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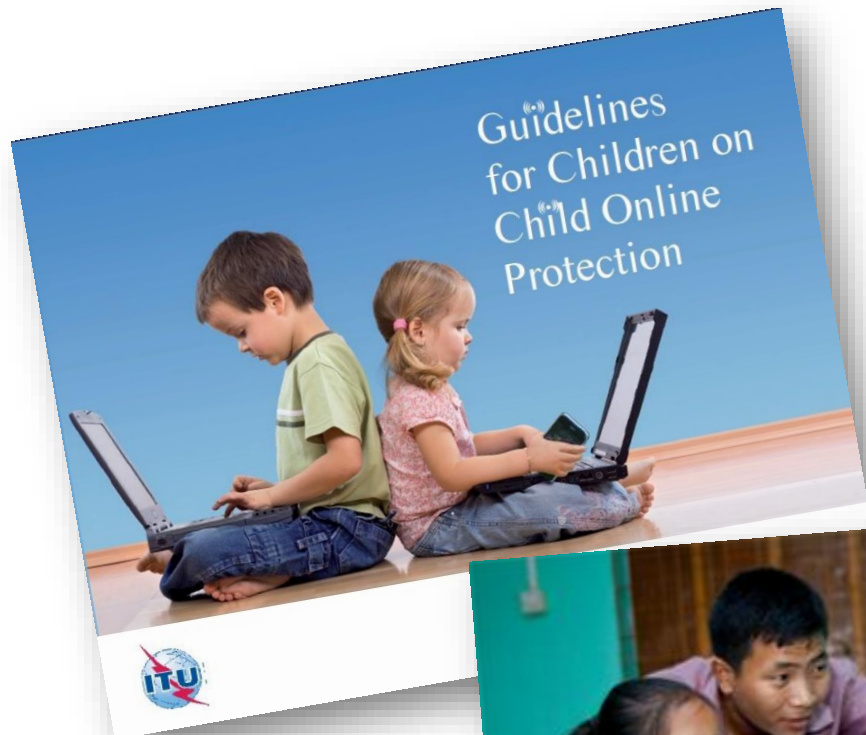
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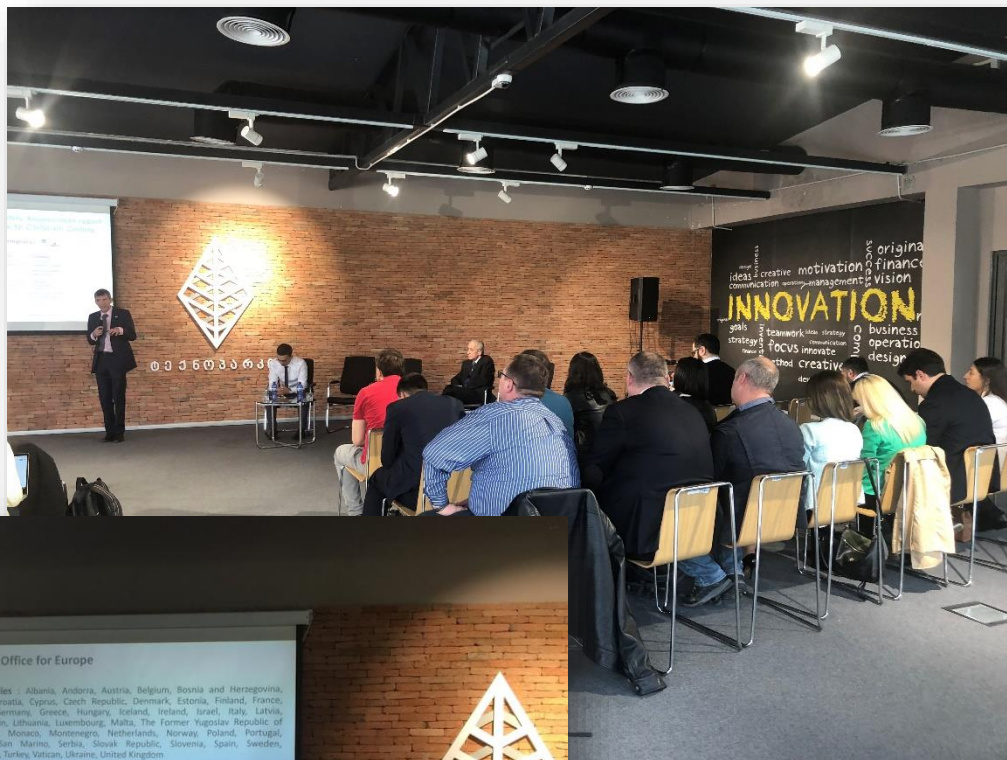


