

Dear Sir or Madam,

State Secretary **Jan Pörksen**, Ministry for Labour, Social and Family Affairs and Integration of the Free and Hanseatic City of Hamburg, and **Hanse Office** have the pleasure to invite you to the following lunch reception and expert debate



Minors on the Move

– Reception, Protection and Integration of Minor Migrants in the EU –

16th February 2017, 12h30 – 18h00,

at the Hanse-Office, Avenue Palmerston 20, 1000 Brussels.



In 2015 and 2016 about 25 % of all asylum seekers in the EU were children. Almost one third of all overseas arrivals to the EU in 2016 were minor migrants. In view of these figures there is a pressing need that all actors involved at different levels grant them the reception, protection and integration they are entitled to. Taking the status quo as starting point, this event aims at identifying existing gaps, illustrating good practices and developing solutions to improve the situation for minor migrants into the EU, be they accompanied or unaccompanied.

The event will start with an overview of the international and EU legal standards Member States have to comply with when it comes to the reception, protection and integration of minor migrants. A presentation that illustrates the situation of minor migrants in Greece and Italy will follow. A further session will be dedicated to showcasing good practices of three major cities – Hamburg, Wien and Gothenburg – by providing services for minor migrants, including shelter, coordination of education, guardianship and counselling. Following this presentation, a representative of the Commission will be invited to tell the audience what the EU is doing to support Member States in their efforts. In the final session participants will discuss what various actors at different levels should do to improve the conditions for minor migrants with regard to their reception, protection and integration. Each part of the event will be followed by a question and answer session to enable maximum audience participation.

We would be delighted if you could attend the event. Please confirm your participation by replying to events@hanse-office.de by 10 February 2017 at the latest.

For further details, please refer to the programme attached.

The event will be held in English.