

# Child Online Protection

Virtual Briefing on *ITU Child Online Protection Guidelines*

*Roll-out in Europe: Regional and national updates*



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# THE 2020 COP GUIDELINES

Upon the request of the Member States, the **COP Guidelines have been updated** by a multi-stakeholder expert working-group, and launched officially in June 2020 in all six UN Official languages (Arabic, Chinese, English, French, Russian, Spanish).

### The updated COP Guidelines:

- raise awareness on the scope of COP
- provide resources and actual tools that support in the development of digital skills and digital literacy among children, parents and educators;
- provide recommendations on the development of corporate and national COP policies and strategies;
- include reflections on the special situation of children and young people with disabilities;
- include issues around new technological developments.

**x4 sets of Guidelines for Policy-makers, Industry, Parents and Educators, and Children.**

The Materials for children include:

- Storybook (for children under 9 years old);
- Workbook (for children aged 9 to 12 years old);
- Social Media Campaign (for young people aged 13 to 18 years old).



## ITU GLOBAL PROJECT ON CHILD ONLINE PROTECTION CREATING A SAFE AND PROSPEROUS CYBERSPACE FOR CHILDREN

- Initiated in August 2021 in collaboration with the National Cybersecurity Authority (NCA) of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia;
- Aims to implement the 2020 ITU COP Guidelines through two workstreams: digital skills development and policy support.



### ☐ Workstream 1: Digital skills development

- Translation & dissemination of COP Guidelines;
- Face-to-face & online trainings for children;
- Train-the-trainer-modules for parents, carers & educators;
- A game and App for children.

### ☐ Workstream 2: Policy Support

- National strategy development on COP;
- Capacity building for professionals and government stakeholders;
- Enhanced cooperation among relevant stakeholders;
- Creation of national child taskforces.

## RECENTLY RELEASED & UPCOMING ITU COP MATERIALS



- ❑ ITU Policy Brief on “Keeping children safe in the digital environment. The importance of protection and empowerment”.
  - Guidelines and recommendations for policy-makers;
  
- ❑ Online self-paced trainings for parents and educators:
  - Available on [ITU Academy Portal](#);
  - Provide an understanding of risks and challenges children might face online & what they can do within their role to mitigate those risks.
  
- ❑ Training of Trainers module

- ❑ New episodes of “Online Safety with Sango”



Episode 1  
Smartphones  
and Tablets



Episode 2  
Personal  
information



Episode 3  
Apps




Episode 4  
Social  
networks



Episode 5  
Watch videos online

## ROLL- OUT OF THE ITU COP GUIDELINES IN EUROPE: NATIONAL UPDATES



Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Croatia, Finland, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Malta, Moldova, North Macedonia, Poland, Romania, Serbia, Spain, Turkey, Ukraine, The United Kingdom

### □ Key numbers

- COP Guidelines available in 14 languages (Albanian, Bosnian, Bulgarian, Croatian, English, French, Hungarian, Lithuanian, Maltese, Romanian, Serbian, Spanish, Turkish, Ukrainian). Upcoming: Finnish, Polish.
- Special COP launching events in 4 countries (Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Hungary, Ukraine).
- Special trainings held in 3 countries (Albania, Hungary, Ukraine). Upcoming special Training of Trainers in Malta.
- Awareness raising campaigns in 2 countries (Bosnia and Herzegovina, Ukraine).
- Roll out of the ITU Global Project “Creating a safe and prosperous cyberspace for children” in Albania.
- Assessment of the National Approach towards Child Online Protection in North Macedonia.
- National situational assessment on Child Online Protection in Malta.
- Review of a National Assessment on Child Online Safety in Moldova.



<https://www.itu.int/en/ITU-D/Regional-Presence/Europe/Pages/Projects/NCOPGUIDELINES/Default.aspx>

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