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More information on the awareness raising activities launched by the local NGOs

To raise awareness of the general public and secure commitment of Ukrainian authorities, professionals and civil society to prevent sexual abuse of children, prosecute perpetrators and protect children, the following activities are planned:

by NGO "La Strada-Ukraine" <http://la-strada.org.ua> :

- ▶ press event at the Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine for the policy makers and Parliament members on November 17, 2017;
- ▶ high level press conference at the Media Crises Center for wider range of journalist and general public;
- ▶ internet flash mob (Facebook social network <https://www.facebook.com/lastradaukraine/> - development, publication and wide electronic distribution of 18 different post cards on the European Day thematic coverage);
- ▶ flash mob in printed media (interviews with national key experts on the children's rights issues to be drafted and disseminated among the pool of media contacts for further printing, 2nd-3rd weeks of November 2017).

by All Ukrainian NGO "Magnolia" <http://magnolia.org.ua/uk> :

- ▶ broadcasting lively TV programme "Without Taboo" on "ChP.INFO" (ЧП.INFO) TV channel, inviting the main Council of Europe Project experts/stakeholders to talk about the Lanzarote Convention and other relevant European standards and political issues;
- ▶ creation of an interactive video blog for encouraging further open discussion on the issues relating to the protection of child against sexual exploitation and sexual abuse; The video blog is to be placed the web and social networks, in particular on Magnolia-tv.com website, "Magnolia-TV" official channel in Youtube, as well as on "Magnolia-TV" and NGO "Magnolia" official pages in Facebook.

by All-Ukrainian Charity "Child Well-being Fund Ukraine" <http://childfund.org.ua> :

- ▶ webinar "Formation of skills of safe behaviour in children" for professionals that includes a question-and-answer sessions between the participants and invited experts to encourage professional discussion of the problem on sexual abuse against children and ways to overcome it. In total 414 persons registered themselves (93% - professionals). All relevant information and links to the webinar content and online broadcasting are available at:
 - Website of the information and resource center "Childhood without violence" <https://rescentre.org.ua/novyny/vebinar-navchymo-dytynu-zakhyshchatysia>;
 - Facebook webpage "Ukrainian Campaign 1in5" <https://www.facebook.com/rescentre/>; <https://www.facebook.com/%D0%9A%D0%B0%D0%BC%D0%BF%D0%B0%D0%BD%D1%96%D1%8F-%D0%9E%D0%B4%D0%B8%D0%BD-%D1%96%D0%B7-%D0%BF%D1%8F%D1%82%D0%B8-1592729837652554/?ref=bookmarks>;
 - All-Ukrainian Charity "Child Well-being Fund Ukraine" <https://www.facebook.com/CWBF.Ukraine/?ref=bookmarks>
- ▶ printing of "Kiko and the Hand" (children's book) and the leaflet for parents "Educate your child for the rules: Do not touch me here" in quantity of 1,000 copies each. The materials will be distributed through a number of state and non-governmental partner organisations, whose

For more information, please see:

<https://www.coe.int/en/web/human-rights-channel/end-online-child-sex-abuse>
www.coe.int/en/web/kyiv/combating-violence-against-women-and-children-in-ukraine



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representatives earlier participated in the activities of "Child Well-being Fund Ukraine" and/or the Council of Europe Project "Combating violence against women and children in Ukraine".

by NGO "Kyiv School of Equal Opportunities" www.gender-ua.org :

- ▶ organisation of training sessions with awareness raising elements for different groups of children (targeting around 800 children from 24 regions of Ukraine) at the Artek camp in Kyiv, Ukraine on the 17-18th of November 2017. Objective of the activity is to provide children with the relevant information about safe behaviour in the Internet, including:
 - for children of age 8-10 years (first target group) trainings with the elements of game titled "My safe Internet" will be held involving young tutors using "peer-to-peer" techniques;
 - for children of age 11-12 years (second target group) a quest (game at stations) with the performance of certain thematic tasks at each station accompanied by volunteers. The expected objective is to provide children with clear information about sexual trafficking, sexual exploitation, risks for children in the Internet and the Lanzarote Convention
 - for adolescents of 13-16 years (third target group) a thematic interactive program during which children will receive all necessary information about how to protect themselves from different forms of violence against children.

