

Italy: Invisible

Campaign for the rights of migrant minors in detention centres in Italy.

Each year hundreds of minors arrive in Italy after crossing the Mediterranean in small, insecure boats together with thousands of adults. They are unaccompanied minors or children travelling with their parents to escape violence or poverty.

In direct contradiction of human rights laws and standards which allow detention of minors only in exceptional cases, Italy routinely holds minors in detention centres for migrants. Italian laws neglect them, and their numbers are not counted in official statistics. They are "invisible", and yet they exist.

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