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## Workshop on creating a child helpline for Ukraine – A joint Council of Europe-European Union Project

**Dates:** 17-18 June 2009

**Location:** Yalta, Crimea (Ukraine)

**Description:** The joint Council of Europe-EU project "Women and Children's rights in Ukraine" will hold a workshop to discuss setting up a child helpline in Ukraine.

Child helplines were included as an essential tool for child protection during the 3<sup>rd</sup> World Congress III against the Sexual Exploitation of Children and Adolescents in November 2008 in Rio de Janeiro (Brazil). The workshop on "Building a child helpline in Ukraine" will provide the opportunity for practitioners and policy makers to discuss and evaluate the Ukrainian experience with a child helpline. The objective of the workshop is to set up the mechanism to strengthen the protection of children and children's rights from abuse and trafficking through building up an effective child helpline instrument. In order to achieve that goal the project is co-operating with Child Helpline International (CHI) and will present the legislative framework and best practices in Europe within the ECC (Electronic Communication Committee) recommendation. It will prepare the ground for including Ukraine within the CHI network as well as make proposals for research and future co-operation in the field.

Some sixty participants representing the State Social Service and social services from all over Ukraine, telephone line operators, lawyers, the Ministry for Family, Youth and Sport, the Ministry of Justice and the Ministry of Education will participate in the workshop, as well as NGOs and international experts.

### Practical information:

The event will take place in the premises of Hotel Palmira Palace, 12a Alupkinskoje Shosse, Kurpaty city-type settlement and is **open to the press**.

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