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Information and Communication Technologies for Attaining
Sustainable Development Goals

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TITLE: Piloting of the COP Guidelines

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Europe Regional Initiative: [Tick the relevant boxes or delete the irrelevant items]

- ☐ EUR1: Broadband infrastructure, broadcasting and spectrum management
- ☐ EUR2: A citizen-centric approach to building services for national administrations
- ☐ EUR3: Accessibility, affordability and skills development for all to ensure digital inclusion and sustainable development

X   EUR4: Enhancing trust and confidence in the use of information and communication technologies

- ☐ EUR5: ICT-centric innovation ecosystems

Year(s) of implementation: [Tick the relevant boxes or delete the irrelevant items]

- ☐ 2019

X   2020

X   2021

Background [max 300 words]

Promoting safe use of electronic communications devices in cyberspace is one of the UKE's main priorities. Therefore, we run various campaigns to keep children safe in the virtual world. "Click sensibly #keepCTRL" is the most recent educational initiative focused on the youngest users. It aims to bring awareness on phenomena that they face when using the Internet – violence, hate, patostream, sexting. The goal is to show both children and their parents/teachers how to use internet responsibly and safe.

Almost 9 out of 10 children in Poland use the Internet every day. It mainly serves them to play online (69%), listen to music (59%) and watch movies (53%). Consumer research conducted by Danae and Realization commissioned by UKE shows that inappropriate age content that children most often

encountered online was violence and cruelty, nudity and sexual acts. According to the majority of parents, there is too much violence, sex and swearing on the internet. Less than half of the parents use parental controls in the context of children's Internet use.

Contact with inappropriate content can result in learning problems, emotional disorders, alienation, complexes, and health problems. That is why the education of children and their parents in the safe use of the Internet is so important.

The "Click Sensibly #keepCTRL" campaign as well as other educational initiatives led by UKE are in line with the ITU Child Online Protection Initiative. The overall goal is to create awareness on child online safety and their vulnerability in cyberspace. The initiative serves also as a platform for knowledge share, experience exchange and development of practical tools to help minimize existing risks. UKE also contributed to the work of Council Working Group on Child Online Protection.

Proposal [max 400 words]

Following the key objectives of the ITU Child Online Protection Initiative, UKE is committed to ensuring safety of the most vulnerable users of the Internet. As ITU is going to launch (during TDAG) the new edition of Child Online Protection Guidelines, we would like to introduce them and monitor their implementation on the national level, in Poland.

Protecting children online is an effort of the highest priority and should be undertaken across all the sectors in cooperation with various stakeholders. We have already established a network of collaboration with various institutions working on this matter, including the ITU. UKE would like to commit on further promoting the global culture of digital cooperation and encouraging the establishment of cooperative arrangements for sharing information in order to eliminate or mitigate risks to children and young people online.