

ARMENIA



COUNTRY
FACTSHEET
PHASE I (2018-2021)

LEGAL AND POLICY REFORM

After a legal & policy gap analysis conducted in 2019, Armenia:

- Ratified the Lanzarote Convention in May 2020;
- Created adaptable, scalable **materials and new resources** on OCSEA and electronic evidence;
- Adopted national **SOP tools**.

Q & A

Q | What are SOP tools ?

A | Standard Operating Procedures (SOP) tools are practical instruments that ensure consistent, standardised and effective implementation of actions (e.g. interview protocols, checklists, ...)

CAPACITY BUILDING



OCSEA training was **integrated into the Justice Academy curriculum** for legal professionals.

Thus, the topic of protecting children from OCSEA is now part of the official and ongoing training for judicial professionals.

The **legal training materials developed** (*texts, guides, modules, training resources*) were used as part of the **CyberEast+ training** on OCSEA investigations and **OSINT**.

CyberEast+ is a joint project of the European Union and the Council of Europe that helps Eastern Partnership countries, including Armenia, to strengthen their capacities to **prevent and fight cybercrime** and **improve the handling of electronic evidence**.

OSINT stands for Open Source Intelligence. It means gathering and analysing information **publicly available online**, such as social media, news sites, public databases, or forums, to **support investigations**.



AZERBAIJAN



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In 2019, a gap analysis of law enforcement practices included **recommendations** for Azerbaijan to help align its national system with international standards.



And guess what!? Following these recommendations, Azerbaijan ratified in December 2019 **the Lanzarote Convention** ! This is a **key step forward** towards a **stronger protection for children against OCSEA**.

CAPACITY BUILDING

Training materials were translated into Azerbaijani, with in-person training sessions implemented. Moreover, training materials developed during Phase II were used during sessions implemented by other Council of Europe projects in 2025.

UKRAINE



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Following a 2019 gap analysis identifying missing offences linked to child sexual abuse and weak online policing, **Law No. 3055**, adopted in February 2021, addressed gaps by criminalising grooming and related offences.

CAPACITY BUILDING

Building on its progress, Ukraine reviewed and improved **national training strategies** for prosecutors and the judiciary. This means better-prepared justice professionals who can protect children more effectively!



GEORGIA



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Georgia adopted the **Human Rights National Action Plan** for 2024-2026 in December 2023.

This Plan sets a goal to strengthen timely and effective responses and prevention mechanisms against violence against children.

CAPACITY BUILDING

OCSEA trainings of trainers reached both frontline and legal professionals. In November 2024, 32 frontline professionals, such as social workers, teachers, and healthcare professionals, attended a dedicated session.

In July 2025, 29 legal professionals, including lawyers, judges, and prosecutors, were trained.

Q & A

Q What is inter-agency knowledge sharing ?

A Inter-agency knowledge sharing enables entities to share intelligence, and leverage each other's expertise, to lead to more efficient and effective operations.

This training of trainers equipped me and my colleagues with knowledge and materials to train peers.

I think everyone had a good time and I have heard only highly positive feedback from all the other participants!

These trainings also improved my knowledge on OCSEA in general. I now feel much more confident identifying and responding to OCSEA cases and it has been great to see real inter-agency knowledge sharing happening.



AWARENESS RAISING

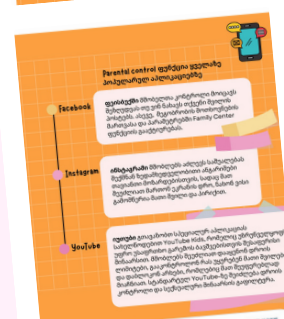
As part of a grant scheme, the Georgian NGO **Partnership for Human Rights** conducted three cycles of training sessions reaching approximately 200 children, 80 parents and 100 teachers.

The NGO also created information cards for children, a digital safety guidance document, and a handbook for frontline professionals on identifying and supporting OCSEA cases.

