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Council of Europe to present anti-smacking campaign in Athens

Date: 30 April 2009, from 10:30 am to 1 pm

Location: Zappeio Conference Centre in Athens (Greece)

Organised by the Greek Network for the Prevention and Combating of Corporal Punishment of Children

Description: On the occasion of "International No Hitting Day," Greece will join the Council of Europe Campaign against Corporal Punishment of Children "Raise your hand against smacking!" in an effort to raise awareness on the need to protect children from all forms of violence, including at home. Greece is one of the 19 European countries having banned corporal punishment. However, a recent survey – conducted by the Greek Institute for Children's Health – found that 53% of interviewed parents continue to use corporal punishment, as a means to discipline their children, while in a relevant survey in 1997, this percentage was estimated to be 65.5%.

The Council of Europe Campaign will be presented by its coordinator, Elda Moreno. The campaign television spot will be aired on national stations, while the activities of the Network for the Prevention and Combating of Corporal Punishment of Children will be presented by its coordinator and Ombudsman for Children, George Moschos. The event includes an art exhibit by children and the active participation of actress Carmen Rougeri, the renowned children's book author Eugene Trivizas and the shadow theatre performer, Eugene Spatharis.

Practical information

The event is being sponsored by ERT S.A (National Radio-Television), under the auspices of the Health and Social Welfare and the Education and Religion Ministries.

Council of Europe [Raise your hand against smacking campaign](http://www.coe.int/t/t09/Press/pr09042801_en.asp) website

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