**Mission Statement**

The Internet became the core of social life with social media.

We trust in the positive energy and influence of social work to guide children and young people at risk safely through the challenges and support them to benefit from the great advantages of social media.

The project has one overarching objective: **improving children’s online safety** by availing the positive energy and influence of social work on children and youths at risk.

**Social work for children and youths** in general offers socio-educational aid for young people that compensates their social disadvantages on the one hand and overcomes their individual impairments on the other hand.

Young people often spend their leisure time at **care centres, community centres, youth clubs, children’s homes** but also **public libraries, sports clubs** and other institutions where they are seeking support and advice and in parallel often use the Internet together with their peers.

The professionals working there are well acquainted with the daily life situation and the needs of their young target group. By way of the training **SocialWeb – SocialWork** they will be enabled to address appropriately online risks and threats their **vulnerable young clients** might face on the Internet and enhance their resilience.

**The project strategy**

- builds on the social workers’ detailed knowledge and acquaintance with the target group of vulnerable children and youths and
- addresses sensitively their need for knowledge on digital media use in social work.

**The project will**

- provide face-to-face training courses accompanied by online learning units, materials and tools to professionals working with children and youths at risk,
- measure the effects of such a training for the improvement of Internet safety for vulnerable children,
- exploit and valorise the project’s findings and results.
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