

do you know about family reunification?

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



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

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

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.



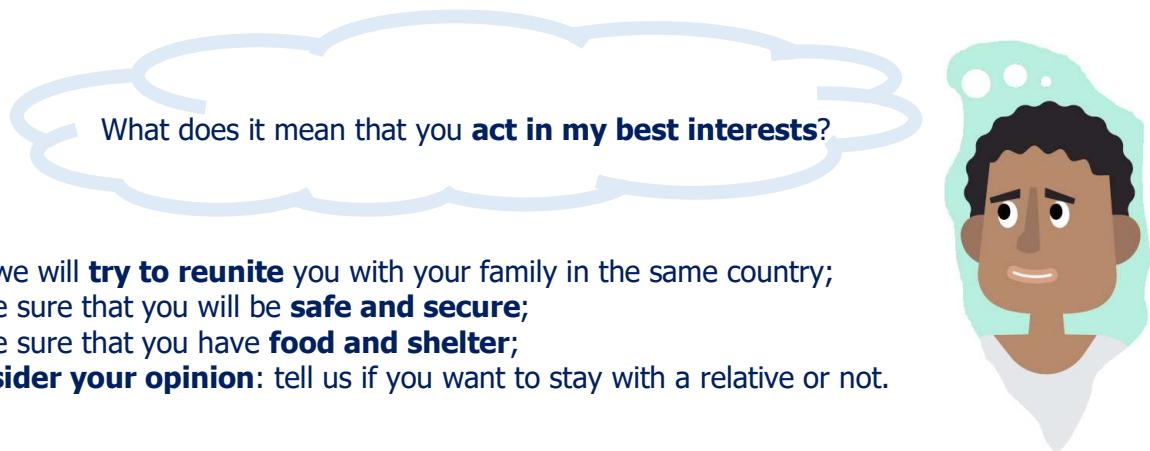
Tell your guardian or the authorities immediately if someone wants you to run away from Slovenia or to go away with them.

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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.



- 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?

