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INVITATION

The Association SOS Helpline for Women and Children Victims of Violence, Slovenia,
and the European Women's Network against Sexual Violence

invite you to

TWO-DAY INTERNATIONAL MEETING

FOR PROFESSIONAL ADVANCEMENT IN THE FIELD OF SEXUAL VIOLENCE WITH A
FOCUS ON SEXUAL VIOLENCE AGAINST CHILDREN AND RAPE

WOMEN HUMAN RIGHTS DEFENDERS

CONCERNED WITH SEXUAL VIOLENCE

UNITED IN REGIONAL, EUROPEAN AND TRANS-ATLANTIC CO-OPERATION

17-18 November 2020 from 10.00 to 15.30

European Day on the Protection of Children
against Sexual Exploitation and Sexual Abuse



Experts from the United States, Ireland, Sweden, Serbia, Croatia and Slovenia will share their experience:

What is their experience with the legislative changes that took place in their countries in this area; in which way survivors benefitted from changes and how were introduced legislative measures implemented into the practice and the reasons why some measures did not come to life in practice?

Why is it important:

- ✓ To rescind the Statute of Limitation regarding sexual offences against children
- ✓ To have educated court expert witnesses who have specialized knowledge on sexual trauma in children
- ✓ To introduce "only yes means yes" rape law (importance of sexual consent)
- ✓ To introduce Government Protocols for management of Sexual Violence cases
- ✓ To work on prevention of children's risky behaviour in an online environment.

The expert meeting will gather multi-sectoral audience concerned with Sexual Violence issue: judicial authorities, police, judicial experts, professionals preparing new legislation in regard to the field of sexual violence, NGOs, psychologists, psychoterapists, educational staff, child protection services, health professionals.

Facilitators:

Maja Plaz, President of the Association SOS Helpline for Women and Children Victims of Violence, Slovenia

Dušica Popadić, President of the European Women's Network against Sexual Violence

Working languages are Slovenian, English, Serbian and Croatian. During the Event there will be no translation and later the whole video material will be translated into English and published on the websites of the Association SOS Helpline for Women and Children Victims of Violence and the European Women's Network against Sexual Violence.



PROGRAM

Keynote Speaker

David Finkelhor, PhD

Crimes against Children Research Center, Family Research Laboratory,
Department of Sociology, University of New Hampshire, USA

Tuesday, 17 November 2020, 11.00 – 15.30

OPENING WORDS

11.00 – 11.30

Maja Plaz, President of the Association SOS Helpline for Women and Children Victims of Violence, Slovenia, and the Governing Board member of the European Women's Network against Sexual Violence

H.E. Ambassador **Lynda C. Blanchard**, U.S. Embassy in Ljubljana, Slovenia

Dušica Popadić, President of the European Women's Network against Sexual Violence



OPENING SESSION

11.30 – 11.45

Pragathi Tummala, MPH, Executive Director of the International Society for Prevention of Child Abuse and Neglect (ISPCAN), USA

Theme: The Latest Perspectives on Child Sexual Abuse: Power of Multidisciplinary Approach and Networking

11.45 – 12.15

Maja Plaz, President of the Association SOS Helpline for Women and Children Victims of Violence, Slovenia, and Governing Board member of the European Women's Network against Sexual Violence

Theme: Analysis of situation in Slovenia in the field of Sexual Violence

12.15 -12.30 Break



SESSION 1

12.30 – 13.45

The Incest Trauma Center – Belgrade, Serbia

Ljiljana Bogavac, MD, President of the Incest Trauma Center – Belgrade and the Governing Board member of the European Women's Network against Sexual Violence, and Nataša Jović, LL.M Rights of the Child

Theme: *Do You Really Care for a Child Survivor of Sexual Violence?*

The Incest Trauma Center – Belgrade brought in the Parliament of Serbia the subject of rescinding the Statute of Limitation regarding the sex offences against children and in 2013 it was adopted. Serbia became, together with UK, 2nd country in Europe that introduced this legislative measure in the best interest of Child Sexual Abuse survivors. Why is important to prepare Sexual Assault survivors for the criminal prosecution and, in particular, for the court? What are the key issues related to reporting and treatment of Child Sexual Abuse cases by institutions in Serbia?

