights organisations.

TikTok Used to Groom Underage Afghan Boys into Trafficking Networks in Belgium

Just as Missing Children Europe was preparing to launch its CESAGRAM project researching tech facilitated grooming and its connection to missing children, The Brussels Times published, in September 2022, a disturbing case of grooming and human trafficking involving underage Afghan boys

in Belgium.

The article detailed that underage boys, ranging from 13 to 18 years old, had been subjected to forced prostitution after being groomed on TikTok. The human trafficking network used TikTok to entice victims and facilitate communication with key individuals. The case involved dozens to hundreds of victims, and five Afghan men had been arrested on suspicion of human trafficking.

The use of social media platforms to organise and facilitate grooming is particularly alarming, as minors are vulnerable to being targeted on these platforms. Human traffickers also use online platforms to select boys as young as 12 and 13 –years old based on physical characteristics, and they use these platforms to communicate with people across different countries.

The CESAGRAM project by Missing Children Europe is instrumental in understanding and addressing grooming, including its facilitation through technology, its link to child sexual abuse and missing cases, and ensuring comprehensive support for victims before, during, and after disappearances.

Source: The Brussels Times

“Given that the unaccompanied are vulnerable to different types of exploitation, it is important to include a category in the Miniila App on exploitation. By providing information on different kinds of abuses and exploitations, the app can help raise awareness among children about the risks they may face. Many children may not be fully aware of these dangers, and having this information readily available can empower them to make informed decisions and protect themselves. The inclusion of such a category can also help prevent instances of exploitation. By educating children about the tactics used by predators, warning signs to look out for, and potential risks, they can be better equipped to recognize and avoid dangerous situations.”

- Ahmad Wali Ahmad Yar, Secretary General of NADOE (Network of Afghan Diaspora Organizations in Europe).

NADOE is Miniila’s co-coordinator in Belgium.

European 116000 Hotlines

Missing Children Europe actively supports the improvement and coordination of the European network of hotlines for missing children and their families available through the 116 000 number.

On February 15th we celebrated and raised awareness of achievements of 15 years of the 116000 hotlines. The first of the 116 European helplines to have been implemented, thanks to strong advocacy by Missing Children Europe, the 32 organisations running these hotlines have answered more than 2M calls and dealt



with more than 70000 cases during this time.

From the moment missing children cases started coming in after the Russian armed invasion of Ukraine in February of 2022, Missing Children Europe started documenting incoming case reports of missing Ukrainian children in the CRM case management database, in order to facilitate information exchange among border nations, and set up the Ukraine helpdesk, first with a volunteer and after having secured new funding with a native Ukrainian helpdesk officer. (see below).



#ProtectChildrenFromUkraine was a part of the International Missing Children's Day campaign in 2022.

Ukraine Helpdesk

Following Russia's full-scale invasion in February 2022 more than 4 million people, mainly women and children, sought refuge in the European Union. As a result of the chaotic circumstances during those first weeks, the number of Ukrainian children reported missing in the European Union quickly increased.

In response to the crisis, Missing Children Europe established a direct channel of communication for our Ukrainian hotline member NGO Magnolia and the hotlines in the neighbouring countries and initiated weekly hotline coordination meetings. We launched a dedicated website, <http://www.missingchildreukraine.eu> with information in Ukrainian and Russian on reporting a missing child, links to available services in the different neighbouring countries, and - posters of missing children from Ukraine suspected to be on EU territory. At the request of NGO Magnolia, Missing Children Europe developed a standardized online reporting form for Ukrainian parents available in English, Ukrainian, and Russian, allowing for efficient case registration and necessary information to ensure follow-up.

In April 2022, Missing Children Europe recruited a Ukraine Helpdesk Officer fluent in Ukrainian and Russian to support coordination of cross border missing children cases from Ukraine, provide translations, raise awareness of the issues of missing children from Ukraine, and advocate for the rights of children from Ukraine (at risk of) going missing.

Throughout 2022, Missing Children Europe led 40 weekly coordination calls, and – in cooperation with the 116000

hotlines network - dealt with 52 cross border cases of missing children from Ukraine with a cross-border dimension.

