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Please note that submitted information will be presented during the RDF-EUR P2C Roundtables and it will also be reflected on the pledging platform of the Partner 2 Connect Digital Coalition.

CONTRIBUTION FORM

ORGANIZATION: Ministry of Information and Telecommunications of the Republic of Serbia

FOCAL POINT: Mr. Milan Josimov, Assistant minister for Information for Society, Ministry of Information and Telecommunications of the Republic of Serbia

TITLE: Strengthening child online protection in the Republic of Serbia

DESCRIPTION OF ACTION: [Provide a brief description up to 500 words]

The Ministry of Information and Telecommunications of the Republic of Serbia is committed to strengthening child online safety nationally in collaboration with the International Telecommunication Union, based on the ITU Child Online Protection Guidelines and related materials. In particular, the cooperation aims to roll-out such Guidelines as well as build capacities of relevant stakeholders to address the capacity building of relevant stakeholders, in particular education system staff, to raise awareness and improve participants' understanding of the risks associated with Online Child Sexual Exploitation and Abuse (OCSEA), cyberbullying, disinformation, and violence online, and how educational environments can be used to protect children from such harm. It also aims to ensure that stakeholders have the relevant skills and knowledge to strategically address child online safety challenges so that children and the youth can fully benefit from the opportunities brought by the online world. This initiative also aims to provide knowledge to children and youth themselves on how to use their rights online.

The ministry has already launched a number of initiatives aimed at preventing the abuse of children on the Internet. Regarding the law on information security, the working group proposed changes to some articles, especially article 19, which refers to the protection of children when using ICT technologies.

The Ministry applied preventive measures for the safety and protection of children on the Internet, as an activity of public interest, through:

- 1) education and information of children, parents and teachers;
- 2) a single place for providing advice and receiving reports related to the safety and protection of children on the Internet.



The subject of education and information for children, parents and teachers are:

- 1) advantages of using the Internet;
- 2) risks of using the Internet;
- 3) ways to use the Internet safely.

One of the important measure is

- Promotion of useful, creative and safe use of information technologies through the educational organization, media campaigns and prize competitions
- Activities that have already produced results are:
 - o IT Caravan - an educational campaign to promote the useful, creative and safe use of information technologies.
 - o Popularization and promotion of the use of ICT in teaching through the "Digital Hour" award contest.
 - o Promotional campaign Smart and safe (Day of Girls/Girls in ICT, Safe Internet Day, European Programming Hour, Information Society Day...).

Recent event happening in the Republic of Serbia has reinforced the need for more protection of children, which includes child online protection. In that regard, the cooperation and collaboration with any European stakeholders is welcome, in order to advance implementation of the ITU Regional Initiative 4 on 'Trust and security in the use of ICTs'.

COUNTRIES in FOCUS: [Name countries to be impacted by this action]

Serbia

YEARS of IMPLEMENTATION: [Tick the relevant boxes or delete the irrelevant items]

☒ 2023

☒ 2024

☐ 2025

RELEVANT ITU REGIONAL INITIATIVE: [Tick the relevant boxes or delete the irrelevant items]

☐ EUR1: Digital infrastructure development

☐ EUR2: Digital transformation for resilience

☐ EUR3: Digital inclusion and skills development

☒ EUR4: Trust and confidence in the use of telecommunications/ICTs

☐ EUR5: Digital innovation ecosystems

Please find more information on the ITU Regional Initiatives 2023-2025, as defined by WTDC-22, [here](#).

RELATED ITU-D PRIORITIES AS DEFINED BY THE ITU WORLD TELECOMMUNICATION DEVELOPMENT CONFERENCE 2022

☐ Affordable connectivity

☐ Digital Transformation

☐ Enabling policy and regulatory environment



☐ Resource mobilization and international cooperation

☐ **Inclusive and secure telecommunications/ICTs for sustainable development**

Please find more information on the ITU-D Priorities, as defined by WTDC-22, [here](#).

RELATED ITU PRIORITIES AS DEFINED BY ITU PLENIPOTENTIARY CONFERENCE 2022

☐ Spectrum use for space and terrestrial services

☐ International telecommunication numbering resources

☐ **Inclusive and secure telecommunication/ICT infrastructure and services**

☐ Digital applications

☐ Enabling environment

Please find more information on the ITU Priorities, as defined by PP-22, [here](#)

RELATED WSIS ACTION LINE: [Tick the relevant boxes or delete the irrelevant items]

☐ C1: The role of governments and all stakeholders in the promotion of ICTs for development

☐ C2: Information and communication infrastructure

☐ C3: Access to information and knowledge

☐ **C4: Capacity building**

☐ **C5: Building confidence and security in the use of ICTs**

☐ **C6: Enabling environment**

☐ C7: ICT applications

☐ C8: Cultural diversity and identity, linguistic diversity and local content

☐ C9: Media

☐ C10: Ethical dimensions the Information Society

☐ C11: International and regional cooperation

RELATED SDG: [Tick the relevant boxes or delete the irrelevant items]

☐ SDG 1: No Poverty

☒ SDG 10: Reduced Inequalities

☐ SDG 2: Zero Hunger



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<input type="checkbox"/> SDG 6: Clean Water and Sanitation
<input type="checkbox"/> SDG 7: Affordable and Clean Energy
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