



SAFEGUARDING CHILDREN IN SPORT

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ABOUT GUARD PROJECT

GUARD is dedicated to enhancing child safeguarding in sports by providing guidance and training to establish robust safeguarding structures within national sport organizations. Our aim is to create a safe and secure environment for children participating in sports activities.

GUARD PROJECT PARTNERS APPOINT CHILD SAFEGUARDING OFFICERS IN NATIONAL OLYMPIC COMMITTEES

The EU-funded project "Safeguarding children in sport" (GUARD) is proud to announce that each partner National Olympic Committee (NOC) has appointed a dedicated Child Safeguarding Officer (CSO). This significant milestone demonstrates the consortium's commitment to ensuring the safety and well-being of young athletes in sports across Europe.

The GUARD project brings together a highly experienced team of experts, including psychologists, pedagogues, criminologists, legal professionals, sports administrators and former athletes. This diverse and skilled team is actively collaborating to develop the project's key deliverables, with the goal of setting new standards in child safeguarding within sports organizations.



POSITIVE FEEDBACK FUELS PROGRESS ON EDUCATIONAL CURRICULUM

Following positive feedback on two core Work Package 2 (WP2) deliverables – D2.1. "Guidance and Procedures to Safeguard and Protect Children in Sport Organizations" and D2.2. "Set of Resources for Child Safeguarding Officers in Sport Organizations" – the consortium is now focusing on the development of an educational curriculum. This curriculum aims to equip future CSOs of national federations with the necessary skills and knowledge to effectively implement child safeguarding policies.

The curriculum will be delivered in two phases: national modules due in June 2025 and February 2026, providing a comprehensive learning experience for Child Safeguarding Officers in the partner countries' national federations, and transnational module due in October 2025.

CENTRAL EDUCATIONAL MODULE IN ZAGREB

The highlight of the educational program will be a central training module delivered in a transnational context, set to take place in Zagreb in October 2025. This event will gather Child Safeguarding Officers from national federations across all participating countries, along with external experts in the field. The training will provide a unique opportunity for participants to engage in hands-on learning, share experiences, and discuss best practices in child safeguarding.



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The exact dates for the modules and further curriculum details will be announced in due course. To stay informed about the latest updates, we encourage you to visit the GUARD project website and follow the GUARD X account for news, announcements, and resources.

The appointment of Child Safeguarding Officers in each NOC marks a significant step forward in the GUARD project's mission to create a safer environment for young athletes.

The consortium looks forward to continuing its work in collaboration with national sports federations to promote a culture of safeguarding in sports across Europe by appointing their national federation child safeguarding officers that will undergo the educational modules in 2025 and 2026.

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The GUARD consortium remains dedicated to fostering a secure and supportive environment for all children involved in sports activities. Together, we are committed to setting a higher standard in child safeguarding practices and making a lasting impact in the world of sports.



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