

Behind the Screen: Understanding Online Risks for Persons with Disabilities

Public Webinar by EPR, Theotokos Foundation and the Hellenic Cybercrime Division

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Online, Zoom

Objective of the webinar

Digital technologies offer unprecedented opportunities for participation, learning, communication and self-determination for persons with disabilities. However, the growing reliance on online environments has also increased exposure to a range of digital risks, including cyberbullying, online harassment, fraud, image-based abuse, exploitation, misinformation, and other forms of cyber-enabled victimisation. Evidence and practice, for instance an [OHCHR Report on Countering cyberbullying against persons with disabilities](#), increasingly show that persons with disabilities may face heightened vulnerability online due to a combination of accessibility barriers, limited availability of tailored prevention resources, insufficient support mechanisms, and a lack of awareness among professionals and service providers.

This webinar, **co-organised by the European Platform for Rehabilitation (EPR) together with Theotokos Foundation and the Hellenic Cybercrime Unit** brings together experts from law enforcement, the European Commission, disability organisations, victim support services and civil society to examine emerging online risks and present innovative responses. The webinar will put emphasis on the need **to move from reactive protection to proactive empowerment**. Whether through policy action, cross-sector collaboration, accessible educational resources, technological innovation, law enforcement practice or legal accountability, all speakers will explore how to strengthen the capacity of persons with disabilities to navigate digital spaces safely while ensuring that institutions and systems effectively prevent, address and respond to online harm.

This webinar aims to:

1. Increase awareness of online risks affecting persons with disabilities and explore emerging challenges such as cyberbullying, online victimisation, gender-based violence, and AI-enabled abuse.
2. Share effective European and international policies, practices and tools that promote prevention, protection and empowerment, including cross-sector collaboration, accessible educational resources, and victim support mechanisms.
3. Strengthen stakeholders' capacity to create safer and more inclusive digital environments by fostering cooperation among disability organisations, policymakers, law enforcement authorities, educators, families and victim support services.



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PROGRAMME

10:00

Welcome and Introductions

Alicia Gómez Campos, Secretary General, European Platform for Rehabilitation

10:05

Development of a cross-sector model for preventing online victimisation of persons with autism and intellectual disabilities.

Presentation 1: Digital Safety for All: The Role of the Cybercrime Directorate in Protecting Persons with Disabilities (30')

Maria Kollia, Police Major (Special Duties), Computer and Informatics Engineer, Hellenic Cybercrime Division

Dimitris Marinakis, Police Lieutenant – Psychologist, Hellenic Cybercrime Division

Presentation 2: Developing a Collaborative Model for Online Safety (30')

Nektaria Sifaki, Career Guidance Counsellor MA, Head of VET Department at Theotokos Foundation, Greece

Afroditi Korogiannaki, Developmental Psychologist MSc; Systemic Family Therapist; Head of Mental Health & Social Care Services at Theotokos Foundation, Greece

Q&A (10')

11:15

EU and international perspectives on countering cyberbullying against persons with disabilities

Presentation 1: EU Action Plan Against Cyberbullying (10')

Dillan Fangoo, Policy Officer and Equality Coordinator of EU Action Plan Against Cyberbullying at the Unit of Accessibility, Multilingualism and Safer Internet, Directorate General for Communications Networks, Content and Technology, European Commission

Presentation 2: OHCHR Report on Countering cyberbullying against persons with disabilities (10')

Azin Tadjini, Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR), United Nations.

Q&A (5')

11:40

SAFE WORLD: Empowering Young People with Intellectual Disabilities against Gender-Based and Cyber Violence

Aoife McGarry, Projects and Policy Officer, Autism Europe (10')

Q&A (5')

11:55

Conclusions and closing remarks

Clara Beser, Policy Officer, European Platform for Rehabilitation

12:00

End of Webinar

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