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Information cards on Digital Safety



Training frontline professionals, Nov 2024



Legal ToT, July 2025



Village Ghulelebi Public School, Nov 2024

REPUBLIC OF MOLDOVA



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After a gap analysis conducted in 2024, the Republic of Moldova was able to:

- update its **SOPs and inter-agency protocols** to integrate project tools;
- approve **standards for hearing rooms** under special conditions for children who are victims or perpetrators of crimes in June 2024;
- develop and adopt the **National Child Protection Plan 2022 - 2026** in October 2024;
- institute **SigurOnline hotline** as a full member of INHOPE.

Q & A

Q What is SigurOnline ?

A The SigurOnline Hotline is a Moldovan platform where anyone can report illegal or harmful content found online! It creates a safer online environment for children and young people.



Q & A

Q What is INHOPE ?

A INHOPE is the global network of hotlines working together to combat child sexual abuse material on the internet.

CAPACITY BUILDING

In October 2024 and June 2025, trainings on OCSEA brought together 65 **legal professionals**, such as lawyers, judges, and prosecutors, for dedicated sessions.

43 **frontline professionals** were also trained through a Training of Trainers session in October 2024, including teachers, social workers, and psychologists.

The training helped us better understand how to address OCSEA with a victim-centered approach. We also learned how to identify, handle, and respond to cases more effectively.

And I now feel more confident sharing this knowledge with my colleagues.



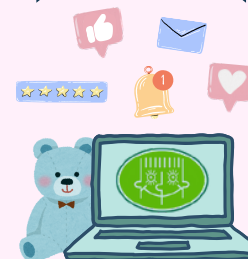
AWARENESS RAISING



The Moldovan NGO **Child Rights Information Centre** held workshops reaching 21 adolescents, 153 parents and 155 professionals.

The topics addressed included consent, online safety and recognising abuse.

After the training, we all became more aware of OCSEA issues and felt our dialogue around them really improved.



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Legal training, Oct 2024

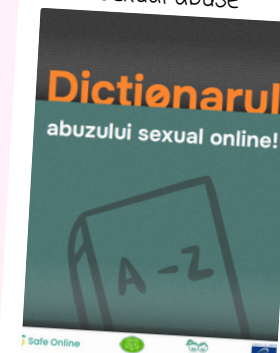


Training frontline professionals, Oct 2025



Legal Training of Trainers, June 2025

Dictionary of online sexual abuse



MONTENEGRO



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During the project implementation, which included a gap analysis of its legislation, policy and practice, Montenegro:

- announced the introduction of the **Barnahus Model** with the support of the Council of Europe, UNICEF and the European Union;
- adopted in December 2024 a **Strategy for the Prevention and Protection of Children from violence 2025 - 2029**;

Q & A

Q What is Barnahus ?

A Barnahus is a response model for child sexual abuse that coordinates criminal and child welfare investigations, bringing all relevant services under one roof, and thus helps avoid secondary victimisation of the child.

Q & A

Q What is a special supervision measure ?

A A special supervision measure refers to specific conditions or restrictions imposed by the court on an individual. Breaking them amounts to a criminal offence.

- amended its **Criminal Code** in December 2023 to introduce a **new offence, violation of special supervision measure** (Article 211d) aligning with international standards on sex offender registration and management;
- established a **new NGO, Zastiti.me**, to operate as the national hotline for OCSEA cases.

CAPACITY BUILDING

In February 2025, a Training of Trainers 5tOt^o session on safeguarding children online brought together 36 **frontline professionals**.

Between December 2024 and May 2025, 47 **legal professionals** participated in sessions on legal training.

Frontline professionals are people like teachers, psychologists, and social workers who work directly with children.
Legal professionals are people like judges, prosecutors, and police officers who apply and enforce the law.

These sessions gave me the confidence and tools to train my peers and handle OCSEA cases. Everyone's feedback has been very positive, and it was great to share knowledge with other agencies.



AWARENESS RAISING



The Montenegrin NGO **Juventas** held workshops reaching 40 children, 18 parents and 13 professionals, and launched an online campaign with child-friendly leaflets and videos on online safety.

I followed a workshop about staying safe on social media and keeping our personal information private. Me and my friends learned more about the risks of online abuse and how to protect ourselves online!



Tips for parents to keep children safe online



Legal training, Dec 2024



Legal ToT, May 2025



Training for frontline professionals, Feb 2025

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