

I AM  
UNDER 18  
AND I'M  
SEEKING  
ASYLUM  
IN  
GREECE



English

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You are in Greece, you are in Europe.

Are you under 18 years old?  
In Greece you are a minor  
until you turn 18.  
Your age is very important!  
Children and teenagers are protected  
and treated differently than adults.  
Please tell the truth about your age.





If you apply for asylum in Greece, it means that you ask the Greek State to protect you because you're afraid of having serious problems if you return to your home country.

If you apply for asylum in Greece, you will not be returned to your country, or any other country, while your application for asylum is considered.



You have the right to speak  
and to be heard  
You have the right to have  
a guardian appointed  
to help you

You have the right  
to medical care  
You have the right  
to go to school

If you are a minor  
and you want Greece  
to protect you  
and to not return you  
to your country

If you are staying in Greece  
without your parent(s)

If your parents are  
in another European member state

You can apply for asylum  
at the Asylum Service





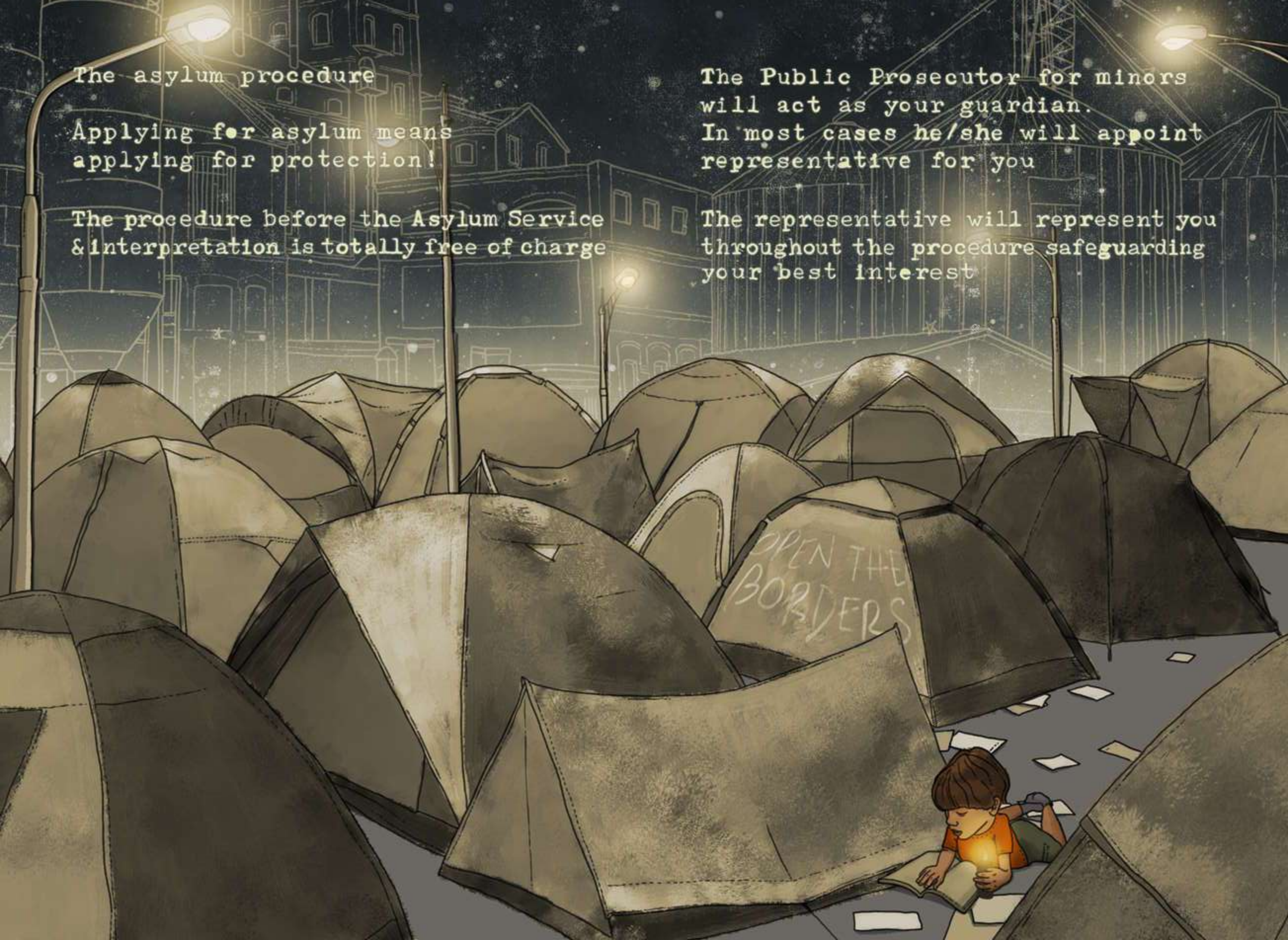
The asylum procedure

Applying for asylum means  
applying for protection!


The procedure before the Asylum Service  
& interpretation is totally free of charge

The Public Prosecutor for minors  
will act as your guardian.  
In most cases he/she will appoint  
representative for you

The representative will represent you  
throughout the procedure safeguarding  
your best interest







The first step: Registration

The Asylum Service officer will ask you for your personal data, your identity and nationality and the reasons you cannot or do not want to return to your country. If you are over 15, the staff at the Asylum Service will take your fingerprints. If you are under 15, your representative will accompany you and represent you.

