


# Dublin procedure as a minor:

## do you know about family reunification?



You have expressed the need for protection in **Slovenia** and you applied for asylum

You told us that you are less than 18, so you are considered as a **minor**

Read this leaflet to know how you may be **reunited with your family** in Europe

You arrived **without your parents** or you have **separated** from them



**First of all, an adult, called 'guardian', will support you in the procedures:**

- Helping you with your asylum application;
- Being present when talking to the authorities.

You can always express your needs and feelings and share any problem or fear with him/her.



**If there is something you do not understand or is not clear to you, ask your guardian, the authorities or the reception staff to help you.**

### What is the Dublin procedure?

You asked for asylum in Slovenia but another EU+ country might be responsible for examining your application. To determine the responsible country, we use a procedure called **Dublin procedure**. The 31 EU+ countries where it is applied are the **Dublin countries**. During the Dublin procedure:



**Don't trust people telling you that leaving Slovenia is the best thing to do.**

**Trying to go to another country on your own or with the help of smugglers is dangerous, please let the authorities here help you instead.**



**Tell your guardian or the authorities immediately if someone wants you to run away from Slovenia or to go away with them.**

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To determine the responsible country, please tell us as soon as possible if **you have family members in another country in Europe**. You may be **reunited** with them.



We will **always act in your best interests** and we will not send you to a country where your human rights could be violated.

What does it mean that you **act in my best interests**?

- If possible, we will **try to reunite** you with your family in the same country;
- we will make sure that you will be **safe and secure**;
- we will make sure that you have **food and shelter**;
- we will **consider your opinion**: tell us if you want to stay with a relative or not.



It is possible that you will be **interviewed** by us. During the interview:



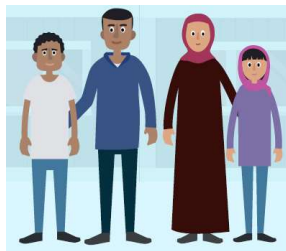
Give us all the **information** you have - names, addresses, phone numbers - about your parents, siblings or relatives in another Dublin country; it will **help us find them**.

It is very important that you **tell us** about any **other European countries that you have been to**.

Your **guardian and an interpreter** will be with you during the interview.

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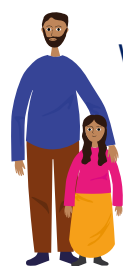
## How the family reunification works?



If we have enough information about your **father, mother (or other responsible adult), aunt or uncle, grandfather or grandmother and siblings** - legally present in another European country - we will look for them.

If we find them, we will try to **bring you together** in the country where they live. That country will then examine your asylum application.

If you are **alone and have no other family or relative in another European country**, it is very likely that your application will be examined in Slovenia and you will stay here.



We may ask another country to take charge of you and your asylum application **on humanitarian grounds based on family or cultural considerations**. For example, we may consider the possibility of reuniting you with relatives who are not listed above (such as cousins) with whom you may have special family or emotional ties.

## Which are your rights during the Dublin procedure?

