



Children First

INTRODUCTION TO THE **CHILDREN FIRST** PROJECT



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INFORMATION ABOUT CHILDREN FIRST

- “**Children First-Addressing Gender Based Violence from the bottom-up**” is a project aimed at preventing and contrasting school-related gender based violence (SRGBV) among children with a focus on dating violence.
- The “**Children First**” represents a shared effort to **educate school children** (aged 12-18) in order to **prevent and address dating violence** from and early age by undermining **gender stereotypes, norms and roles** that are the main causes for dating violence.



THE CONSORTIUM

- “**Children First**” is a 2 year project funded by the European Union under the Rights, Equality and Citizenship programme (2014-2020).
- The consortium coordinating this project includes the following organisation:



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AIMS OF THE PROJECT

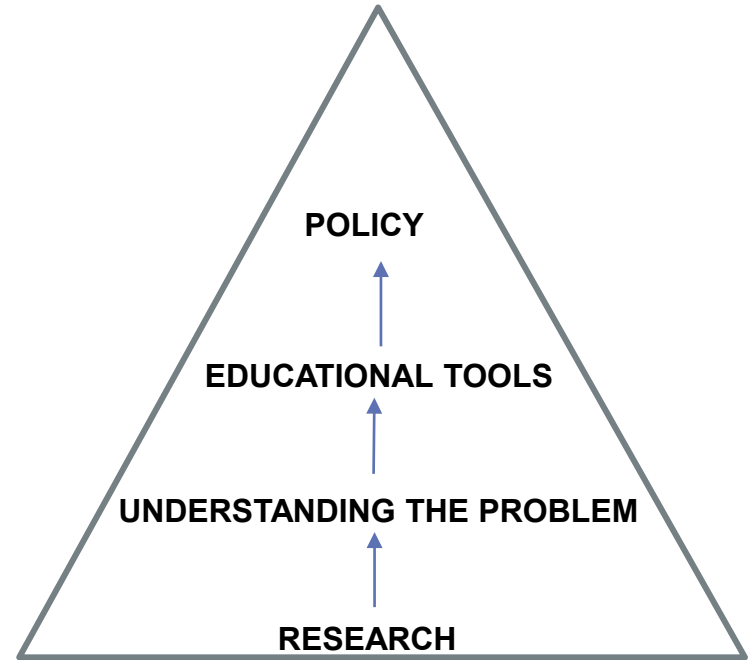
- Gender-based violence is a widespread problem. While policy and literature on the issue are slowly growing, “dating violence” amongst children and teenagers remains largely under-researched and unaddressed.
- The Children First project tackles this issue through a multidisciplinary and multi stakeholder approach that puts children first to prevent and tackle gender based violence within the context of dating and SRGBV.
- The project offers to **challenge attitudes and norms** towards dating violence and **create educational tools to prevent school related gender based violence.**

HOW WILL THESE AIMS BE MET?

- ❑ **Sharing and collecting evidence** and best practices to prevent and tackle dating violence amongst young people.
 - ❑ **Training programmes** for school teachers and educators, in order to show online and offline, how to prevent and contract gender-based violence in school
 - ❑ **Online educational game** for children and young people in order to challenge gender stereotypes and norms leading to violence
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- A cartoon-style target on a tripod stand. The target has concentric rings of black, blue, red, and yellow. An arrow is shown hitting the center yellow bullseye.
- ❑ **Collaboration** of educational institutions, human right organisations, teachers, educators, parents, children and young people for sharing findings and results.
 - ❑ **Awareness raising** campaigns to support gender equality and inclusion among children and young people

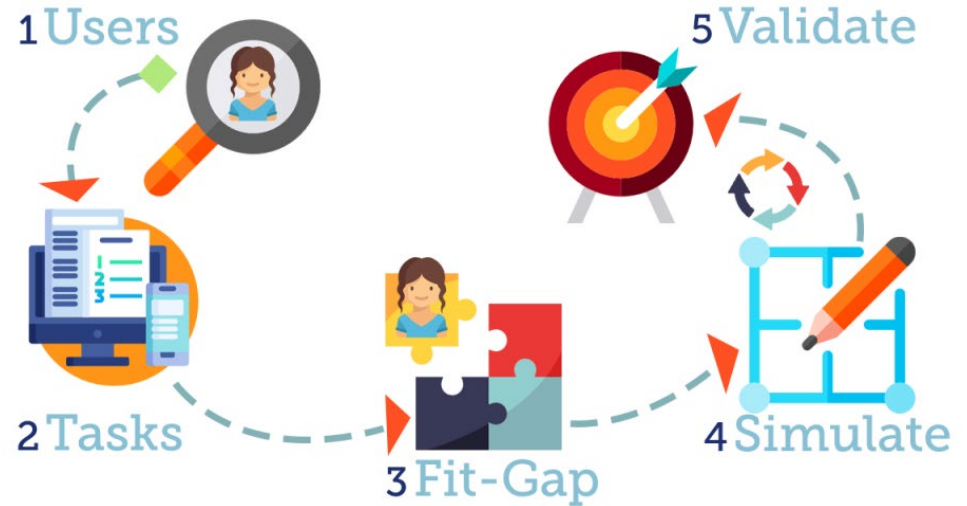
A BOTTOM-UP APPROACH

The project centres around the views of **children and young people** and understand how they perceive violence in their relationships. In addition to this, the views of adults within the social spheres of young people are also taken into consideration.



USER-LED APPROACH

In this project, children and young people are consultants in the project, as member of the youth led Advisory Board, which proactively collaborate in the creation of tools and contents, and on the delivery of awareness-raising campaigns.



PRINCIPLE OF EQUALITY AND NON-DISCRIMINATION

- This project supports the principle of non-discrimination of **equality between women and men, and the rights of the child.**
- Gender balance is sought in all project activities, no one is discriminated against, and diversity of gender identity and sexual orientation is encouraged.
- Gender stereotypes and gender role are undermined and rejected, and principle of equality and inclusion for all will be embedded throughout the project.





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