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EndOCSEA@Europe+ Project

Regional workshop

Presentation of findings from national gap analyses of the legal and policy framework to combat OCSEA and co-operation with international mechanisms

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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 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 this Regional Workshop is to present the main findings of the Gap analysis being developed on the existing legal, regulatory and policy framework on OCSEA for each focus country and to provide a platform for discussion of common existing gaps among the three countries and specific recommendations with members of the Steering Committee and the National Advisory Board.

The second half of the workshop will be dedicated to discussing co-operation with international mechanisms, with presentations from the Lanzarote and Cybercrime Committees' Secretariat, the International Association of Internet Hotlines (INHOPE), WeProtect Global Alliance and Protect Children. The presentations will provide information to project members on how to improve the implementation of the Lanzarote and Budapest Conventions and will also inform the draft Gap analysis for the three focus countries.

Draft Programme

Tuesday, 25 June 2024 – 9:30 – 17:00 (CEST)	
9:00-9:30	Registration of participants
9:30-9:45	Welcoming remarks - Regina Jensdottir , Head of the Children’s Rights Division, Council of Europe
9:45-10:00	Setting the scene: progress made and way forward - María Asensio Velasco , EndOCSEA@Europe+ Project Manager, Council of Europe
10:00-12:30 <i>Coffee break at 10.40</i>	Panel 1 – Findings of gap analyses of legal and policy framework on OCSEA in Georgia, Republic of Moldova and Montenegro OCSEA Gap analysis in the Republic of Moldova - Victoria Baines , international consultant, and Elena Cobzac , national consultant (30 min) - Q&A Session / Discussion (10 min) OCSEA Gap analysis in Montenegro - Victoria Baines , international consultant, and Ksenija Jovičević Korać , national consultant (30 min) - Q&A Session / Discussion (10 min) OCSEA Gap analysis in Georgia - Anna Arganashvili , international consultant (30 min) - Q&A Session / Discussion (10 min)
12:30-14:00	Lunch break
14:00-15:00	Panel 2 – Council of Europe mechanisms and standards Exchange with Lanzarote Committee Secretariat on strengthening national frameworks to better protect children from sexual exploitation and sexual abuse facilitated by ICTs, by: - Ekaterina Malareva and Naomi Trewinnard , Legal Advisors to the Lanzarote Committee Secretariat, Council of Europe (20 min) Presentation of the Cybercrime Convention and the 2nd Additional Protocol on enhanced co-operation and disclosure of electronic evidence, by: - Giorgi Jokhadze , The Cybercrime Convention Committee (T-CY) Secretariat, Council of Europe (20 min) Q&A Session / Discussion (20 min)
15:00-16:45 <i>Coffee break at 15.40</i>	Panel 3 – Co-operation with international mechanisms Presentation by WeProtect Global Alliance: - Eleanor Linsell , Advocacy Manager (20 min) Presentation by INHOPE – Network of hotlines fighting Child Sexual Abuse Material (CSAM): - Mariana Sanches-Freriks , Network Expansion Officer (20 min) Presentation by Protect Children of the Research Report “Tech Platforms Used by Online Child Sexual Abuse Offenders”: - Anna Ovaska , Deputy Director (20 min) Q&A Session / Discussion (30 min)
16:45-17:00	Concluding remarks - Zaruhi Gasparyan , Head of Co-operation and Capacity Building Unit, Children’s Rights Division, Council of Europe