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1.4 Best-interests processes

When asylum authorities are the first to be in contact with the individual child, or they are in charge of many different procedural/legal pathways, they could be called upon to initiate the BIC processes. In those cases, and especially where they embed BIC-related questions and procedural guarantees in the personal interview, they should involve all relevant actors and not deprive the child of opportunities to be heard on the issue of their BIC separately.

Examples of practice

In FI and SE, the determining authorities combine competencies in the fields of asylum, immigration, THB and reception and thus conduct BIA and at times BID including outside the scope of the international protection procedures.

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