



Factsheet

„Intersection. Safe Zone Online”2020

Context

In recent years, young children have been increasingly using the Internet. According to statistics, **44%** of children aged **12-15** have been present on social networks since **before they were 10**. Their online surfing experience means opportunities, but also an increased degree of exposure to various risks. In the absence of technical, critical and social skills, children are exposed to risks in the online environment. There is a need for online safety education in schools, in line with new trends and challenges, given that the education system is one of the key actors responsible for providing children with knowledge and developing basic skills for safe Internet surfing, according to the natural needs of their age.

Mission

The program **“Intersection. Safe Zone Online”** aims to support the education system in promoting children’s online safety, in order to prevent exposure to risks in the online environment. We wish each educational institution to become a “safe zone online” for every child, where teachers have the knowledge, skills and tools, and where students develop critical thinking, using Internet resources responsibly and positively.

Approach

The program “Intersection. Safe Zone Online” involves a complex and systemic approach, which aims to empower the educational community by:

1. Prevention and early intervention activities

The national *Safer Internet Day* | *SID* campaign, implemented by the IC La Strada Moldova (as SID Committee in Moldova), as part of the SID initiative supported by the international platform “Better Internet for Kids”, coordinated by the European Schoolnet network of the European Commission.

2. Protection and assistance actions

Providing legal, psychological and psycho-pedagogical assistance services in cases of online abuse.

Guiding educational actors at local level in the intervention plan adapted to the specifics of online abuse.

3. Capacity building

Distance thematic activities.

Training workshops.

Discussion workshops and exchange of good practices.

4. Public policies

Development of thematic research and support provided by the Ministry of Education, Culture and Research in the development and implementation of the set of standards on online safety in school.

Progress of activities in 2020

- We build practical skills to work with children throughout the school year

... from **182** teachers in 2019 to **303** teachers in 2020.

- We inform teachers and school management staff about online safety (seminars, webinars, distance learning)

... from **319** teachers in 2019 to **2148** teachers in 2020.

- We are growing the virtual community

... from **700** teachers in 2019 to **1300** teachers in 2020.

- We are guiding children in schools through their teachers

... from **3000** children in 2019 to **7320** children in 2020.

- Growing interest in training activities

... from **211** teachers in 2019 to **1530** teachers in 2020.

Geographical spread of the community

Members of the Intersection community are in every district of the country, including ATU Gagauzia and Transnistria.



Activities carried out in 2020

The contest "Together for a Better Internet", with the participation of **40** teachers from **36** educational institutions and more than **1000**



Offline workshop for discussion and exchange of good practices with **30** teachers.

- **Thematic webinars** - over **2000** teachers and education managers.
- **Distance training** - over **120** teachers from all districts of the country.

Updated resources

- ✓ 5 lesson scenarios for primary school and 8 lesson scenarios for secondary school, available for any interested teacher on the platform siguronline.md;
- ✓ A new guide for teachers, for a safe online lesson;
- ✓ Posters and information materials;
- ✓ 14 new informative and thematic articles.

The **Safer Internet Day (SID) campaign 2020** has reached **26** districts

91 teachers carried out curricular and extracurricular activities for **3530** children.

Hundreds of primary, secondary and high school students were actively involved in discussions and developed their own information materials on the following topics: "Good images. Bad/inappropriate images", "Online friends", "Relationships and communication in the online environment", etc.

Productive collaborations

- ✓ **Republican Center for Children and Youth (ARTICO)** – live thematic sessions for teachers;
- ✓ **Future Class Project** – training participants in G Suite training for trainers on the topic of online safety in education;
- ✓ **Online Education Project** – presentation of information resources about child safety in the online environment, available for teachers, children and parents.

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