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Beyond Digital Violence (ByeDV)

Capacity Building for Relevant Professionals Working with Children and Young People who Experienced Sexualised Violence Using Digital Media



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The project ByeDV aims to work with practitioners and educators to facilitate **the implementation of empirically developed approaches for addressing mediatised sexualised violence against children and adolescents**. In parallel, a formative evaluation will be used to **derive quality criteria to support the further implementation** of the recommendations in other counselling practices. Thus, the overall goal is to initiate, at the federal and EU-levels, a transformation in how mediatised sexualised violence against children and adolescents is approached.

These efforts are motivated by the increasing strategic use of digital media by perpetrators. Everyday life continues to incorporate more and more digital media, so too do predators' strategies. They employ information and communication technologies as well as technical devices and data storage devices to initiate, carry out and perpetuate sexualised violence against children and adolescents. Gradually, aspects of the so-called mediatisation of sexualised violence are also being taken into account in the existing prevention and protection strategies. However, appropriate guidance for crisis intervention, secondary and tertiary prevention is largely lacking in Germany.

Against this background, the project „*HUMAN. Development of recommendations for pedagogical practice in dealing with sexualised violence using digital media*“ (www.human-srh.de) was funded by the German Federal Ministry for Education and Research (BMBF) from December 2017 to April 2021 in an effort to determine the features of a professional approach to the subject and to develop case-based recommendations for practitioners.

The recommendations developed in HUMAN will be applied, reflected upon, discussed and implemented across five counselling centres actively working in sexual violence crisis intervention as part of ByeDV. This aims at the transfer of the results of the HUMAN project into the specialized counselling and prevention work in a dialogue between research and practice.

The implementation process will be evaluated according to a systematic, participatory and formative process in order to develop **quality criteria** for implementation in (international) pedagogical practice.

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Further information, publications and materials are available on the project website www.byedv.de/en.

