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Dr Eleonora Esposito

Case Handler Officer within the Digital Services Unit of DG CONNECT, currently seconded from the University of Navarra in Spain. In her role at CONNECT, she coordinates the enforcement of the Digital Services Act (DSA) specifically focused on designated pornographic very large online platforms (VLOPs). Prior to her tenure at CONNECT, Eleonora was a Researcher in Gender-Based Violence at the European Institute for Gender Equality (EIGE), where she took charge of managing EIGE's research and policy initiatives addressing Cyberviolence against Women and Girls.

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Dr Dione Mifsud

Immediate Past President of the International Association for Counselling (IAC) and current Chair of the World Regions Development Committee of IAC. He was President of IAC from 2012 to 2019. He is the founder and past Head of the Department of Counselling at the University of Malta (UM) (2012 to 2021), past Head of the Department of Psychology at the same university, a past Head of the University of Malta Counselling Unit, and past President of the Malta Association for the Counselling Profession (MACP). Designed and coordinated the first Masters in Counselling programme offered by UM and co-designed and coordinated an international Masters programme in Transcultural Counselling with the University of Maryland at College Park (USA) and as a collaborative degree with the University of New Orleans and later with the University of the Cumberland (USA). Designed a Post graduate Certificate in Counselling Supervision and co-designed a Post Graduate Certificate in Adlerian Counselling. Dione has served as the Harassment and Bullying advisor of the University of Malta since 2014. In 2022 he was appointed as Adjunct Professor at the University of Verona.

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Dr Maris Catania

Dr Maris Catania is a Chartered Psychologist with 14 years of expertise in consumer protection within the gambling industry, focusing on responsible gambling. She is a Senior Consultant at SG: Certified and earned her PhD from Nottingham Trent University. Her research centers on online behaviours and safer gambling practices. In addition, Dr Catania lectures on gambling disorder and cyberpsychology at the University of Malta. She also serves as a Member on the Victim Support Malta Board.