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| **Roll-out of the child online protection global project in albania** |
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| **Summary**This document presents the progress on the roll-out of the ITU Child Online Protection Global project in Albania. **Action required**The Council Working Group on Child Online Protection to take note of the document. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**References**Resolution 179 (Dubai, 2018); ITU Council Resolution 1306. |

Albania is the first pilot country to participate in the Child Online Protection Global Project. Within the National Cybersecurity Strategy and Action Plan (2020-2025), one of the main policy goals is developing the necessary mechanisms for online child safety and train youths to face risks encountered online. Through the implementation of this project, NAECCS will support and achieve the purpose of these objectives.

First, NAECCS has coordinated and monitored the activities organized by WIT Albania with the support of ITU. WIT Albania has conducted 5 workshops with approximately 100 participants. This program aimed to better understand the risks and harm that children may face while navigating the internet, to know and be aware of the main applications that children use online, and to encourage effective parenting. The results of these workshops have highlighted the urgent need to train as many parents and educators as possible to protect children online.

Furthermore, NAECCS has published on its website three ITU guidelines on Child Online Protection for parents and educators, for online child protection, and for industry translated in the Albanian language. Also, ITU supported NAECCS in the activity held in a school in the capital of Albania for the Safer Internet Day 2019.

At present, NAECCS is working on the program: “Assessing the implementation of COPs in Albania” supported by ITU. NAECCS in collaboration with ITU has identified areas and activities that are relevant to raising the awareness and building capacities of responsible actors in child online protection nationally. Following this, NAECCS has developed a detailed budget and description of activities for the implementation of the project in the timeline of 19 months. In light of this, NAECCS has contacted different companies/consultants that will implement the activities for the first period. The following activities are in the initial phase of implementation:

* Promotional video with key messages from children and youth in Albanian language and dissemination of the video;
* Promotional video with key messages from parents, educators, and caregivers for monitoring their children and dissemination of the video;
* Promotional videos with key messages from the industry for safer and more secure use of internet-based services for children and dissemination of the video;
* Elaboration of a child-friendly manual in the Albanian language based on the ITU COP Guidelines and related materials, which will be used for workshops and training targeting children and the youth. These workshops will be organized to provide children and the youth with the digital skills and digital literacy that will further assist them in better-facing online threats.
* Elaboration of a Train the Trainers manual in the Albanian language to serve as a background document in train the trainers programs targeting educators, parents, and caregivers in Albania. The workshops and training will aim at raising awareness for parents, educators, and caregivers with digital skills that will enable them to protect children and youth online.

All the above activities will be implemented within the scope of the ITU Global Project “Creating a Safe and Prosperous Cyberspace for Children”. This project aims at raising awareness and building capacities on the scope of child online protection.

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