

# Safe in Town: the European e-learning platform for child safeguarding is now online

*The project Safe in Town funded by the EU has published its training and learning platform, offering a free e-learning course on child safeguarding for professionals, practitioners and volunteers working with children across the EU.*

**Platform:** [www.childsafeguarding.eu](http://www.childsafeguarding.eu)

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**Language:** English (Italian, Greek, Portuguese in progressive release)

**The platform is now available for registration. Access it now: [www.childsafeguarding.eu](http://www.childsafeguarding.eu)**

## The E-learning platform

The Safe in Town platform is aimed at anyone working with or for children: social workers, educators, healthcare staff, law enforcement officers, local authority employees, NGO workers and volunteers. It is freely accessible and designed to be used for individual self-learning, as part of an organisation’s training programme, or as a teaching resource for trainers.

## The learning pathway

At the heart of the platform is an **e-learning course structured in eight sessions**, covering the main areas of child safeguarding - from prevention and early identification of risk to inter-agency coordination, referral pathways, child participation and monitoring. Each session combines theory, interactive modules and practical exercises. The course is designed for people at different levels of experience, from those new to the field to practitioners looking to update or formalise their knowledge.

The content draws on the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child, the 2024 Commission Recommendation on integrated child protection systems, the EU Strategy on the Rights of the Child, Council of Europe standards and the Keeping Children Safe international standards, making it applicable across different national child protection systems within the EU.

Alongside the course, the platform includes a **shared glossary**, an essential tool for building a common language among professionals from different countries, and a **Resource Centre** with normative references, background reading and operational tools.

Being anchored in European law and policy, this training and learning platform is **universally applicable throughout the EU**.

## About the Safe in Town project

Safe in Town is project co-funded by the EU working with four European municipalities to strengthen child safeguarding policies, procedures and professional training at local level. It brings together civil society organisations and city administrations in Italy, Portugal, Greece and Cyprus.

The project focuses on building practical capacity: developing local child safeguarding policies, testing multi-disciplinary referral procedures and training the professionals and volunteers who work with children every day. Children and local communities are involved throughout.

The project is coordinated by Defence for Children International Italia, together with CESIS (Portugal), Defence for Children International Greece, and "Hope For Children" CRC Policy Center (Cyprus). Keeping Children Safe participates as an expert partner, contributing its international child safeguarding standards to the training content.

Following the **EU Recommendation on integrated child protection systems**, SAFE IN TOWN fosters innovative policies, procedures, and practices, including child- and gender-sensitive referral mechanisms and evidence-based strategies. By building local capacities and a strong culture of safeguarding, the initiative aims to reduce risks, protect children, and empower them to thrive safely in their communities.

## Availability

The platform is currently available in English. Italian, Greek and Portuguese versions are in preparation and will be available in late spring 2026, each translated and adapted to the local child protection context, including national legislation and policies.

Access is free. The resource centre and the e-learning programme require a free account.

### Further information

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