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Europe Regional Initiative: [Tick the relevant boxes or delete the irrelevant items]

- ☐ EUR3: Accessibility, affordability and skills development for all to ensure digital inclusion and sustainable development
- ☐ EUR4: Enhancing trust and confidence in the use of information and communication technologies

Year(s) of implementation: [Tick the relevant boxes or delete the irrelevant items] ☐ 2018 ☐ 2019 ☐ 2020 ☐ 2021

Background [max 300 words]

On 17 May 2018, the third Digital Youth Forum (DYF) was held in Copernicus Science Centre in Warsaw, Poland. For second time ITU was co-organizer of this event. Nearly 400 young people met to exchange views and inspire themselves in the field of creative use of new technologies.

Among the speakers were people that owe their success and popularity to the internet and new technologies. Many of them are running their own YouTube channels, blogs and websites. There were also presentations on safety. However, most important were the contributions from young DYF



speakers, who - despite their young age - can boast pretty large achievements.

The 11th International Conference "Keeping Children and Young People Safe Online" took place on 19-20 September 2017 in Warsaw, Poland. The was jointly organised by the Polish and German Safer Internet Centres (SICs). The co-organiser of the conference, for third time, was the International Telecommunication Union (ITU).

Experts from all over Europe gathered to discuss both the biggest safety threats on the internet as well as the latest trends and possibilities for using new technologies by children and young people.

Last year's conference programme included, among others, issues relating to fake news, the Internet of Toys, online aggression, pornography and sexting. The agenda of the event also covered topics linked to positive online content for children and youth. Moreover, the conference provided an opportunity to learn about the results of the latest studies concerning online safety.

The event is mainly addressed to representatives of the education sector, NGOs, law enforcement agencies, and internet service and content providers.

Proposal [max 400 words]

We are going to continue two project mentioned in background section. Digital Youth Forum and International Conference "Keeping Children and Young People Safe Online" would be consistently developing with new topics, new speakers and new technologies. Another important goal is to increase range of two events to make them more international. That is why



cooperation with ITU is fundamentally important for Polish Safer Internet Centre.

Empowering Children Foundation plan to organize Digital Youth Forum and International Conference "Keeping Children and Young People Safe Online" every year.

