

STATEMENT ON CHILD PROTECTION REQUIREMENTS

The undersigned Dragan Marić acting as General manager of the public entity Children's Cultural Center Belgrade for the implementation of the project entitled RE-ACT - SEP-211155541 submitted under the call for proposals CERV-2025-CHILD confirm that the Child Protection measures that our public entity/organisation will adopt within the framework of the above-mentioned project are in line with the guidelines "Keeping children safe: the International Child Safeguarding Standards". These measures are based on the following set of principles:

- All children have equal rights to protection from harm
- Everybody has a responsibility to support the protection of children.
- The public entity/organisation has a duty of care to children with whom they work, are in contact with, or who are affected by their work and operations.
- All actions on child safeguarding are taken in the best interests of the child, which are paramount.

Moreover, the public entity/organisation will ensure in each activity of the project:

- Informed consent: child participants and their families will be made aware of the purpose of the project, and its activities, so that the child participant is able to make an informed decision as to whether they will participate in it or not. Additional information, including about national referral services will also be provided if child participant becomes distressed in any way during their participation.
- **Voluntary participation**: child participants are free to withdraw their participation at any time. Explanations are also not required.
- Do no harm: Harm can be both physical and/or psychological and therefore can be in the form of: stress, pain, anxiety, diminishing self-esteem or an invasion of privacy. It is imperative that the activities do not in any way harm (unintended or otherwise) child participants.
- Background check: everyone who will be in a direct contact with child participants under this project will have their criminal record checked.
- Data protection and privacy: the project will follow the EU General Data Protection regulation (GDPR) for what concerns the acquisition, use and diffusion of participants' personal data.

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