As the world is fighting COVID-19, and countries are actively preparing a sustainable recovery after COVID-19, promoting child rights and implementing measures for the well-being of children is more important than ever. The objectives of this convening are to:

1. Elevate violence against children as a global priority for COVID-19 planning and financing
2. Showcase cost-effective, evidence-based solutions that can be scaled
3. Discuss a collective way forward for European Pathfinding Countries

Participating countries are those that have already joined the “End Violence” partnership, with official domestic and international commitments, to ending violence against children:

- Armenia
- Finland
- France
- Georgia
- Montenegro
- Romania
- Sweden
- Switzerland
- United Kingdom

Participants include Country delegations (with representation of different sectors incl. Health, Education, Social Welfare, Child Protection and Justice) and European “End Violence” Members.

Thursday 26 November: Elevating violence against children as a global priority

Moderated by Mr. Howard Taylor (End Violence)
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14h00 Testimonial video
14h10 Welcome, Mr. Adrien Taquet, Secretary of State in charge of Children and Families, France
14h20 Opening, Ms. Karin Strandås, State Secretary to Minister for Gender Equality, Sweden
14h30 Keynote address, Ms. Afshan Khan, UNICEF Regional Director for Europe and Central Asia (ECARO)
14h40 European Status Report to End Violence Against Children, Mr. Jonathon Passmore, WHO Europe
14h50 Violence against Children and COVID-19, what we’ve learned, Mr. Aaron Greenberg, UNICEF ECARO
15h00 Role of Civil Society in supporting Government led initiatives, Ms. Alessandra Aula, BICE
15h10 Policies and initiatives to end violence against children in cities
   Ms. Inga Marte Thorkildsen, Vice Mayor, Oslo City Government
   Ms. Helen Godwin, Councilor and Cabinet Member for Women and Children, Bristol City Council
15h30 Questions and answers
16h00 Reflections and moving forward, Ms. Nino Berdzuli, Director Country Health Programmes, WHO EUROPE

Friday 27 November: Thematic groups and way forward

Moderated by Mr. Alexis Rinckenbach (Government of France)
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09h00 Welcome and break into groups*
   - Group 1: Parent and caregiver support
   - Group 2: Online safety
   - Group 3: School-based violence prevention
10h00 Reconvene and feedback to plenary
11h00 Discussion and commitments for countries to work together around key topics of interest
12h00 Way forward and Closing
12h30 End

*Concept notes will be developed on each topic incl. moderator, objective and technical experts