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# 11TH CONFERENCE ON E-ABUSE OF CHILDREN

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Online event

**Event moderator:** Tanja Novaković, MISSS Institute

## Organizers:

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## TIMELINE

<b>9.00 – 9.30</b>	<b>CONFERENCE OPENING - WELCOME ADDRESSES</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ Iztok Prezelj, Vice-dean for research, UL FSS</li><li>○ Nenad Šutanovac, Director of ICT Association at the Chamber of Commerce and Industry of Slovenia</li><li>○ Vojko Urbas, Director of the Criminal Police Directorate, General Police Directorate</li><li>○ Cathal Delaney, Head of Team, Analysis Project Twins, EC3, at Europol</li></ul>
<b>9.30 – 10.30</b>	<b>Presentation:</b> <b>INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION OF LAW ENFORCEMENT IN INVESTIGATIONS OF ONLINE SEXUAL ABUSE OF CHILDREN</b>  Robert Tekavec, Head of Juvenile Crime Section, Criminal Police Directorate, General Police Directorate
<b>10.30 – 10.50</b>	PAUSE
<b>10.50 – 11.20</b>	<b>Presentation:</b> <b>TOM TELEFON - A LOOK AT THE PROBLEMS AND HARDSHIPS OF YOUNG PEOPLE IN THE TIME OF CORONAVIRUS</b>  Maša Blaznik, TOM Telefon
<b>11.20 – 12.20</b>	<b>Round table:</b> <b>HANDBOOK AS AN AID IN CASES OF CYBERBULLYING AND ABUSE OF CHILDREN AND ADOLESCENTS</b>  Marko Puschner, Safe.si, FSS UL Irena Zemljič, Association of centres for social work of Slovenia Robert Tekavec & Bojana Kračan, Criminal Police Directorate, General Police Directorate
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<b>12.20 – 13.10</b>	PAUSE
<b>13.10 – 14.10</b>	<b>Presentation:</b> <b>A JOURNEY INTO THE VIRTUAL WORLD</b>  Nina Jelen, Ivan Skvarča Primary School
<b>14.10 – 15.00</b>	<b>Presentation:</b> <b>(IR)RESPONSIBLE PARENTS AND THE ISSUE OF PRIVACY WHEN POSTING RECORDINGS OF THEIR CHILDREN ONLINE</b>  Benjamin Lesjak, University of Primorska, DATAINFO.SI, d.o.o.
<b>15.00</b>	CONCLUSION OF THE CONFERENCE

## PRESENTATION OF SPEAKERS AND SHORT SUMMARIES OF LECTURES

### ROBERT TEKAVEC

*Head of the Juvenile Crime Section at the Criminal Police Directorate of the General Police Directorate*

Robert Tekavec has been a police officer since 2000, initially investigating mainly crimes against matrimony, family and children. In 2011, he was promoted to the Juvenile Crime Group of the Criminal Police Sector of the Ljubljana Police Directorate. He investigated crimes against the sexual inviolability of children, including crimes of sexual exploitation of children via the internet. In 2019, he took over the management of the Juvenile Crimes Division of the Criminal Police Administration. The tasks of the Juvenile Crime Division cover a wide range of tasks related to crimes against children and their rights. His main tasks are to assist in the investigation of crimes, to create an environment for effective investigation, to cooperate with foreign security authorities, with domestic and foreign governmental and non-governmental organizations and to pass on knowledge and experience to investigators. He is the national coordinator of the EU EMPACT Priorities on Sexual Exploitation of the Child, which focuses on operational work in an international environment. He has also co-organized and co-hosted the Conference on E-abuse of Children.

#### **Presentation: INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION OF LAW ENFORCEMENT IN INVESTIGATIONS OF ONLINE SEXUAL ABUSE OF CHILDREN**

The presentation will focus on international law enforcement cooperation in the fight against child sexual exploitation. The internet, which has changed our lives, especially in the last year, knows no borders, and neither do child sexual abusers. For their perverse needs, they exploit the naivety, trust and curiosity of children, who primarily use the Internet for fun, relaxation, companionship, friends, information that they are ashamed to seek elsewhere, and intimate relationships. As children nowadays are increasingly proficient in foreign languages, it is easier for perpetrators to access and talk to children in other countries. Without international cooperation of investigators, it is difficult to prevent these acts, and even more difficult to detect the perpetrators and protect the victims, as the lecturer will demonstrate through practical examples. In order to adequately prevent, train investigators, detect and prosecute these crimes in the Western Balkans, the international campaign "Say No" will be presented, which aims to raise awareness about child sexual abuse via the internet and highlights two of the most common types of sexual abuse. Through the campaign video, the participants want to send the message that national borders are not a barrier for child sexual abuse investigators and that they will do everything to prevent these crimes and take appropriate action against the perpetrators.

