

**29 May, 2021: An artistic workshop marking the Children's Day will take place this weekend in Bălți.**

The aim of the event is to mark the Children's Day through play and drawing activities with children, teachers of the Children Creation Centre "M. Blanc" in Balti municipality, but also with their parents.

Welcome addresses from Giulia Re, Deputy Head of the Council of Europe Office in Chisinau and the representatives of the Children's Creation Center will be presented at 10.00.

It will be followed by a traditional dance of children and broadcast of two educational videos produced by the Council of Europe on child abuse, including in the field of sports, namely the videos: "Kiko and the hand" and "Start to talk". These videos aim to inform children about prevention measures and reporting of child sexual abuse.

At 11.30, children will be divided into two groups of 15 members to take part in two art workshops: one drawing (held in the courtyard of the center), another fine art (held in a spacious room of the center). Each group will be guided by three teachers.

During workshops, children will be informed about the national hotline "Child's phone" 116 111 where they could call in case of abuse and receive advice and help.

The event will be organized within the project "Combating violence against children in the Republic of Moldova", implemented by the Council of Europe Office in Chisinau. The project aims to inform society in general and children in particular about dangers of child abuse, including in the digital environment, and to increase the effectiveness of child protection system against child abuse.

All interested media representatives are invited to the event, especially nordnews.md, esp.md, and Bălți TV.

All public health restrictions regarding the prevention and spread of COVID-19 pandemic will be respected during the event.