We focused our advocacy efforts on two key issues regarding missing children from Ukraine: the issue of registration and follow up by child protective services of all Ukrainian children in the European Union and the issue of the more than 19.000 children suspected to have been deported to Russia in violation of International Humanitarian Law. In 2023, Missing Children Europe will continue to advocate for decisionmakers across the globe to put pressure on the Russian government to return children to Ukraine.



Missing Children Europe together with NGO Magnolia, attends meetings at the Ukraine Civil Society Hub to discuss issues faced by children from Ukraine.

15-year-old Ivan flees war

Ivan, a 15-year-old Ukrainian boy, was reported missing by his mother on March 14th, suspecting he had left the country on his own. The police and NGO Magnolia were notified, and Missing Children Europe was given permission to share the case internationally. Missing Children Europe notified the neighbouring 116000 hotlines to publish the appeal and asked them to check national border registrations.

On March 18th, the Romanian hotline reported that Ivan had entered Romania from Moldova. Moldovan NGOs subsequently discovered that he had entered Moldova by car with two Ukrainian girls aged 16 and two German adults, with a power of attorney allowing him to cross the border without his parents at age 15. This, Ivan's mother knew to be false as she had never signed one.

The trail seemed to go cold after Ivan entered Romania, as no border registration was found upon entering the Schengen Zone. Ukrainians can travel freely within the Schengen Zone under the temporary protection directive and are not registered until they apply for protection.

The Ukrainian police managed to get in touch with the family of the two girls. The girls had informed their parents they were being taken to foster families in Germany by volunteers of a well-known international NGO. However, that NGO do not operate foster programmes. In light of all these worrying signs: the number of border crossings in a short period of time, the forged power of attorney and the story of the volunteers not adding up, Missing Children Europe contacted the German anti-trafficking network, KOK who put us in touch with the German police. They questioned the driver of the vehicle and could confirm that the volunteers were genuine but from a local, less well known NGO.

Ivan was reassigned a children's home and had been appointed a German guardian. He eventually agreed to speaking to his parents on the phone. He told his mom he had forged the power of attorney when his friends, the two girls, had asked him to flee the war with them, fearing for their lives.

*The young person's name has been changed for protective purposes

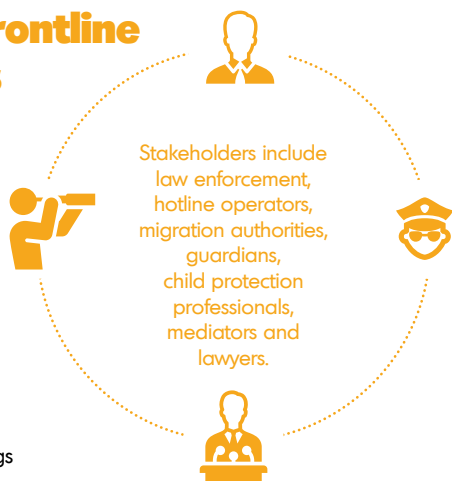
Our impact 2022

Missing Children Europe has had a significant impact on preventing and supporting missing children in 2022. From enhancing the quality of services that aid children and families to providing valuable recommendations to policy leaders, the organisation has made a remarkable contribution to this cause.

Supporting frontline professionals

Over **1,241** professionals benefited from our training across

- 1 free online course
- 6 webinars
- 3 online academic trainings
- 1 live seminar
- 2 hybrid conferences



Advocating for child-centred policy



The European Parliament **Resolution on EU Protection of Children and Young People Fleeing Ukraine's War** urges Member States to strengthen the European 116000 hotline for missing children and their cooperation in identifying and finding missing children.

We advocated children's rights in relevant EU policy initiatives, such as the regulation laying down rules to prevent and combat child sexual abuse and the directive on preventing, combatting, and protecting victims of human trafficking.

The European Parliament recognized MCE's efforts in protecting children (at risk of) going missing and called for comprehensive data reporting and policy initiatives in its discussion of the Commission's statement on establishing a comprehensive framework for missing children and missing persons at risk.

