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Workshop on "Protecting children online – Internet Hotline"

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Location: Kyiv (Ukraine) – National Prosecution Academy of Ukraine, 81b Melnikova St.

Organised by: the Council of Europe in the framework of the Joint Project with the European Union on strengthening and protecting women's and children's rights in Ukraine (TRES Project).

Description: The workshop aims at examining the current situation in Ukraine with regard to the law and practice of protection and assistance to child victims of sexual offences through an Internet Hotline, in the light of Articles 11-13 of the Council of Europe Convention on the Protection of Children against Sexual Exploitation and Sexual Abuse ([CETS No. 201](#)) and Articles 5-6 of the Convention on Action against Trafficking in Human Beings ([CETS No. 197](#)).

It will also contribute to set up the standards for the operation of an effective Internet Hotline for children in Ukraine, in conformity with the above mentioned Conventions. Finally, it will discuss the performance of an Internet Hotline as an essential instrument for fighting against illegal content online, such as child sexual abuse images and providing an anonymous facility for the public to report suspected illegal content encountered on the Internet in a secure and confidential way.

Representatives from Microsoft, from the Ukrainian Internet Association, from schools, from the relevant Ministries, Prosecutors and Judges, Members of the Working Group for the ratification of the Convention CETS No. 201 and representatives from NGOs active in the area of protecting the rights of children will take part in this event.

The event is open to press.

More information: www.coe.int/tres

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