

PROJECT
on strengthening and protecting women's and children's
rights in Ukraine
(TRES)

Addressing violence against children in Ukraine



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Background

- TRES project is one of the EU/CoE joint projects in Ukraine
- The project is funded by the EU with co-funding and implementation by the Council of Europe/Directorate General of Human Rights and Legal Affairs/Department of Information Society and Action against Crime

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Background

- Duration 31 months August 2008- March 2011
- Overall objective:
 - to help decision makers and all relevant stakeholders to put existing Ukrainian legislation, practice and mechanisms in conformity with the European standards re protection of children against sexual exploitation and sexual abuse, gender equality and protection of women and children against violence



Partners

- Ministry of Ukraine for Family, Youth and Sport is the main counterpart institution
- Ministry of Justice is the leading partner to discuss legislative changes
- The Parliament of Ukraine and other state institutions (the Judiciary, Ministry of Interior, GPO, Ombudsperson, Ministry of Labour and Social Policy, Ministry of Education and Science)
- NGOs and media

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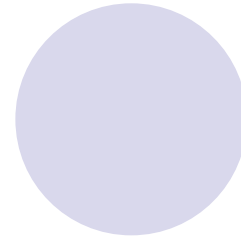
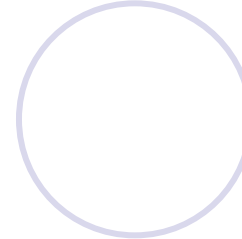
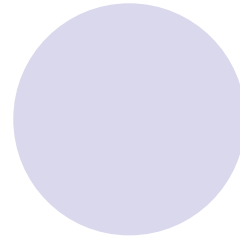
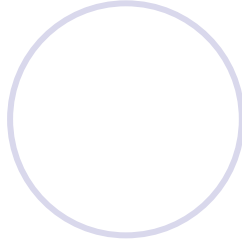
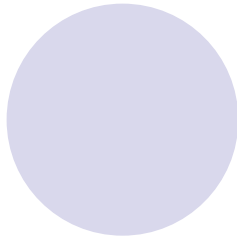


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Expected Impact

- adoption and implementation of required standards and reforms with regard to gender equality and children's rights in line with the European Social Charter (revised)
- improvement of the legal framework and adoption of a holistic approach to combating and preventing violence against women and children, including domestic violence and trafficking
- training of staff in legal and administrative areas on issues related to the protection of children against sexual exploitation and sexual abuse, including new forms of violence against children through information technologies
- ratification by Ukraine of the CETS No.201





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Improving legislation

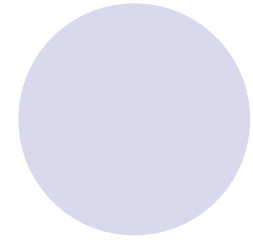
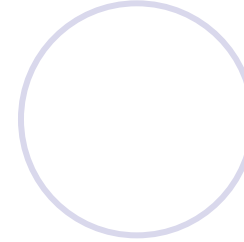
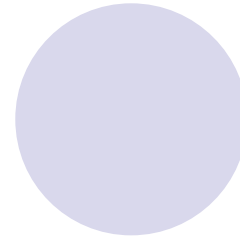
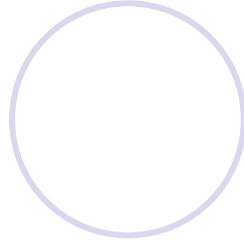
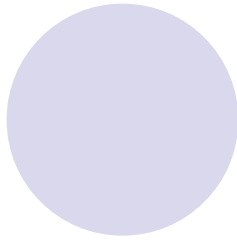
CONVENTION CETS No.201 CONVENTION CETS No.197

- With the support of the project, the Ukrainian authorities set up in August 2009 an **interministerial working group for the ratification of the Council of Europe Convention on the Protection of Children against Sexual Exploitation and Sexual Abuse CETS No. 201**. Preparations of the ratification of the Convention CETS No. 201 is in its final stage
- **The Council of Europe Convention on Action against Trafficking in Human Beings CETS No. 197 ratified**