by Public Association "National Children's Council":

- ▶ three roundtable activities for children and young people at the care institutions (under the age of 18) to raise their awareness and knowledge on children's rights, types of violence and how to define it, as well as on services and protection mechanisms that are available. The activity is to be organised during the week of 13-17th of November 2017;
- ▶ focus group interviews with mentors on issues of detection and response to cases of sexual exploitation and sexual abuse of children in care institutions for children in order to collect information of the issue and raise their awareness amount different forms of violence against children, accountability for the crime, ways and methods to support children and services/hotlines available. The activity is to be organised during the week of 13-17th of November 2017.

by "Pervomaisk Youth Women's Information and Coordination Centre "Olvia"

<https://www.facebook.com/olviaolena>:

- ▶ a regional round table to exchange experiences and consolidate efforts undertaken by the local government departments and social work actors for the prevention of sexual abuse against preschoolers (target groups: police officers and authorities, deputies, local authorities and professionals responsible for education, health care, social services, and psychological aid) during the week of 13-16th of November 2017;.
- ▶ Broadcasting of the Council of Europe cartoons for children on the prevention from violence against children, namely "Kiko and the Hand" https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=t0O_yAmnMgY, at the regional, city, and district mass media;
- ▶ Organisation of flashmob "Stop violence against children" on Facebook and other social networks with the help and initiative from the NGO "Olvia" and supported by member organisations of the Women's Consortium of Ukraine in 12 regions;
- ▶ Banners on the European Day on the Protection of Children against Sexual Exploitation and Sexual Abuse are placed in the center of Pervomaisk and Mykolaiv (during the 13 – 24th of November 2017).

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More information on the European Day

What is the purpose of the European Day?

To prevent online and off-line child sexual exploitation and abuse, prosecute the perpetrators and protect the victims, the Council of Europe and its member States need to make sure that parents, educators, NGOs and decision-makers do not shy away from the problem, but bring it to light and discuss ways and take practical steps to solve it. The objectives are to:

- ▶ raise public awareness of sexual exploitation and sexual abuse of children, and the need to prevent such acts;
- ▶ facilitate open discussion on the protection of children against sexual exploitation and sexual abuse and help prevent and eliminate the stigmatisation of victims;
- ▶ promote effective implementation of the Lanzarote Convention – a unique legally-binding instrument that obliges states to criminalise all forms of sexual abuse of children and spells out the ways to fight it.

The European Day is organised in a flexible and decentralized manner while being guided by the Council of Europe. Council of Europe member States and civil society take ownership for marking the European Day and are free to decide on the initiatives they wish to take.

The Council of Europe has set up a dedicated web page containing:

- ▶ child-friendly awareness-raising material for parents, professionals and children;
- ▶ awareness-raising and other resources for local, regional and national authorities;
- ▶ a list of events organised at national level.

For more information about the European Day and the Council of Europe, please see:
www.coe.int/EndChildSexAbuseDay
<https://www.coe.int/en/web/human-rights-channel/end-online-child-sex-abuse>
www.coe.int/children
www.coe.int/en/web/kyiv/combating-violence-against-women-and-children-in-ukraine

More information on Ukraine and child sexual exploitation and abuse

- ▶ Sexual violence against children persists in all countries, regions and communities cutting across culture, class, education, income and ethnic origin. It can happen everywhere and is very often committed by people in close contact with children, such as members of the family or people that work in educational and social care institutions – at the hands of those who are supposed to protect them, and in places where they are supposed to feel safe, such as at home or in schools.
- ▶ The evolution of new technologies and networks has multiplied the opportunities for offenders to commit sexual crimes against children.
- ▶ Child sexual exploitation and abuse remains a hidden problem and a taboo. Children are often too afraid to speak up, and when they do, cases are frequently not followed up properly due to poor coordination and lack of knowledge and skills of the professionals dealing with cases on child sexual violence. There is also a general lack of research and data in this area, which makes it hard to governments to make effective prevention policies.
- ▶ 5 years have passed since Ukraine had ratified the Lanzarote Convention. Ukraine has yet to fulfil its obligations, including improving national legal framework on prevention of sexual exploitation and abuse of children, the prosecution of perpetrators and the protection of child victims.

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