

Building a Europe for and with children

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The Council of Europe protects and promotes the human rights of everyone, including children. Based on the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child, the European Convention on Human Rights and other legal standards, the Council of Europe promotes and protects the rights of 150 million children in Europe.

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Our latest news



“Sexting” by children is not “child pornography”

These are among the key conclusions of the opinion of the [Lanzarote Committee](#).

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Online child sexual abuse experts visit Ukraine & Armenia

Experts travelled to Yerevan and Kyiv to analyse legislation, policies and practices to prevent and combat online child sex abuse.

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Co-operation Projects for Children's Rights

[Co-operation projects](#) support countries to implement Council of Europe standards as well as to comply with the case law of the European Court of Human Rights. These projects contribute towards making children's rights a reality in both the member states and within the organisation.



Slovenia

Barnahus Project Phase II

The Barnahus (Children's House) model is promoted by the Council of Europe to address child sexual abuse by coordinating parallel criminal and social welfare investigations in a child-friendly and safe environment.

Having completed Phase I, Phase II oversees the implementation of the first Children's House in Slovenia.

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EndOCSEA@Europe

End Online Child Sexual Exploitation and Abuse

To support member states to prevent and combat this scourge, the Council of Europe has launched a new project "End Online Child Sexual Exploitation and Abuse @ Europe"). The states involved are: Albania, Armenia, Azerbaijan, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Georgia, Republic of Moldova, Montenegro, Serbia, Turkey and Ukraine.

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Republic of Moldova

Protecting children from sexual exploitation and sexual abuse

The project's objective is to support the Republic of Moldova by strengthening their response to address child sexual exploitation and sexual abuse.

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Georgia

Strengthening the capacity of authorities and professionals to protect children from sexual exploitation

Phase I of this project (to be completed by December 2019) aims to enhance the development of a child-friendly justice system in Georgia for child victims of sexual violence.

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Upcoming events

Call for tender:

[The Council of Europe is launching a call for applications from international consultants to prepare, compile and draft a Handbook on child participation aimed at professionals working with children.](#)

Deadline: 18 October 2019

[25th meeting of the Lanzarote Committee](#)

Ahead of its 25th meeting, this Committee will also participate in a capacity-building event on the multidisciplinary approach and interagency cooperation in Cyprus to protect children against sexual exploitation and sexual abuse, followed by a visit of the Cypriot Children's House.

15-18 October, Cyprus

[Plenary meeting of the Ad hoc Committee for the Rights of the Child \(CAHENF\)](#)

This Committee leads the intergovernmental work in the area of the rights of the child.

12 & 14 November, Strasbourg

[Conference on Redefining power: Strengthening the rights of the child](#)

The event marking the mid-term evaluation of the Strategy for the Rights of the Child aims to bring together stakeholders for bold, thought-provoking and open discussions on the achievements, challenges and trends in children's rights, with children playing an active part throughout.

13-14 November, Strasbourg

[European Day on the Protection of Children against Sexual Exploitation and Sexual Abuse](#)

Council of Europe member states and partners are encouraged to raise awareness of child sexual violence on the occasion of the European Day, through any type of activity. The theme of the [2019 edition](#) is: Empowering children to stop sexual violence. Please contact EndChildSexAbuseDay@coe.int for further information.

18 November, worldwide

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