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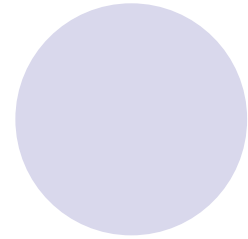
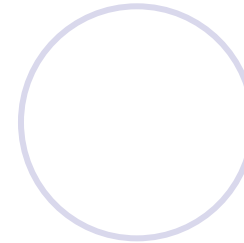
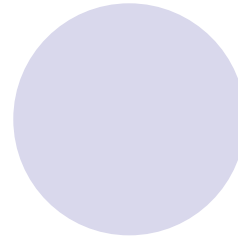
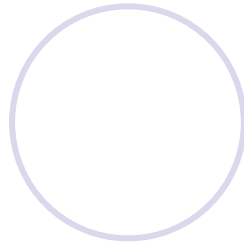
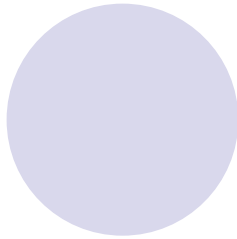
- **A legal compatibility study with regard to the prosecution and prevention of violence against women and children**, prepared and made available to Ukrainian authorities
- The results of the compatibility study discussed in the Verkhovna Rada and taken into account focusing on **the need for legislative changes in order to enhance the protection of children's rights.**



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- **Legal expertise and advice as regards violence against children provided**
- **A legal expert opinion on the draft amendments to the law on domestic violence carried out**





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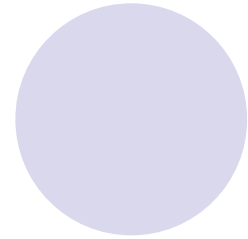
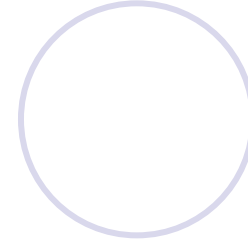
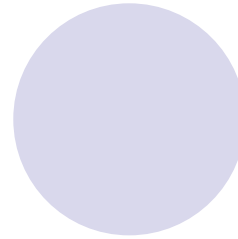
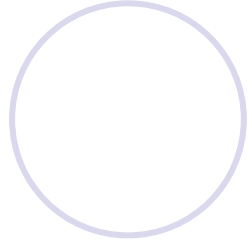
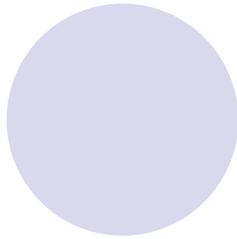


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- **The Working Group on the development of effective legal instruments to protect children against sexual exploitation and sexual abuse** set up within Verkhovna Rada
- **The draft law on the amendments to the Ukrainian Criminal Code and Code of Criminal Procedure** regarding interviews with the child victim or witness drafted and registered in Verkhovna Rada





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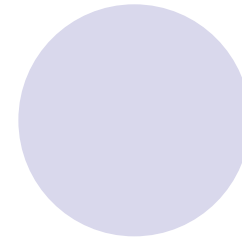
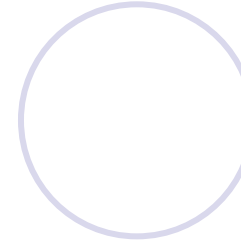
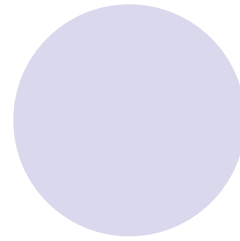
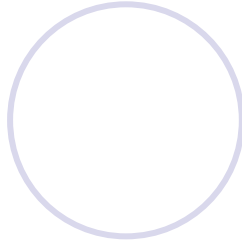
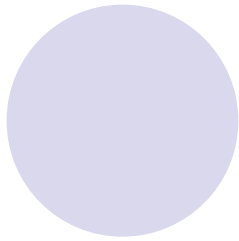


