

## VIGILA ET PROTEGE

### To search and protect unaccompanied minors through the S.I.S. II 'fight against invisibility'

#### **Objectives:**

- \* To fight against the phenomenon of “invisible minors”, which are unaccompanied minors who escape from custodial/educational centres without repatriation requests, by improving SIS (Schengen Information System)
- \* To identify international good practices to contrast with the phenomenon of missing minors

#### **Activities:**

- \* 13 International study visits among police advisors from Schengen countries and staff of custodial centres
- \* 10 National workshops for police advisors to discuss about the phenomenon of missing unaccompanied minors
- \* International workshop to analyze the results of the study visits
- \* International workshop to share International good practices for fighting against the phenomenon of unaccompanied missing minors
- \* 2 International conferences to share the results of the workshops and to present the Italian approach to the phenomenon of missing minors

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#### **Results:**

- \* Handbook: [To search and protect unaccompanied minors – fight against invisibility](#): common procedures to enhance unaccompanied missing minors searches through the use of SIS II; Good Practices and lists of recommendations to carry out appropriate measures to strengthen international cooperation on sensitive issues, such as protection and repatriation of missing unaccompanied minors [en|it]
- \* Realization of IT solutions to improve the unaccompanied missing minors alert system

#### **Partners:**

- \* Coordinator: Central Criminal Police Directorate (Italy)
- \* International Police Cooperation DEPT Latvia (Latvia)
- \* International Relation Unit of Malta (Malta)
- \* International operational cooperation directorate of Bulgaria (Bulgaria)
- \* Secretary general of the international security system (Portugal)
- \* OSCE organization for security and cooperation in Europe (Austria)

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