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The ENHAGA project has reached its destination!

Our cutting-edge project “**ENHAGA – End Sexual Harassment in Gaming**”, funded by the Rights, Equality and Citizenship (REC) Programme of the European Union, that began in April 2020 will come to an end in **September 2022**. Over the past few months, the ENHAGA consortium has been working on a series of training and awareness raising activities that took place in Italy, Greece, Cyprus, and the UK.

Training activities for professionals and young gamers

Our partners from Greece, Cyprus, Italy and the UK organised the **ENHAGA training workshops** where **professionals** and **young gamers** had the chance to participate and learn more about the phenomenon of the sexual harassment and gender-based violence in online games, to acknowledge the profile of the perpetrators, to learn how to react and report such incidents and to be informed about the current institutional framework in the countries involved.

More than **250 professionals**, such as teachers, psychologists, social workers and staff of institutions & services promoting gender equality and combating gender-based violence, and more than **450 young gamers** took part in the training activities organised in the four partner countries.

The workshops were designed based on ENHAGA's final output, the “**Training toolkit and package**”, covering the following topics:




- Definitions of gender-based violence and sexual harassment in digital settings
- Prevention of cyber-sexual harassment
- Legal framework
- Technical resources against digital sexual harassment.

The training package along with the **ENHAGA game** and **Plug-ins** were used as useful resources and powerful tools to break down misconceptions and gender stereotypes that can lead to hatred and cyberbullying and enhance, at the same time, the quality of interaction in gaming settings encouraging an integrative environment for everyone involved. Finally, all participants had the opportunity to navigate through the digital world of the ENHAGA game and actively participate in the decisions and actions of the heroes.

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Final International Conference

On June 17, 2022, all seven partners from Italy, United Kingdom, Cyprus and Greece met in person for the first time since the beginning of the project for the **ENHAGA Final Conference** that was held in Rome, Italy. More than 80 persons had the chance to attend the conference, both virtually and in person, and learn more about the aims of the project, its key outputs and the results achieved during the 30-month project's activity.

After the opening remark by Marilena Nocente, President of the Cooperativa Sociale San Saturnino, the lead organisation, Valentina Iacono Quarantino, also on behalf of the SANSAT, made an overview of the ENHAGA Project. Theo Gavrielides from RJ4All - Restorative Justice for All, United Kingdom, presented the **e-Book "Ending sexual harassment in online gaming: A review from the United Kingdom, Greece, Italy and Cyprus"**, a publication resulting from in-depth research on the phenomenon of online sexual harassment, conducted both at European level and at the level of the four countries involved in the project.



Next, Sotiris Themistokleous from CSI - Centre for Social Innovation, Cyprus, presented the outputs of Work Package 3: **the ENHAGA Training Package and Toolkit**, developed to be used for training both players and stakeholders and for understanding and recognising abusive behaviour and psychological pressure online, **the ENHAGA game** and its **Plug-ins**, a game for individual gamers that, through different activities, encourages them to identify and react to cyber sexual harassment. With this innovative tool, players can learn what cyber sexual harassment is and understand how users can protect themselves.

Finally, Raina Melissinou, both from KEAN, Greece, Thanos Theofilopoulos from SYMPLEXIS, Greece, and Raina Chiara De Conca from Alternata Silos (Italy) presented the **Training activities and seminars** carried out and the results achieved in their respective countries.

Join us and spread the word!

Our website enhaga-project.eu will still be available and our social media, Facebook facebook.com/ENHAGA.Project & Twitter twitter.com/enhaga_project, will remain up-to-date even after the end of the project.

Partners

The ENHAGA project is the common effort of 7 partner organisations from Italy, Greece, Cyprus, and the UK.



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