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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.

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TITLE: National Child Online Protection Landscape Report

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

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

In line with resolution 179 (Rev. Dubai 2018) from the Plenipotentiary Conference of the International Telecommunication Union (Busan, 2014) and within the framework of the ITU Regional Initiative on Europe (WTDC-17, Buenos Aires) on Enhancing trust and confidence in the use of information and communication technologies that aims 'to support the deployment of resilient infrastructure and secure services allowing all citizens, especially children, to use ICTs in their daily lives with confidence', in-country support is provided through ITU which aims to address the following

- State Assessment of the existing situation, supplemented by existing statistical sources, covering infrastructure, education, organizational activities, and child protection legislation, including identification of gaps in the legislation;
- Summary of current issues with associated online safety provision together with any specific recommendations
- Suggested areas for a national online safety strategy and action plan to consider and cover. The national online safety strategy would encompass Governmental entities, Information Society (young generation, parents, schools and teachers), Telecom operators, Media)

A report is compiled following preparatory desktop research and supplemented by online surveys completed by children, parents, and stakeholders within the country. Detailed interview meetings are then held with a range of Government Ministries, NGOs, Industry and Schools during an organized mission.

The report structure and headings are informed and directed by the ITU 'Guidelines for Policy Makers on Child Online Protection'   and supplemented by a section identifying further issues. The report illustrates a combined analysis of the situation and details the concluding recommendations. The recommendations are elaborated in terms of priority and timescale together with examples of good practices.

The reports published for Georgia, Ukraine, and North Macedonia included the following sections:

1. Introduction
2. Technology and Online Child Protection
3. Legal Framework
4. National Focus on Child Online Protection
5. Development of local resources
6. Public Education and Awareness
7. Reporting Mechanisms
8. Use of Technical Tools
9. Analysis and Recommendations

The report assists Member States in developing and implementing policies, strategies, standards, and mechanisms, as well as building human capacity, to enhance the security of information systems and networks, ensure the protection of children, and guarantee digital trust; to protect the use of information and communication technologies (ICTs) and their applications.

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

ITU European Countries

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 2: Zero Hunger

☐ SDG 3: Good Health and Well- being

☒ SDG 4: Quality Education

☒ SDG 5: Gender Equality

☐ SDG 6: Clean Water and Sanitation

☐ SDG 7: Affordable and Clean Energy

☐ SDG 8: Decent Work and Economic Growth

☐ SDG 9: Industry, Innovation and Infrastructure

☒ SDG 10: Reduced Inequalities

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☐ SDG 12: Responsible Consumption and Production

☐ SDG 13: Climate Action

☐ SDG 14: Life Below Water

☐ SDG 15: Life on Land

☐ SDG 16: Peace, Justice, and Strong Institutions

☐ SDG 17: Partnerships for the SDGs