



**18 NOVEMBER**

European Day on the  
Protection of Children  
against Sexual Exploitation  
and Sexual Abuse

2019 Edition

**Empowering children  
to stop sexual violence**



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# 18 November is the European Day on the Protection of Children against Sexual Exploitation and Sexual Abuse\*

Children are all too often sidelined from matters that concern them. They should be given the means, space, opportunity and support to participate in the design and implementation of measures, policies, programmes or other initiatives aiming at preventing and responding to sexual exploitation and sexual abuse. The 2019 edition of the European Day therefore focuses on *“Empowering children to stop sexual violence”*.

As 2019 is also the 30th anniversary of the Convention on the Rights of the Child, the Council of Europe encourages the organisation of any type of activity giving center stage to children, their insights and proposals. All initiatives stimulating child-led projects, child participation and interactions amongst children themselves are welcome as well as those between children and policy makers, educators, parents and child protection professionals.

To this end, the Council of Europe is developing:

- ▶ Guidelines to facilitate child-led initiatives and child safeguarding policies;
- ▶ A child friendly explanation of the European Day;
- ▶ A social media kit.

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\* As decided by the Committee of Ministers of the Council of Europe on 12 May 2015.