Raising awareness and challenging narratives

f 5,463 Facebook followers

6,450 Twitter followers

in 4,345 LinkedIn followers

1.5M people reached through Missing Children Europe's social media channels in 2022.

In February, our **15th Anniversary of the European Hotlines** campaign reached over **67K social media impressions**

286K people reached by IMCD campaign on the 116000 hotlines and **Ukraine.raising awareness to the conflict in Ukraine and the impact on children seeking refuge (at risk of) going missing and 116000 hotlines.**

240K social media impressions during our **Mediation Week campaign**

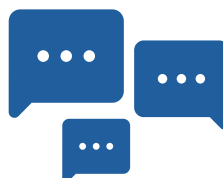
Supporting child participation

2 young ambassadors supported to participate in the **EU High Level Ministerial Conference on the European Child Guarantee in Paris**. Parwana co-moderated the Sub-session 2: "Fighting social exclusion, particularly through school," with Adrien Taquet France, Secretary of State for Children and Families.

7 young people with **experience of going missing** took part in our **RADAR** conference in Brussels

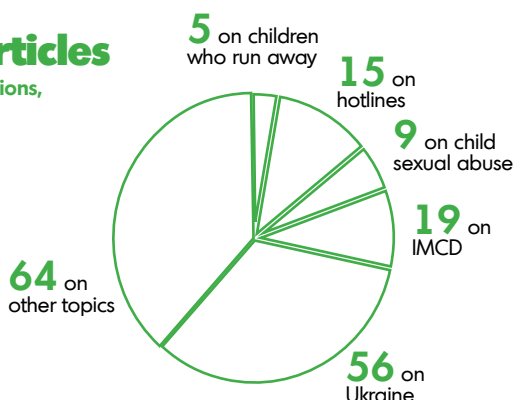
6 young people from **MCE's youth board** invited to join EU forum and to participate in comms strategy review

5 young people of **Missing Children Europe's youth board based in Greece, Italy and Germany** were actively involved in the design and writing of **Missing Voices** proposal for EU funding call for proposals.



Press Articles

149 press mentions, including:



Using scientific data to define priorities

In 2022 we:

Collected data from **21 hotlines** and **7 cross-border mediators** on **71K cases of missing children** across Europe.



Secured funding for 2 new research projects: on online grooming, and on improving the data on missing children.



Behind the scenes as of May 2023

Team members

Aagje Ieven, Secretary General
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Alyona Samar, Project Officer for Ukraine and Cross Border Cases
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Angela Demeter, Membership, Administration & Events Officer
Caitlin Reder, Junior Executive Officer
Kate Murphy, Policy Assistant (until April 2023)
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Tamar Vital-Jolibois, Communications Assistant (from May 2023)
Frédérique Badin, Supporting Committee Coordinator (volunteer)

Patron's Council

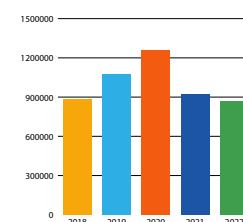
Her Majesty The Queen of the Belgians Honorary President (from Jan 2023)
Sir Francis Jacobs, former President of Missing Children Europe
Maud de Boer Buquicchio, former President of Missing Children Europe
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László Andor, former EU Commissioner for Employment, Social Affairs and Inclusion
Sir Rob Wainwright, former Executive Director of Europol

Board members

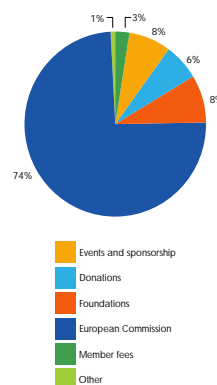
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Our finances

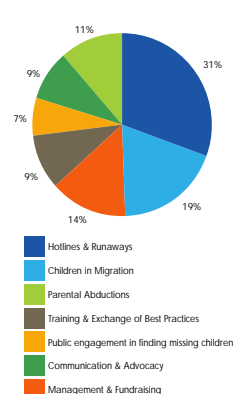
Turnover (EUR)



Income sources 2022



Expenditure 2022



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