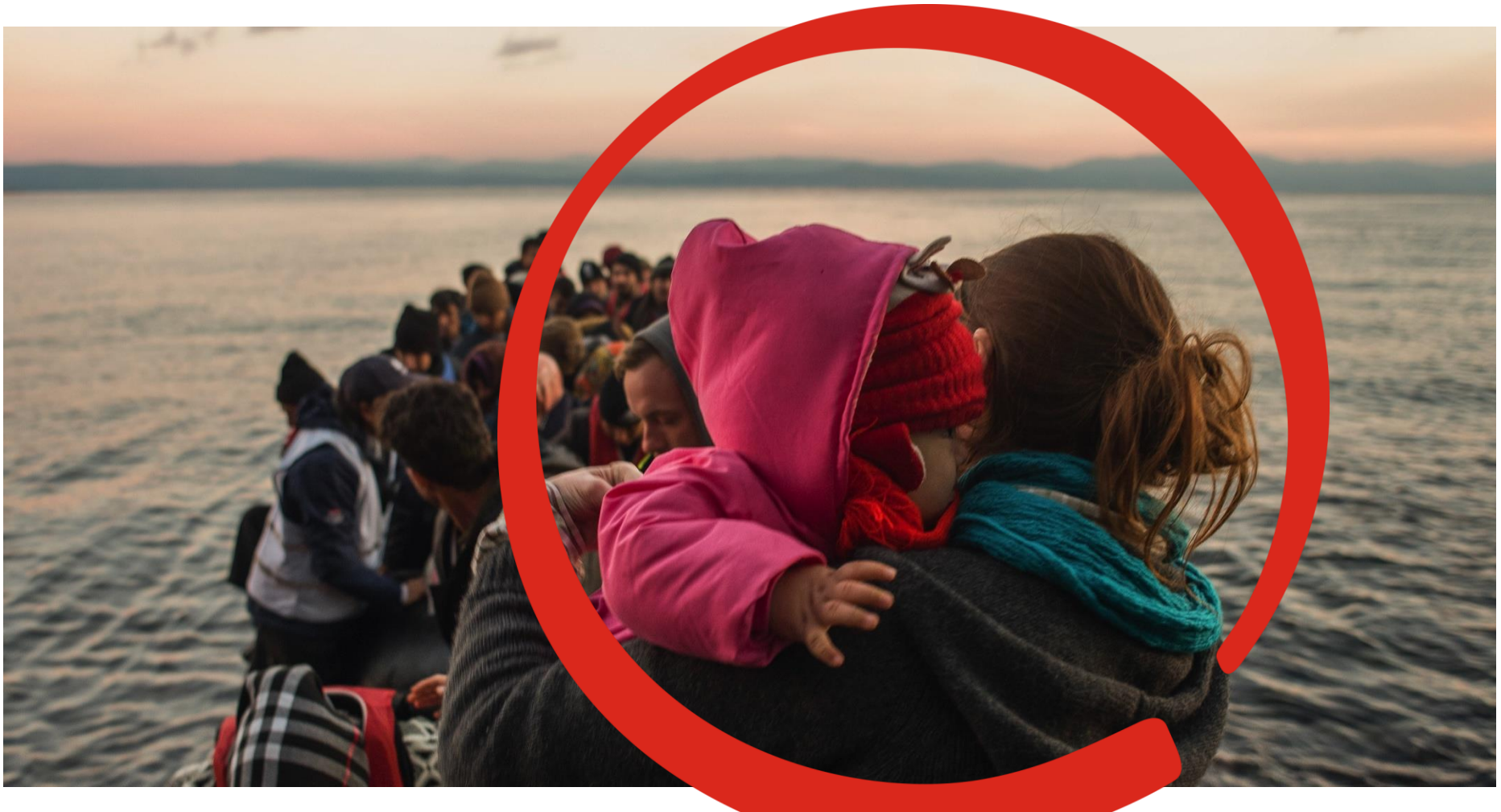


Dublin III



Key stats



- **About 1 in 3 asylum-seekers arriving to Europe is a child (UNICEF)**
- **Between 2015 and 2019 about 225,000 asylum-seeking unaccompanied children arrived to the EU (Eurostat)**
- **30,000 migrant children reported missing between 2014-2017 (EMN)**

Why do children go missing?

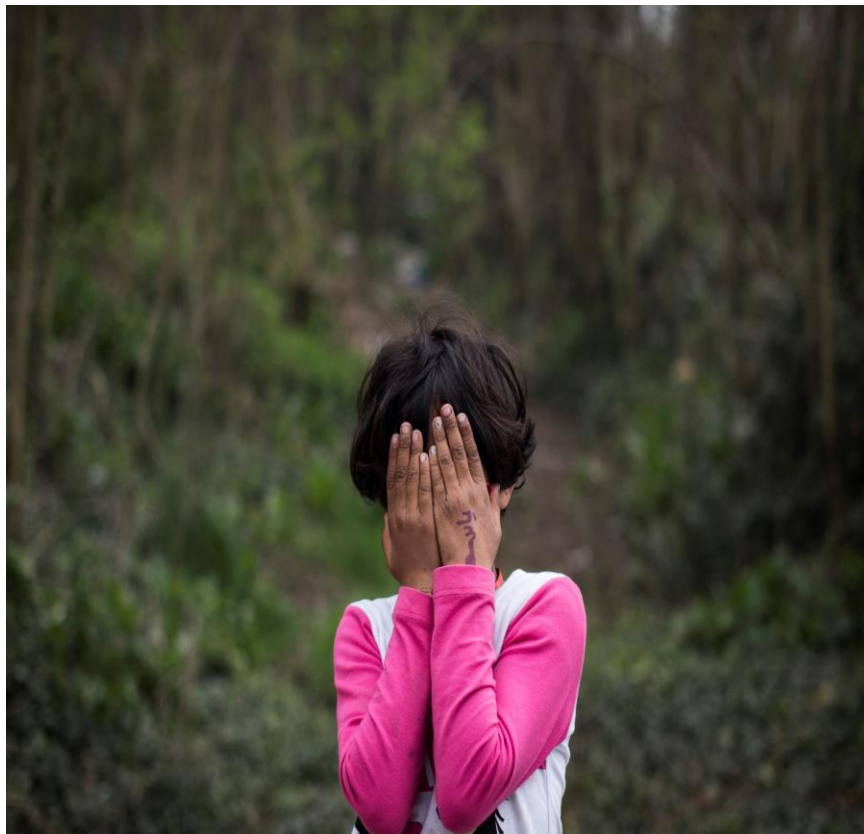


- **identification of children upon arrival**
- **Insufficient legal information and support**
- **Lack of guardian/representative**
- **Inadequate family reunification procedures/ lack of relocation schemes**
- **Inadequate reception and insufficient access to rights (education, training, health, etc.)**

Measures in Dublin III to protect children

- **Art.4.3 (right to information)** specific leaflet for minors
 - **Art.6: guarantees for minors**
 - Best interests
 - Representative
 - Asylum application where they are present (MA judgment)
 - Staff trained on needs of minors
 - **Art.8: specific criteria for minors**
 - Family
 - Best interests
 - Where they are legally present
- **Overall: strong focus on protection and keeping families together**

Recommendations



- Protection systems within the EU need to be strengthened (AMIF accountability)
- Train border guards on child protection/child safeguarding (EBCG)
- Child-friendly information and building trust
- Immediate access to guardian/representative (Dublin/RCD/APR)
- Remove obstacles to family reunification (+relocation)