

Embrace Equality



Can you imagine a future where **children** all over the world grow up to be equally valued, heard and respected, and with equal access to opportunities?

Did you know that gender stereotyping limits the development of the potential, talents and abilities of women and men, girls and boys by conditioning people's freedom and choices?

Did you know that gender stereotyping can lead to gender-based violence (GBV) that is a violation of **human rights**?

Children are exposed to gender stereotypes and GBV from early ages. **Gender stereotypes** are created/influenced/exist within family context, educational context, media and society in general. Each and everyone of us can contribute in eliminating gender stereotypes, and thus GBV. SAFER's aim is to educate and raise awareness of children and teachers on the issues of gender equality and GBV.

SAFER is an EU-funded project (2018-2020) aiming to challenge gender roles, gender stereotypes, raise awareness about gender-based violence and its effects, and ultimately, prevent it by reporting such incidents and through teaching life skills (e.g. building healthy relationships, adopting and maintaining values). We work with teachers, pupils, school principals, school management and parents, as well as policy makers, and we believe that **gender-sensitive pedagogy** should start from the early years of education.















The plan to become SAFER...

Step 1:

SAFER survey with students, teachers, school principals and policy makers was completed in 5 countries to gain insight on the current gender stereotypes and GBV situation in schools.

Step 2:

Development of a training package on awareness-raising and prevention of gender stereotyping and GBV for primary-school teachers.

Step 3:

Training of teachers (April – September 2019)

Step 4:

Awareness-raising events (October - November 2019)

- Children's Fun Festival
- Teachers' Educational Event
- Cultural Event for Parents
- Policy Makers Conference

Step 5:

Final dissemination event to present the results of the project (January 2020)

How we plan to stay SAFER...

- Classroom material for primary-school teachers and children (8-12 years old) available online.
- Mobile Application for awareness-raising on gender equality, and prevention of GBV.
- Animation Movie and Short Video focusing on the topic of gender equality, stereotypes and ways to make a difference.

To follow the next steps of SAFER f safer.eu Safer Gender of gendersafer.eu

If this material causes distress, or you are experiencing gender-based violence or violence within your family, and you wish to talk to a professional, please contact the National Helpline 1440 (for domestic violence issues), or the European Helpline 116 111 for Children and Youth.

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