### Workshop Title

**Child/adolescent safety online**

### Rationale

Rapid development and take-up of information and communication technologies provided children and young people with great opportunities for developing creativity, communication and learning. At the same time, this technological advancement has a negative side which is manifested by facilitating the distribution of illegal and harmful content and behaviors that are particularly dangerous for children. New dangers and risks, additional to those from the real world/offline, emerge due to new generation devices, new communication practices such as live streams, social networks chats, etc.

As IT users and high-risk groups at various violent actions, children are the most vulnerable and are most exposed to the risk of grooming for sexual abuse or online documented sexual abuse and online circulation of materials (child sexual abuse materials). For abusers, they are a relatively easy target because they are at the age when they are open to communication and exploration; they have not yet developed defense mechanisms when they are confronted with inappropriate content or behavior.

Knowing the interests of children using the internet and their behaviors in the digital space, allows us better understand the risks that children can be exposed to, and accordingly to take more effective action to prevent or intervene in case of imminent or already consumed dangers.

### Facilitators:

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### Language

RO/EN
## Training objectives

At the end of the workshop, the participants will:

1. Know about the online behaviors of children aged 12-16 from the Republic of Moldova and the main risks to which they are exposed;
2. Know the main rules for positive use of Internet and safe navigation as well as about the dedicated information platform [www.siguonline.md](http://www.siguonline.md);
3. Get information on the possible signs of risk of child abuse and / or exploitation, as well as recommendations on the particularities of interventions in given cases and the "HELP" reporting mechanism at siguronline.md;

## Schedule

October 4th, 16.30 – 17.30