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# STOP SEXUAL ABUSE OF CHILDREN IN SPORT

Pro Safe Sport+

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■ Sport is great for children. It brings joy and healthy habits. It boosts self-esteem and creates a sense of belonging. Through sport, children adhere to key values and learn important life skills.

■ Nevertheless, children can be at risk when in a sports environment. Sexual abuse of children in sports happens far too often, in all countries, in all disciplines and from grass-roots to elite sport. These are serious violations of children's rights that may leave scars for life. Most victims suffer in silence and never get help. Many offenders keep preying on children with impunity for several years.

■ Sexual abuse is not a fate. Public authorities and the sport movement must overcome denial, break the taboo and take concrete measures to prevent and respond to child sexual abuse in sport.

■ The Council of Europe and the European Union have adopted important legal standards for the protection of children from sexual abuse and exploitation. The joint project **Pro Safe Sport + : Put an end to sexual harassment and abuse against children in sport** promotes the implementation of these standards in the field of sport. It aims at mobilizing and supporting public authorities and sport organisations in their efforts to stop child sexual abuse in sport.

With partner organisations, we are developing:


- ▶ **A video-clip and other communication materials**
- ▶ **A training kit**
- ▶ **An online resource centre to promote existing practices and to provide concrete advice**
- ▶ **A pool of European experts**

**We encourage you to use these resources,  
support this initiative and spread the world!**

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