

# 7 STANDARDS OF GUARDIANSHIP

## Key principles

guiding the provision of guardianship for unaccompanied and separated children in the EU.

### 1. NON-DISCRIMINATION

Children benefit from equal guardianship services within the state's territory, irrespective of the place of residence, their age or their immigration status



### 2. RESPONSIBILITY & ACCOUNTABILITY

Children can depend on guardianship systems which have a clear basis, a responsible authority and monitoring and accountability mechanisms in place

### 3. INDEPENDENCE & IMPARTIALITY

Children can depend on their guardian being independent and impartial when taking decisions in their best interest



### 4. CHILD-CENTRED APPROACH

Children's rights are respected, protected and fulfilled



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## 5. CHILD PARTICIPATION

The child's right to be heard is respected, by informing them in a manner they understand about the scope of guardianship arrangements and available services and support, by enabling them to speak out, complain and influence, and by giving due weight to their viewpoint



## 6. QUALITY

Children are supported and assisted by qualified, continuously trained and well supported guardians who have sufficient time to respond effectively to their needs.

## 7. COLLABORATION AND SUSTAINABILITY

Children can depend on guardianship systems being an integral part of the national child protection system, being allocated sufficient human and financial resources, being effectively monitored and acting as a link between the child and other agencies or individuals who are responsible for taking action in their regard.



## ORIGIN OF THE STANDARDS

Rooted in provisions of the EU Charter of Fundamental Rights and the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child.

Key sources

- European Commission -
- Fundamental Rights Agency Handbook on guardianship for children deprived of parental care -
- EU funded project ProGuard -



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