



SAFE IN TOWN

STRENGTHENING INTEGRATED CHILD PROTECTION IN SELECTED EUROPEAN MUNICIPALITIES THROUGH THE DEVELOPMENT AND ACTIVATION OF COMPREHENSIVE CITY CHILD SAFEGUARDING POLICIES

THURSDAY 3RD OF JULY 11 AM - 12:30 PM (CET)

WEBINAR

INTERNATIONAL STANDARDS ON CHILD SAFEGUARDING AND CHILD SAFEGUARDING FRAMEWORK

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This webinar, organised in the framework of the Safe in Town project, marks the project's first public event and will introduce an innovative European initiative aimed at strengthening integrated child protection at the municipal level through the development and activation of City Child Safeguarding Policies (CCSPs).

Safe in Town, co-funded by the European Union and coordinated by Defence for Children Italy, is grounded in a child rights-based and wellbeing-centred approach. The project is being implemented in close coordination with local authorities, child protection experts, external stakeholders and children themselves. This inclusive and participatory process will result in customised City Child Safeguarding Policies, aimed at strengthening local child protection systems and contributing to the prevention of and response to violence against children. These efforts are aligned with international safeguarding standards and EU Commission requirements for all initiatives involving children.

In each participating country, expert organisations will support local administrations in developing and activating the CCSPs:

- Defence for Children Italy – Municipality of Ferrara
- Defence for Children Greece – Municipality of Chania
- CESIS (Portugal) – Municipality of Matosinhos
- Hope for Children Cyprus – Municipality of Strovolos



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The webinar will feature a presentation by Keeping Children Safe, a globally recognised organisation that developed the International Child Safeguarding Standards. These standards support public institutions and organisations in fulfilling their obligations under the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child (UNCRC) by ensuring that children are protected from harm in any activity, programme, or setting involving adults.

During the session, KCS will present:

- An overview of the four core standards: Policy, People, Procedures, and Accountability
- Practical guidance for implementing the standards in municipal environments
- Real-life examples and tools to help build coordinated, gender-sensitive and child-friendly safeguarding systems

PROPOSED AGENDA

- 11:00 - 11:15 AM** Welcoming words by Pippo Costella (DCI Italy Director)
- 11:15 - 11:30 AM** Partner Round Table: each Safe in Town organization will briefly present its mission and explain how it aligns with the goals of the project.
- 11:30 - 12:10 PM** Presentation by Stefan Yordanov (Experts from KCS) of the International Child Safeguarding Standards and Framework, exploring how these can be effectively adapted and implemented within local government contexts to foster safer, more inclusive and child-friendly cities.
- 12:10 - 12:30 PM** Q&A Session

This webinar is open to public and private stakeholders, policymakers, social workers, educators and all professionals working to promote child protection and wellbeing at the local level. A dedicated Q&A session will allow participants to engage directly with international experts and project partners and exchange experiences.