**SYMPOSIUM TITLE**  
Violence, gender, school, and community

**RATIONALE AND CONTENT**  
Violence in and around schools affects millions of children and young people in all countries in the world. Both girls and boys encounter gender-based violence that poses a serious risk to physical, mental and sexual health and well-being and violates their human rights.

This symposium will review the scope of school-related gender-based violence in Europe and Central Asia, key risk and protective factors and discuss how national policies, teachers’ and other service providers’ capacity building and wider community engagement can make a different to protect children and young people from violence.

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**Language**  
Russian (with simultaneous translation into English)
| Schedule | 14:30 – 16:30 Second day, October 4th |