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Final Conference of EndOCSEA@Europe+

Council of Europe project

“End Online Child Sexual Exploitation and Abuse @Europe+”

Tuesday, 21 October 2025

9:30 AM – 17:00 PM

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[Agora Building, Room G.06](#)

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Background information

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 28 months (1 September 2023 to 31 December 2025).

The project provides 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 Final Conference of the EndOCSEA@Europe+ Project, occurring on 21 October, 2025, will be an excellent opportunity to celebrate the **achievements of the project** and present its concrete results, in the presence of representatives of the Governments of Georgia, Republic of Moldova and Montenegro, Safe Online, the Council of Europe, other international stakeholders, as well as international experts.

The event will showcase the progress made by the project, and at national level, on **the fight against online child sexual exploitation and abuse**. In this regard, the Final Conference will take place after the 3rd Steering Committee meeting of the project, where the deliverables and activities will be formally validated by the Steering Committee members.

Participants to the Conference will also attend presentations of recent international initiatives related to the project's outcomes, including on data collection, data protection, access to pornography, children displaying harmful sexual behaviour and comprehensive sexuality education.

Draft Programme

<i>Tuesday, 21 October 2025 – 9:30 – 17:00 (CEST)</i>	
9:30-9:50	Welcoming remarks
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Agnes von Maravić, Head of the Children’s Rights Division and Executive Secretary to the Committee of the Parties to the Convention on the Protection of Children against Sexual Exploitation and Sexual Abuse (Lanzarote Committee) • Serena Tommasino, Senior Technical & Advocacy Lead, Safe Online
9:50-10:10	Keynote speech by Rhiannon-Faye McDonald , Head of Advocacy at the Marie Collins Foundation
10:10-12:00	Panel I – State of play in the EndOCSEA@Europe+ project focus countries
10:10 -11:00	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Presentation by Victoria Baines, international expert and project consultant: the OCSEA threat - progress made, current trends and challenges ahead • Roundtable with Steering Committee members <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Ana Kvizhinadze, Prosecutor of Strategic Development Unit, Department of Prosecutorial Activities Supervision and Strategic Development, Office of the Prosecutor General of Georgia ○ Petru Jalba, Senior Officer of the Political Department, Ministry of Interior of the Republic of Moldova ○ Džana Kajević, Head of the Directorate for Judicial Professions, Ministry of Justice of Montenegro
11:00-11:30	Coffee break
11:30-12:00	Implementation of the Lanzarote Convention in the focus countries <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Presentation by Naomi Trewinnard, Legal Advisor to the Lanzarote Committee of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Implementation Report: “Protection of children against sexual abuse in the circle of trust: legal frameworks”, focus on Georgia, Republic of Moldova and Montenegro • Questions from the audience
12:00-12:30	Panel II – Assessing the impact of the project
	Evaluation of the EndOCSEA@Europe+ project <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hilde Folger, Evaluator and Project manager, CEval GmbH • Stefan Silvestrini, CEO and Team leader, CEval GmbH • María Asensio Velasco, Senior Project Officer, Council of Europe • Questions from the audience
12:30-13:30	Lunch break
13:30-15:00	Panel III – In focus: Data collection and data protection
13:30-14:00	Data collection mechanisms on child sexual exploitation and abuse <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Presentation by Ekaterina Malareva, Legal Advisor to the Lanzarote Committee, of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Report on “Data collection mechanisms on child sexual exploitation and sexual abuse” ○ 2025 Edition of “18 November: Day for the Protection of Children against Sexual Exploitation and Sexual Abuse”

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Update on compliance procedure: “Protection of children against sexual exploitation and sexual abuse facilitated by ICTs” (tbc) ● Questions from the audience
14:00-15:00 <u>Room G.05</u>	Escape Game on data protection “Code Hunters” . <i>Only for representatives of focus countries.</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Organised by BEE SECURE
15:00-15:30	Coffee break
15:30-16:45	Panel IV – Recent international initiatives, guidance and tools
15:30-16:10	Existing tools and good practice to fight OCSEA <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Professor Nuria Lorenzo-Dus, Director, DRAGON-S Project ● Anton Toni Klančnik, Strategic Specialist in Child Protection, European Cybercrime Centre, Europol ● Elena Martellozzo, Director of Childlight’s European Hub, Childlight – Global Child Safety Institute
16:10-16:50	The link between children accessing online pornography and harmful sexual behaviour. Comprehensive sexuality education as an effective prevention tool <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Professor Simon Hackett, Centre for Research into Violence and Abuse, Durham University ● Anne Kayser, Secretary of the Steering Committee for the Rights of the Child (CDENF) ● María Asensio Velasco, EndOCSEA@Europe+ Project Manager ● The presentations will cover the following recent activities by the Children’s Rights Division: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ <u>Thematic guidance note - Safeguarding children from the risks of accessing online pornographic content (2025)</u> ○ <u>Study on Sexual violence and harmful sexual behaviour displayed by children: Nature, causes, consequences and responses (2024)</u> ○ <u>Feasibility study on age-appropriate comprehensive sexuality education to strengthen responses for – inter alia – preventing and combating violence, including risky or harmful sexual behaviour by children (2024)</u> ● Questions from the audience
16:50-17:00	Concluding remarks and key takeaways
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Zaruhi Gasparyan, Head of Co-operation and Capacity Building Unit, Children’s Rights Division, Council of Europe

Study visit to Ortenau Childhood House (Offenburg)

17:15-18:00	Shuttle to Offenburg, Germany
18:00-18:15	Welcoming remarks
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Claudia Bauer-Rabe, Commercial Management and Chairwoman of the Ortenau Clinic
18:15-18:30	Panel I – The justice–police–youth welfare system in Germany and the implementation of Barnahus standards
	<p>Youth welfare system in Germany</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Marina Eisenmann and Lea Kleinknecht, Local Social Service Clerk, Ortenau • Marcel van Onna, Head of Municipal Social Services Ortenau <p>Police and public prosecutor's office in Germany</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bastian Kiochi, Attorney General's Office Karlsruhe • Steffen Siefert, Criminal Director, PP Offenburg <p>Judicial system in Germany</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Edwin Pütz, Judge at the Düsseldorf District Court; Supervising Judge and Interrogation Judge at the CHH Düsseldorf; Lecturer in juvenile criminal law and interrogation at the North Rhine-Westphalia Justice Academy, the German Judicial Academy and the North Rhine-Westphalia Police <p>Implementation of the Barnahus standards in Germany</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Astrid Helling-Bakki, World Childhood Foundation Germany <p>Police and public prosecutor's office in Germany</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bastian Kiochi, Attorney General's Office Karlsruhe • Steffen Siefert, Criminal Director, PP Offenburg <p>The Ortenau Childhood House: services and access routes</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Eveline Viernickel, Head of the CHH Ortenau • Judith Eberhard, Social Worker, Casemanagement CHH Ortenau
19:30-20:30	Come together in the Childhood House (CHH) - Networking & Exchange
	<p>Informal discussions with drinks and appetizers</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Photo session: media coverage by the Clinic's press department and photos • Exchange with representatives of other Childhood Houses (police, public prosecutors, judges) already established or under development <p><i>Drinks and appetizers.</i></p>
20:30-21:15	<p>Shuttle back to Strasbourg, France</p> <p>Drop-off point: Brant Université, pl Université, 67000 Strasbourg, France</p>