



## The research team

HanSEL project is conducted by a multidisciplinary team composed six Italian and French researchers working in sociology of law and legal psychology disciplines.

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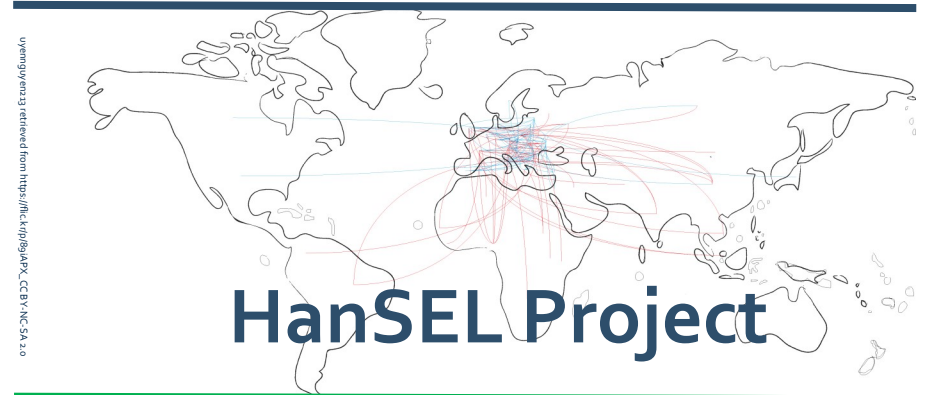
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## Aims and Purposes of the project

### General Informations

**HanSEL** project is a cross-country study between Italy and France focuses on the interviews conducted by social workers in child welfare agencies and in NGOs with alleged and/or identified young victims of Human Trafficking.

The main aims of the project are to

- Boost the understanding of the specificities of the interviews made with young trafficked victims;
- Underline the best practices in the process of identification of trafficked victims, and this, in the two countries;
- Formulate specific and concrete interview recommendations for social workers in the Human Trafficking arena – recommendations that will integrate the major difficulties encountered by the social workers and the young victims nowadays, as well as the national institutional context.

Intertwining the disciplines of legal psychology and sociology of law, the process of victims identification will be studied in two European key countries of transit (Italy) and of destination (France) of migrants.

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## Young victims of Human Trafficking



### What is Human Trafficking?

Human trafficking is defined as the “recruitment, transportation, transfer, harbouring or receipt of persons, by means of the threat or use of force or other forms of coercion” for the purpose of exploitation.

It is a crime affecting the citizens of all regions and countries of the world (United Nations, 2014).

### Why do we concentrate our efforts on young trafficked victims?

The foreign children and adolescents who arrive in Europe legally or illegally are at high risk of exploitation under human trafficking situations (United Nations Report A/71/1384, 2016).

The exploitation of young migrants under criminal activities is most evident in the Euro-Mediterranean area where the European Union and its member states should give the answer about the process of multicultural integration based on human rights and on citizenship paths in a post-national perspective.

Recently, the Council of Europe raised thus the necessity to reinforce the process of identifying and assisting child victims of trafficking in full compliance with the best interests of the child (cf. recommendations CP (2017)28).