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Capacity building

- The ground prepared for including Ukraine within the Child Helpline International network as its full member the CoE facilitated workshops on possible ways of implementing Article 13 of the Convention (the country has got the status of a potential member)
- a Task Force formed and an action plan for building this instrument set up. The Ukrainian authorities were provided with detailed recommendations concerning the implementation of the instrument





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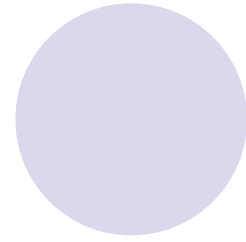
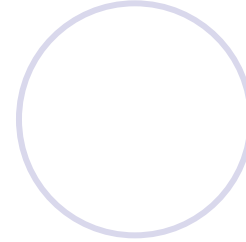
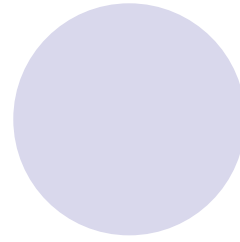
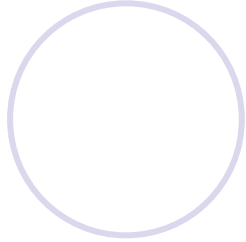
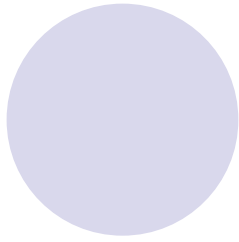
Capacity building - continue

Guidelines “Prevention of human trafficking - lesson in secondary schools”

- **Educational prevention programs for children and youths in the field of human trafficking initiated**

Ukrainian authorities were assisted in drafting guidelines offering classroom “best practice” to explain the perils of sexual and labour trafficking. The **Guidelines “Prevention of human trafficking - lesson in secondary schools”** published and distributed to the teachers in all the regions and **the educational prevention programs for children and youths in the field of human trafficking, including for sexual purposes**, launched and implemented. Around 200 teachers and public officers from the education sector improved their skills as regards discussing human trafficking issues with children and youths in order to prevent to become a victim.





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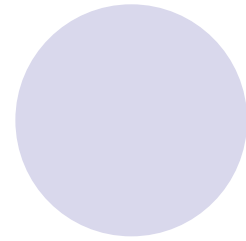
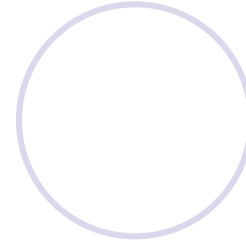
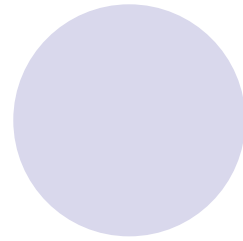
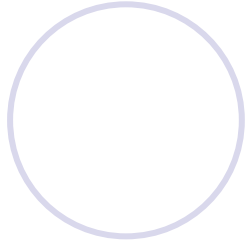
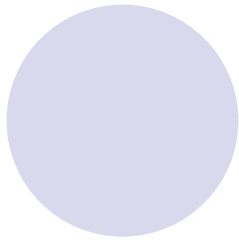
- The project helped **building policy and practice for dealing with sexual exploitation of children through the support to the monitoring of court practice** in cases of violence, sexual exploitation and abuse of children. The results of the monitoring published and included into training materials for relevant target groups
- **The Ukrainian version of the Council of Europe Policy Guidelines on integrated national strategies for the protection of children from violence finalised and promoted**
- Relevant texts in Ukrainian on **children's rights under the European Social Charter provided**



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- **A Manual “Protecting Women’s and Children’s Rights by the Judicial and Law Enforcement Authorities of Ukraine”** set up, published and disseminated





