

Letter of support to the PICTURE project
Project proposal for the Action Grant CERV-2024-DAPHNE

On behalf of the Supreme Court of Estonia, I, Üllar Kaljumäe, hereby express strong support for the project proposal "Preventing Image-based Sexual Abuse in Cyberspace Through Understanding, Research, and Education" (PICTURE).

The PICTURE project aims to combat image-based sexual abuse (IBSA) comprehensively, by advancing legislative and policy discourse; conducting unique research on IBSA's underlying factors, consequences, and responses; enhancing educational efforts; strengthening professional training; improving victim support with a user-friendly chatbot; and raising social awareness through tailored communication strategies.

I believe that the goals of the PICTURE Consortium align closely with the mission of the Supreme Court of Estonia, particularly in the following areas:

- Collaborating with academia, civil society organisations, and stakeholders to address the new and evolving phenomenon of IBSA.
- Consolidating socio-legal knowledge about IBSA to inform evidence-based recommendations at the national and EU level.
- Developing educational and training materials and activities to enhance understanding and response to IBSA.
- Ensuring accessible support for victims through a user-friendly and anonymised chatbot.
- Providing continuous support to professionals working with IBSA victims through the chatbot's capabilities.
- Establishing a comprehensive support infrastructure for follow-up information, counselling, and treatment.
- Raising public awareness about the nature, scale, significance, and impact of IBSA.

Accordingly, I fully endorse the PICTURE project and encourage the European Commission to give due consideration to this proposal.

Yours faithfully,



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Director of the Supreme Court

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