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Child protection policy

1. CESI – Center for Education, Counselling and Research adheres to the principles enshrined in the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child, General Comment No. 13 (2011) of the UN Committee on the Rights of the Child – the right of the child to freedom from all forms of violence, the Charter of Fundamental Rights of the European Union, the Council of Europe Convention on Human Rights, Convention on Protection of Children against Sexual Exploitation and Sexual Abuse (Lanzarote Convention) and all relevant international, regional and domestic instruments on human rights and the rights of the child and expects all adults involved in the Organization to fully encompass and realize the principles enshrined therein.

2. All children have equal rights to protection from harm including one or more of the following:

- physical abuse
- sexual abuse
- emotional abuse
- neglect or negligent treatment
- personal data protection
- exploitation

3. CESI is committed to ensuring the fulfilment of children's rights including their rights to protection. We take seriously our responsibility to promote child safe practices and protect children from harm, abuse, neglect and exploitation in any form. All decisions and actions on child safeguarding, including data protection, are taken in the best interests of the child.

4. The purpose of this policy is to provide a set of guiding principles and minimum standards for creating a safe environment for children, young people and vulnerable adults within the framework of the CESI's programs and activities.

This policy aims to ensure that CESI staff and volunteers, are skilled, confident, understand, accept and are well supported in meeting their child protection responsibilities and engage positively with children and communities in ways that enhance the achievement of CESI overall program goals and commitments.

This Policy is governed by and should be interpreted in accordance with the national laws and regulations. In Croatia, State protocols establish the codes of conducts and behavior protocols for adults who work with children, youth and victims of violence, namely Protocol in cases of violence among children and youth (2004)¹, Rules of procedure in cases of sexual violence

¹ http://www.iusinfo.hr/UsefulDocs/Content.aspx?SOPI=DDHR20140128N88&Doc=DDOKU_HR