



REGIONAL NETWORK FOR SAFEGUARDING AND PSEA IN THE UKRAINE REFUGEE RESPONSE

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WHY A REGIONAL NETWORK FOR SAFEGUARDING AND PSEA?

Safeguarding and protecting refugees from Ukraine from sexual exploitation and abuse (PSEA) are among the key priorities for the regional refugee response.

National PSEA Networks are already in place in Bulgaria, [Hungary](#), [Moldova](#), [Poland](#), [Romania](#), and [Slovakia](#) to lead and maintain oversight of collective PSEA efforts. In January 2023, a Regional Network was launched to offer support to these Networks, facilitate regional exchange and learning across the different countries, and promote a coherent and survivor/victim-centered approach across the region. The Regional Network also seeks to ensure that good regional practices are documented, and duplication avoided.

The Regional Network is co-chaired by the UN Refugee Agency, [UNHCR](#) and [Save the Children International](#).

WHAT DOES THE REGIONAL NETWORK DO?

The Regional Network meets on a monthly basis and seeks to encourage its members and national PSEA Networks to enhance their work through collaboration.

In line with its [Plan of Action \(February-August 2023\)](#), the Regional Network focuses on three main pillars of work:



Contextualized training and capacity building

- Contextualized training video for the Ukraine response context
- Tip sheets on inclusion of persons with disabilities, older persons and minorities



Targeted awareness raising and information campaigns

- Child friendly material
- Material adapted to persons with hearing and visual impairments
- Inclusion of minority groups (Roma)



Exchange and document good practices

- SEA investigations
- Engagement and advocacy with host governments
- Risk Assessments
- Legal analysis on safe recruitment in the EU context



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HOW CAN I GET INVOLVED?

The Regional Network is open to safeguarding and PSEA practitioners operating in the Ukraine refugee response.

You can find more information about the Regional Network on its webpage: [Regional PSEA and Safeguarding Network - Ukraine Refugee Situation](#)

Please feel free to reach out to the co-chairs, Rawan Abukhadra (email: rawan.abukhadra@savethechildren.org) and Caroline Dulin Brass (email: dulin@unhcr.org) for any questions.



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