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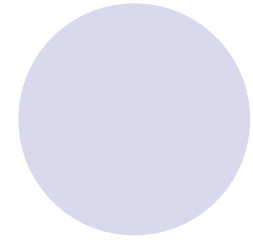
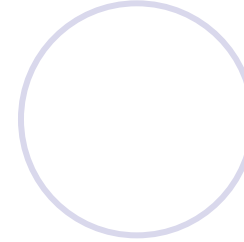
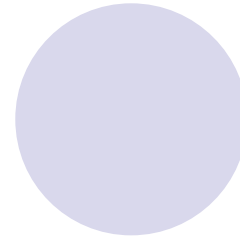
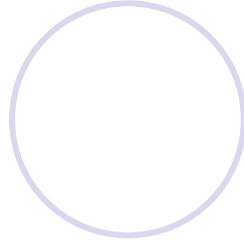
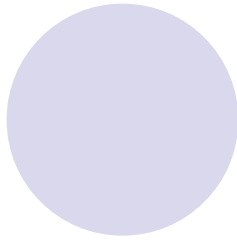


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- **Skills of the police, prosecutors and judges in tackling the cases of domestic violence strengthened: the project assisted the Ministry of Internal Affairs in finalising and publishing the manual for the police regarding domestic violence**





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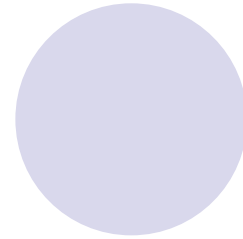
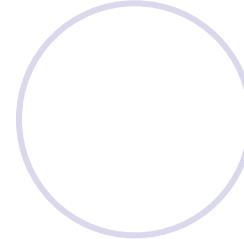
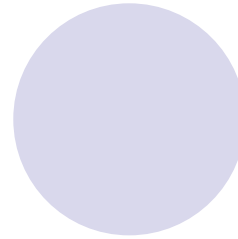
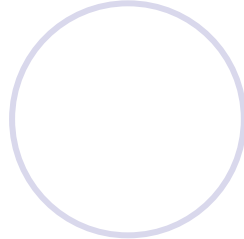
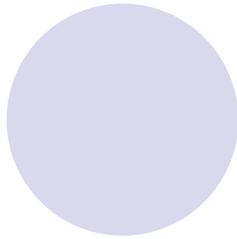
- The educational prevention programmes for children and youths in the field of human trafficking, including for sexual purpose, were launched and implemented
- Teachers and public officers from the educational sector improved their skills as regards discussing human trafficking issues in order to prevent to become a victim
- Social workers from all the regions of Ukraine, specialists in the area of state social service, were provided with tools to shape the practice with regard to the work with perpetrators of domestic violence



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- Training curricula with regard to gender equality and children's rights for the representatives of relevant professional groups elaborated, tested and evaluated during two pilot training courses





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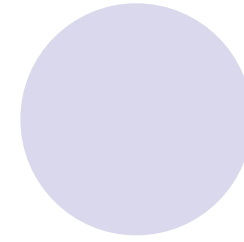
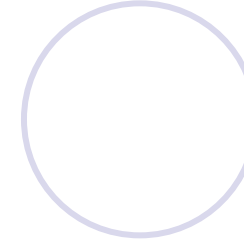
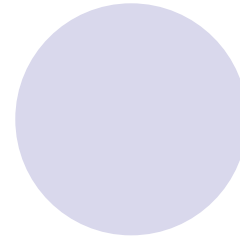
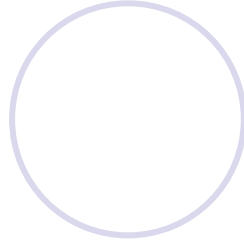
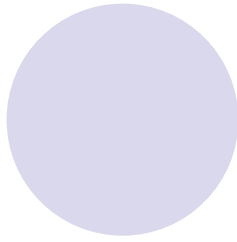
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Children and internet

- around **800 representatives from the police, prosecution, judiciary and social service were trained on issues related to the sexual exploitation and abuse of children**, including assistance to child victims of sexual offenses and exploitation of children via internet. Methods and measures to prevent and fight sexual exploitation of children and laundering of proceeds from child pornography defined





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- Judges from the regions of Ukraine were provided with practical information on various aspects of **cases related to the participation of minors in court proceedings and to cross-border human trafficking.**



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Thank you!



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