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**Protecting children against sexual exploitation and sexual abuse through Internet
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The Council of Europe is organising this regional workshop with the support of Microsoft, within the framework of the Joint Project with the European Union on strengthening and protecting women's and children's rights in Ukraine (TRES).

Fostering children's trust and confidence in the Internet together with the protection of their dignity, security and privacy is a priority for the Council of Europe. This regional workshop is organised with the aim of promoting criminal law measures to protect children against sexual exploitation and sexual abuse in the online environment. In this respect, the standards of reference are the relevant provisions of the Council of Europe Convention on the Protection of Children against Sexual Exploitation and Sexual Abuse (CETS No. 201) and the Convention on Cybercrime – article 9 on child pornography (CETS No. 185). A study on the measures taken by countries to criminalise conduct related to the sexual exploitation and abuse of children through Internet, including child pornography, is currently being conducted under the Council of Europe Global Project on Cybercrime.

The workshop will allow for the sharing of good practices, encourage implementation of these treaties by taking also into account the preliminary results of the above mentioned study and facilitate cooperation between countries.

Representatives from Armenia, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Georgia, Moldova, Ukraine and the Russian Federation as well as international and non-governmental organisations and the private sector are invited to take part in this event.