Mentorship Project
• Acknowledging the need to support unaccompanied children through various stages of their journey in Greece, from reception to adulthood, the Special Secretariat for the Protection of unaccompanied minors created the “Mentoship” project.

• The project is implemented for the first time in Greece by the Ministry of Migration and Asylum. It is led by four former unaccompanied children, who reside in Greece and faced similar difficulties and challenges in the past.

• The mentors act as role models for unaccompanied children by providing individualized guidance in every step of their journey; including reception, accommodation, education, ensuring children’s smooth transition to adulthood as well as their integration into the labour market.
What is the mentor’s role?

- Provide guidance
- Motivate
- Support
- Role modelling
Project’s goal

**Conduct**
- field visits to SIL apartments and accommodation facilities

**Identify**
- children’s needs and concerns

**Provide**
- support to children and raise awareness on current projects
- hands on experience and feedback for policy making

**Create**
- child-friendly material

**Encourage**
- children to require more information on current projects by contacting the mentors
Mentors’ core values

• Develop mutual trust and respect
• Listen both to what is being said and how it is being said
• Help the mentee solve his or her own problem, rather than give direction
• Respect the work done by other professionals
Project’s pilot phase

1. Conduct field visits
2. Support children’s transition to adulthood
3. Inform children on SIL project
4. Support children, who reside in SIL
Thank you!