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## **EndOCSEA@Europe+ Project Mid-term Conference**

**Monday, 4 November 2024 (morning)**

**ARCOTEL Donauzentrum Wien**

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## Background information

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The **End Online Child Sexual Exploitation and Abuse@Europe Plus** ([EndOCSEA@Europe+](#)) project aims to strengthen actions to prevent and combat Online Child Sexual Exploitation and Abuse (OCSEA) across the Council of Europe member states with particular focus on the following countries: Georgia, Montenegro and the Republic of Moldova. The project is funded thanks to the financial support provided for by Safe Online and is implemented by the Children's Rights Division of the Council of Europe over a period of 24 months.

Launched on 1 September 2023, the project will provide support to authorities and professionals to actively prevent and fight OCSEA in line with the Council of Europe [Convention on the Protection of Children against Sexual Exploitation and Sexual Abuse](#) (Lanzarote Convention) and the Council of Europe [Convention on Cybercrime](#) (Budapest Convention). The project builds on the results of the previous [EndOCSEA@Europe](#) project (2018-2021), integrating its recommendations to ensure direct follow up and consistency.

By aligning with priorities of the [Council of Europe Strategy for the Rights of the Child \(2022-2027\)](#), the project aims to achieve the following outcomes:

1. **Improve the legislative and policy framework:** The project will support an assessment of the existing legal, regulatory and policy framework on OCSEA for each focus country and provide recommendations to address identified shortcomings in line with Council of Europe and international standards.
2. **Strengthen multiagency coordination mechanisms:** Building on the existing Training Modules for Law Enforcement, Judges and Prosecutors developed during the first phase of EndOCSEA@Europe, the project will further elaborate capacity building and training materials (including e-learning/online) for multi-stakeholder co-operation between governmental and state agencies that need to work together and have a common understanding of Online Child Sexual Abuse case processing, with a view to victim identification and support.
3. **Increase awareness on the protection of children from OCSEA:** The project will support awareness raising through the development of practical guidance notes and factsheets for frontline professionals on the protection of children from OCSEA through the Budapest Convention and the Lanzarote Convention, as well as child participation and awareness raising among children.

The aim of the mid-term Conference will be to present and discuss on progress achieved in the project, including the finalised Gap analyses on the existing legal, regulatory and policy framework on OCSEA for each focus country, the updated training modules on OCSEA for legal professionals (judges, prosecutors and police officers), and the new training modules on safeguarding children from OCSEA for frontline professionals (teachers, social workers, doctors, etc.). The mid-term Conference will be followed by the 2<sup>nd</sup> Steering Committee meeting of the project, where the deliverables and activities will be formally validated by the Steering Committee members and a discussion will be held on remaining project activities up to the finalisation of the project.

On 5 November 2024, all National Advisory Board members will also be able to attend the Lanzarote Committee Capacity-building event on the occasion of the Day for the Protection of Children against Sexual Exploitation and Sexual Abuse (18 November). This year's edition will be focusing on "Emerging technologies: threats and opportunities for the protection of children from sexual exploitation and sexual abuse" (see separate agenda).

## Draft Programme

<i>Monday, 4 November 2024 – 9:30 – 12:30 (CEST)</i>	
9:30-9:40	<b>Welcoming remarks</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b>Zaruhi Gasparyan</b>, Head of the Co-operation and Capacity Building Unit, Children's Rights Division, Council of Europe</li> </ul>
9:40-9:50	<b>Setting the scene: progress made and way forward</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b>María Asensio Velasco</b>, EndOCSEA@Europe+ Project Manager, Council of Europe</li> </ul>
9:50-10:00	<b>Presentation of the Lanzarote Committee's current priorities</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b>Agnes von Maravić</b>, Executive Secretary to the Committee of the Parties to the Convention on the Protection of Children against Sexual Exploitation and Sexual Abuse</li> </ul>
10:00-10:45	<b>Lessons learned and common challenges stemming from Gap analyses of legal and policy framework on OCSEA in Georgia, Republic of Moldova and Montenegro</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b>Victoria Baines</b>, international consultant (30 min)</li> <li>- <b>Q&amp;A Session / Discussion</b> (15 min)</li> </ul>
10:45-11:05	<b>Coffee break</b>
11:05-11:40	<b>Presentation of Training modules for Law Enforcement, Judges and Prosecutors to tackle Online Child Sexual Exploitation and Abuse</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b>Victoria Baines</b>, international consultant (20 min)</li> <li>- <b>Q&amp;A Session / Discussion</b> (15 min)</li> </ul>
11:40-12:15	<b>Presentation of Training modules for frontline professionals on safeguarding children from OCSEA</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b>David Wright</b>, international consultant (20 min)</li> <li>- <b>Q&amp;A Session / Discussion</b> (15 min)</li> </ul>
12:15-12:30	<b>Concluding remarks</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b>Zaruhi Gasparyan</b>, Head of Co-operation and Capacity Building Unit, Children's Rights Division, Council of Europe</li> </ul>
12:30-14:00	<b>Lunch break</b>