### MAŠA BLAZNIK

*Head of the TOM Ljubljana Counselling Team*

Maša Blaznik is a university-educated psychologist. Her area of expertise is working with young people, including working at the School of Food Processing at Biotechnical Educational Centre Ljubljana, as a team leader for work with students with special needs. At TOM Telephone, she started with counselling on the phone, in the online chat room and via e-mail, and now she is the head of the TOM Ljubljana counselling team and an associate of the Centre for Safer Internet. She is also researching the ethical

aspect of society's attitude towards young people and is the author of two international scientific publications.

### **Presentation: TOM TELEFON - A LOOK AT THE PROBLEMS AND HARDSHIPS OF YOUNG PEOPLE IN THE TIME OF CORONAVIRUS**

The experience of the epidemic and quarantine was new for most, and a source of stress and uncertainty for all, including adults. Social distance, which had proved to be the main source of protection against the spread of infection, had significantly cut into the dynamics of interpersonal relationships, including those of children and adolescents. Themes that had been identified as dominant at TOM in recent years: peer relationships, love, physical development, school, have taken a back seat with the emergence of the epidemic. Family, mental health and suicidal ideation have come to the centre of attention. This presentation will outline the themes that we at TOM are identifying in 2021.

## **ROUND TABLE**

*Marko Puschner, Irena Zemljič, Robert Tekavec & Bojana Kračan*

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### **Round table: A HANDBOOK TO HELP IN CASES OF ONLINE VIOLENCE AND ABUSE AGAINST CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE**

The Faculty of Social Sciences of the University of Ljubljana, in cooperation with the Association of centres for social work of Slovenia and the Police, has prepared a handbook for professionals working in social work centres dealing with online violence and abuse of children and adolescents, as part of the Safer Internet Centre project. The manual can also be helpful for police officers and other professionals (e.g. in educational institutions, NGOs, etc.), as it describes the terminology of online violence and abuse, outlines how to deal with it at social work centres and the police, and provides concrete examples with recommendations for action. The authors of the handbook will be among the panelists who will present the practical usefulness of the handbook in dealing with cases of online violence and online abuse of children and adolescents.

## **NINA JELEN**

*teacher, Ivan Skvarča Primary School*

Nina Jelen is a teacher who has focused a lot of attention on online safety, because she is aware of the pitfalls that lurk there for children. In 2015, she won the Information Commissioner's competition for the best lesson on online safety - which is included in the European Handbook on Teaching Privacy and Online Safety. In 2018, she won the "Teacher" category out of more than 600 entries in the European Commission's Better Internet for Kids international competition. Her project and the video she made for the occasion were presented at a conference in Brussels. She has also published a children's book in rhyme, *Ženičke in strički za daljnimi grički*, which is, of course, about online safety. She is also *Tršica Nina*, a columnist advising children on problems - often online ones - in the online newspaper Časoris.

### **Presentation: A JOURNEY INTO THE VIRTUAL WORLD**

We live in a world where adults and teachers can no longer turn a blind eye, turn away and mutter something like, "I'm not interested in the internet, I'm not going to bother with it." Because we work

with children and because the internet is a part of them, we adults have to engage with it, know it and explore it. This is the only way we will be able to advise children and prepare them for their journey in the virtual world.

This presentation will provide practical examples of teaching strategies, activities and findings that the teacher has tried out with her students. It will talk about child abuse, online harassment, online challenges, sharing personal information and other dangers that children face online.

## **BENJAMIN LESJAK**

*Assistant Professor at the University of Primorska and Technical Director at DATAINFO.SI*

Benjamin Lesjak is a lawyer and IT specialist, assistant professor at the University of Primorska and lecturer at several higher education institutions. He participates in courses that link law with modern technologies and personal data protection. At DATAINFO.SI, he is a Data Protection Officer and advises several organizations in the public and private sectors. He is a board member and lecturer at the Awareness Centre SAFE.SI, part of the Safer Internet Centre Slovenia, whose mission is to educate children, parents and teachers about the responsible use of modern technologies, including in relation to privacy protection.

### **Presentation: (IR)RESPONSIBLE PARENTS AND THE ISSUE OF PRIVACY WHEN POSTING RECORDINGS OF THEIR CHILDREN ONLINE**

The speaker will present the responsibility of parents for posting images of their children online, their obligations in terms of protecting their children's privacy and other relevant issues, including in the light of new facial recognition technologies. He will also present possible child abuse and the consequences that may follow from such activities on the part of parents.