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Against Cyber Sexual Violence
Final Symposium ByeDV – 6th of March 2023

Sexualized violence against children and young people is a crime that has far-reaching consequences for those affected. The rapid expansion of the digital world has made these crimes global. Adults must take responsibility for protecting minors in the digital space.

The symposium marks the conclusion of the practice research project ByeDV (Beyond Digital Violence - Capacity Building for Relevant Professionals Working with Children and Young People Who Experienced Sexualized Violence Using Digital Media; https://byedv.de/), which is being carried out by the collaborative partners DGfPI e.V. and SRH University of Applied Sciences Heidelberg in cooperation with specialized counselling centres working on sexualized violence in the period from 2021 to 2023 (co-funded by the European Union's Rights, Equality and Citizenship 2014-2020 programme).

In the project, quality criteria for dealing with mediatized sexualized violence were developed and will be presented to the professional public and representatives from politics and research. Further keynotes will outline the framework of professional discussions and introduce different approaches on national and European level. The quality criteria and other topics will be discussed in depth in workshops. The event programme will be sent out shortly.

The following challenges in dealing with digitalized sexualized violence against children & adolescents will be in focus:

- *Do standards in counselling, intervention and prevention change when sexualized violence is initiated, recorded, carried out, disseminated and consumed by means of digital media?*
- *What are the consequences for affected children and young people when depictions of abuse circulate on the Internet? What do professionals need to consider?*
- *How can schools, daycare centres, or child and youth welfare facilities be supported in ensuring digital protection?*
- *What approaches address the phenomenon of increasing digital peer violence?*
- *What prevention strategies and approaches are being pursued by actors in other EU countries?*
- *How can children's rights be strengthened in the digital space?*

Format and registration: The symposium will take place on March 6, 2023 from 9:00 am to 5:00 pm. Registration for online participation will be available from mid-January 2023.

Target group: This symposium is aimed at expert advisors, prevention specialists, representatives from youth welfare, schools, law enforcement, youth welfare in criminal proceedings (juvenile justice assistance), academia, acteurs from other EU projects, authorities, politics, associations and the general public.

Communication: The conference will be bilingual. Greetings, keynotes and discussions will be simultaneously translated into German and English. In addition, the contributions will be subtitled to support the understanding of the participants. We are planning workshops with simultaneous translation (en <> ger), some workshops will be held in English, others in German.

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