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The Commission closely monitors Member States' implementation of the EU asylum and child protection rules, including to guarantee adequate reception conditions for unaccompanied minors. Under Directive 2013/33/EU¹, and in line with the EU Charter of Fundamental Rights², the best interests of the child must be a primary consideration for Member States when implementing asylum rules, including on reception.

The implementation of the obligations under Directive 2013/33/EU, such as the location of reception centres, operating such centres and relocating unaccompanied minors within the territory of a Member State, is the responsibility of Member States' competent authorities. While the Commission provides financial support through the Asylum Migration and Integration Fund and facilitates and promotes coordination and cooperation among all levels of government, it cannot intervene in national operational decisions.

¹ <https://eur-lex.europa.eu/eli/dir/2013/33/oj/eng>.

² https://eur-lex.europa.eu/eli/treaty/char_2012/oj/eng.