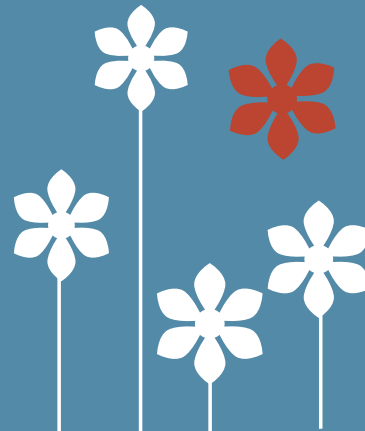
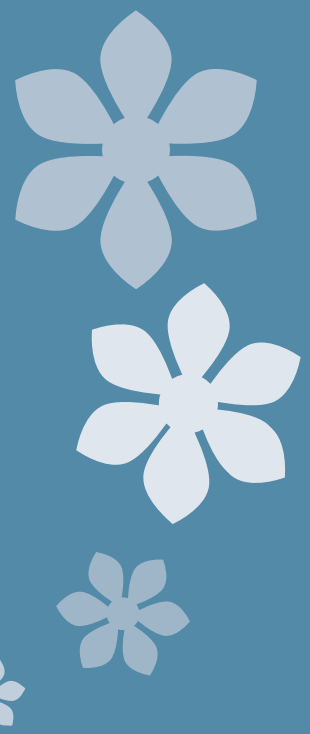


Convention on the Protection of Children against Sexual Exploitation and Sexual Abuse (Lanzarote Convention)

How to accede?



Sexual exploitation and sexual abuse are among the worst forms of violence against children. To protect them against these, the Council of Europe has adopted the most comprehensive legal instrument in this field, the Lanzarote Convention.

Since sexual violence against children is a global concern, any country across the globe may accede to the Convention.

The accession process at the Council of Europe level consists of **three steps**:

1. Request for accession in an official letter* addressed to the Secretary General
2. Consultation of the Parties to the Convention to obtain their unanimous consent
3. Decision on the request by the Committee of Ministers

It takes three steps to make a giant leap forward.

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