



Guidelines to respect, protect and fulfil the rights of the child in the digital environment

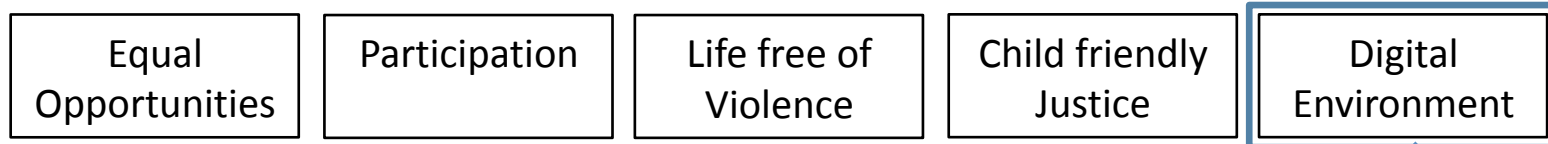
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- ❑ Council of Europe: Recommendation CM/Rec(2018)7 of the Committee of Ministers
- ❑ Adopted by the Committee of Ministers on 4 July 2018 at the 1321st meeting of the Ministers' Deputies
- ❑ <https://rm.coe.int/guidelines-to-respect-protect-and-fulfil-the-rights-of-the-child-in-th/16808d881a>

Purpose of the Guidelines



- a) guide States in formulating legislation, policies and other measures to promote the realisation of the full array of the rights of the child in the digital environment and address the full range of ways in which the digital environment affects children's well-being and enjoyment of human rights;
- b) promote the devising, implementation and monitoring by States of a comprehensive strategic and co-ordinated approach, reflecting the principles contained in the present guidelines;
- c) ensure that States require business enterprises and other relevant stakeholders to meet their responsibility to respect the rights of the child in the digital environment and encourage them to support and promote these rights;
- d) ensure concerted action and co-operation at national and international level to respect, protect and fulfil the rights of the child in the digital environment.

Fundamental Principles and Rights



- Best Interest of the Child
- Evolving capacities of the child
- Right to non-discrimination
- Right to be heard
- Duty to engage other stakeholders

Operational principles and measures to respect, protect and fulfil the rights of the child in the digital environment



1. Access to the digital environment
2. Right to freedom of expression and information
3. Participation, right to engage in play and right to assembly and association
4. Privacy and data protection
5. Right to education
6. The right to protection and safety
7. Remedies



National frameworks

- Legal framework
- Policy and institutional frameworks
- Co-operation and co-ordination at national level

International co-operation and co-ordination



Questions to Industry

- What do you see as areas of the Guidelines in need of specific explanation, and what might be difficult or controversial?
- What would you like to see in an implementation guide?

I shall be happy to receive your answers at

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Thank you for your kind attention!

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