13.45 – 14.00 Break



SESSION 2

14.00 - 15.30

Keynote Speaker: David Finkelhor, PhD, USA

Professor of Sociology and University Professor, Director of the Crimes against Children Research Center, Co-director of the Family Research Laboratory, Department of Sociology, University of New Hampshire

Theme: The Prevention of Child Sexual Abuse

The talk will discuss the major components to a comprehensive approach to preventing sexual abuse in all its forms.



Wednesday, 18 November 2020, 10.00-14.00

SESSION 3

10.00 – 10.20

Joanna Lundquist, Working Chairperson of the Change Attitude, Sweden

Preventing risks of sexual exploitation of children online - self-generated sexual material involving children

This topic is the focus of 2020 edition of the European Day defined by the Council of Europe, Strasbourg.

Joanna Lundquist will talk from her experience of a child rights lawyer who has been working for the last 20 years for the protection of children's rights when it comes to sexual exploitation of children in Sweden and abroad. The Change Attitude is the Swedish cultural foundation, operating globally using the power of culture to end sexual abuse and sexual exploitation of children. Different aspects of sexual exploitation of children online will be discussed, including self-generated sexual material involving children and examples will be given of different preventive measures to protect children in an online environment.



SESSION 4

10.20 – 12.00

The Women's Room – Center for Sexual Rights, Croatia

Maja Mamula, PhD, Co-ordinator of the Women's Room and the Governing Board member of the European Women's Network against Sexual Violence

Theme: Protocol on Management of Cases of Sexual Violence – Development and Implications of its Practical Implementation

In Croatia, upon the initiative of the Women's Room, it was started up the process of development of the Protocol on Management of Cases of Sexual Violence and it was adopted in 2012 by the Croatian Government. In this session, the Protocol will be presented and it will be spoken about lobbying for its development and adoption, challenges faced during this process as well as about the way its implementation influenced perception and how the management of cases of Sexual Violence changed on the side of relevant institutions.

Anamaria Droždjan Kranjčec, Legal Team Co-ordinator, the Women's Room and the Governing Board deputy member of the European Women's Network against Sexual Violence

Theme: Crimes against Sexual Freedom – Legislative Changes in Croatia and Challenges in their Implementation

In the Republic of Croatia, in 2013 in Criminal Code was introduced the criminal offence called »sexual intercourse without consent". Since then, the Women's Room from Zagreb, as the only specialized organization in Croatia which provides assistance and support to survivors of sexual violence, alarmed the public on problematic practice that followed as well as on problems in qualification of the criminal



offences, the length of sentences but also how this criminal offence affects psychological well-being and the recovery of survivor. Throughout a 7 years long period, the Women's Room advocated for rescinding this criminal offence by actively contributing to numerous task-forces, initiatives, campaigns and media appearances. In 2019, the initiative for legislative changes was intensified and by the Women's Room active contribution to the task-force formed with the aim to draft the Law on amendments to the Criminal Code, the improvements related to sexual criminal offences were accomplished.

12.00 – 12.15 Break



SESSION 5

12.15 – 13.00

Caroline Counihan, Legal Policy Director of the Rape Crisis Network Ireland

Theme: ***Consent in Irish Criminal Law and other positive developments - what should happen next?***

This presentation explores the Irish criminal law as it impacts on survivors of sexual violence. It covers recent positive developments, such as the introduction of a definition of consent and the ratification of the Istanbul Convention. It explains how historic child sexual violence is investigated and prosecuted and also includes an overview of RCNI's current legal projects aimed at improving the experience of survivors going through our criminal justice system. It concludes with a brief account of our experiences of supporting survivors throughout the Covid19 crisis.

13.00 – 13.15

Olivia Björklund Dahlgren, Chairperson of the FATTA, Sweden

Theme: ***The FATTA and the Swedish Consent Law***

The FATTA was one of the loudest voices for the consent-based legislation in Sweden. The law clearly states that everything else than yes is no. Olivia Björklund Dahlgren will speak about the most important factors of the Swedish Consent Law and how the FATTA managed to create a movement for consent.

13.15 – 13.30 ***Closure of the Event***



EVENT SIGN UP

There is no registration fee. You are cordially invited to register for the event the latest by Friday, 13 November 2020.

Registration: <https://forms.gle/P5dMrwbhtyHS47VL8>

Help us and share the invitation through your networks.

Welcome!

Maja Plaz, President



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