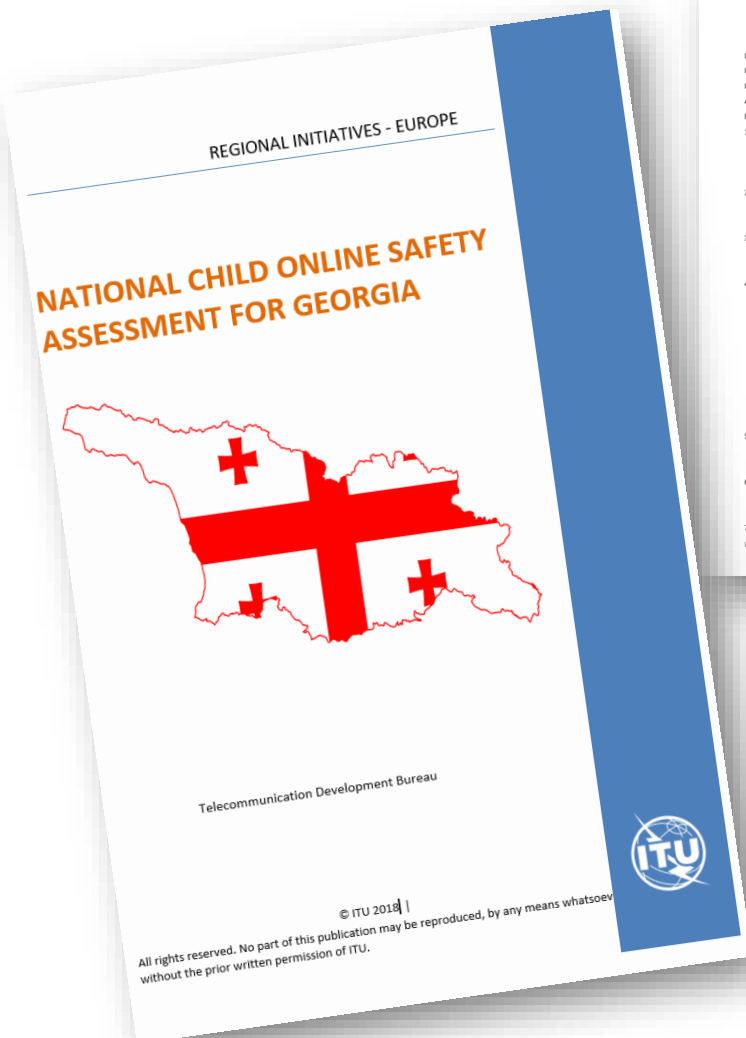
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List of Acronyms and Abbreviations	
CERT	Computer Emergency Response Team
DEA	Data Exchange Agency
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Executive Summary

Little is more important in life than protecting our children from harm. Today, their world exists as much online as it does physically, however those responsible for protecting children are often blinkered and oblivious to this. Whilst protecting children is everyone's responsibility, given the variety and complexity of actors, technologies and agencies as well as opportunities and threats, the establishment of a national strategy that drives coordinated activities an imperative.

Following preparatory desktop research and a series of online surveys organised in cooperation with the Ministry of Economy and Sustainable Development of Georgia, interviews were completed with a range of stakeholders that play an important role on the field of Child Online Protection, the following key challenges and recommendations were concluded. This activity and report was provided by the ITU and conducted by SWGfL between September and December 2018 to inform a national Child Online Protection strategy for Georgia.

In terms of the primary challenges, it was concluded that:

- There is a low public awareness of online risks and harms with an apparent need for further raising the awareness and educating the general public on global online threats and opportunities.
- The specialists and professionals that are working with children as well as parents don't have a proper level of support, understanding and knowledge of issues related to child online protection issues and dangers.
- As it is in the most of the world, online bullying is a significant challenge in Georgia. Whilst there may be isolated local responses, there is little common understanding and coherent response to online bullying.
- The scope and availability of Illegal Child Abuse Content in Georgia is not thoroughly researched and actions to prevent access should be undertaken.

In contrast to these challenges, Georgia is not without activity in this area. There is a lot of effort and constructive however they typically remain incoherent and uncoordinated. Seven key recommendations of this report are to:

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Set up a National Stakeholder Committee, chaired by the Governmental body responsible for ICT policy (The Ministry of Economy and Sustainable Development of Georgia)

Establish and maintain the National Centre for managing and removing illegal child abuse content which will work jointly with the National Stakeholder Committee, to further improve protections against accessing Child Sexual Exploitation Material, as well as developing new strategies and tools for combating Child Sexual Exploitation Material.

Create and deliver a National Awareness Campaign aimed to raise awareness about general Child Online Protection topics as well as educating the general public on the existence of National Centre and National Committee.

Develop and provide Professional Development programmes, for all professionals working with children such as teachers, police and health professionals. Adapt and implement appropriate programme for schools to audit their own child online protection provision (such as 360 degree safe programme).

Follow on from this report: draft, develop and implement an action plan with activities working towards the goals set in the report and covering the issues and topics addressed in the report as well as maintain and further improve international cooperation with relevant organisations on the field of Child Online Protection. Draft, develop and implement a national "Child Online Protection Strategy" as it is the starting document for drafting the goals and direction that all further actions will be taken upon.

Include aspects of child online protection, specifically aspects of online bullying as part of the new harassment legislation being developed.

Adapt relevant international, regional and country level resources and further produce national educational resources and reporting mechanism with regards online harms.



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