



Telefono Azzurro joins WePROTECT Global Alliance

SOS Il Telefono Azzurro Onlus joins WePROTECT, the global alliance of 98 governments, 47 companies, 49 civil society organisations and 9 international organisations set up to combat online child abuse and exploitation.

With its activities, its helpline and its hotlines, and its projects, Telefono Azzurro has been standing by children and adolescents in difficulty every day for more than 30 years, supporting their growth potential and protecting them from online and offline abuse and violence.

WePROTECT fights against child abuse and violence online, to reduce the accessibility of child sexual abuse material and the re-victimisation of children, by promoting concrete actions to protect children, working with governments, companies and civil society, organising awareness-raising initiatives, communication campaigns and advocacy activities with European and international institutions.

Dr. Ernie Allen, Chair of WePROTECT Global Alliance, states: *"We are delighted to welcome Telefono Azzurro as the latest civil society member of the WePROTECT Global Alliance. We look forward to working more closely with Telefono Azzurro to highlight and share good practice in responding to cases of child sexual exploitation and abuse online and providing victims and survivors with vital support.*

Government and law enforcement cannot tackle this crime without widespread support and engagement. It is only through working as a broad coalition with the private sector and civil society that we can ensure all children are safe from sexual exploitation and abuse online."

According to Prof. Ernesto Caffo, President and Founder of SOS Telefono Azzurro Onlus: *"We have been collaborating with WePROTECT Global Alliance for several years now. Since the "Child Dignity in the Digital World" Congress organised in 2017, the Rome Declaration has been a reference point for our joint action towards the goal of protecting children in the digital world. We want our membership in the Alliance to be an opportunity to further strengthen this collaboration and achieve even more significant results."*

This entry into the alliance will immediately result in even closer cooperation and action in the fight against child abuse, bringing together all stakeholders involved, from institutions to companies and civil society.