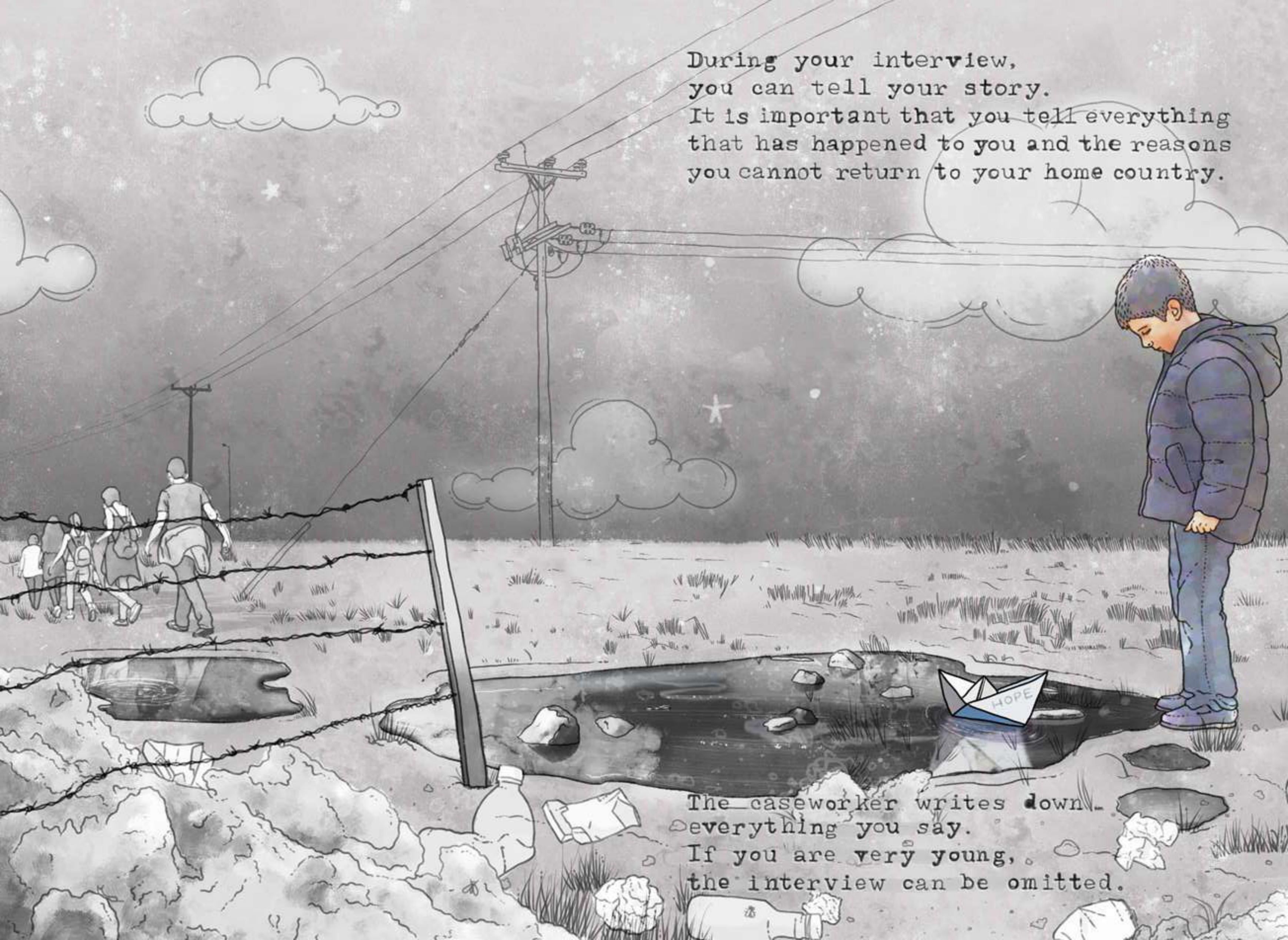


The second step: Interview

After some time you will be notified to come to the Asylum Service to have the asylum interview. It is very important that you do not miss your interview!







During your interview,  
you can tell your story.  
It is important that you tell everything  
that has happened to you and the reasons  
you cannot return to your home country.

The caseworker writes down  
everything you say.  
If you are very young,  
the interview can be omitted.



The third step:  
Issuance of the decision

After your interview,  
you have to be patient.

It will take some time to get  
the decision regarding your claim  
For many children and teenagers  
it is very hard to wait.  
We will do our best to help you.

Use the time to learn something new,  
go to school!





You can speak in your language.  
Interpreters will be with you  
during the asylum procedure.  
Interpreters speak both Greek  
and the language you speak.  
They interpret what you say into Greek  
and they do not share anything you say  
with others.

If you do not understand  
the interpreter,  
please, say so immediately.

An illustration of a man from behind, wearing a dark jacket with text on the back. He is standing in a large tent-like structure with a metal frame. In the background, several other people are visible, some standing and some sitting on benches. A young girl is sitting on a bench in the foreground, holding a pink piggy bank. The scene is set in a simple, functional environment, likely a temporary shelter or processing center.

ΔΙΕΡΜΗΝΕΑΣ  
INTERPRETER  
PËRKTHYES  
مترجم / ترجمان  
TERCÜMAN



If you are recognized as a refugee or a beneficiary of subsidiary protection you are granted a residence permit for 3 years and travel documents, in order to travel abroad (in EU Member States you can only stay for 3 months every 6 months)

### Appeals Authority

If your application for asylum is rejected (or if you are granted subsidiary protection and you believe that you must be granted refugee status) you can appeal the decision before the Appeals Authority. They will take a final decision on your claim.

The Greek State is obliged to offer you the services of a lawyer in order to help you appeal this decision. It is your right. If the lawyer is not provided, ask. The appeal must be submitted within the time frames mentioned at the end of the negative decision.







If your claim is rejected by the Appeals Authority you can still (under conditions) appeal this decision before the courts.

If the appeal is rejected (or if you do not appeal the decision) you might (under conditions) be submitted to a return procedure to your home country.



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