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Letter of Appreciation for Your Support

Dear President Dr. von der Leyen, Dear Prof. Dr. Prefi, Dear Prof. Dr. med. Huber-Lang,

on behalf of the board of the European Society for Child and Adolescent Psychiatry (ESCAP), we would like to extend our sincere appreciation for your generous support.

ESCAP launched a webinar series for healthcare professionals in Ukraine on the fundamentals of child and adolescent psychiatry in September 2024. The series is organized in collaboration with the Mental Health Coordination Center of the Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine, (represented by Ms. Oksana Zbitnieva), UNICEF Ukraine (represented by Dr. Kateryna Bulavinova), and the German Trauma Foundation and implemented within the framework of the All-Ukrainian Mental Health Programme "How are you?", initiated by the First Lady of Ukraine, Ms. Olena Zelenska.

The webinars are simultaneously translated into Ukrainian and attended live by more than 600 participants, with many more viewers accessing the recordings thereafter. More than 10,000 individuals have so far participated, and the recordings have garnered close to 37,000 views. The feedback from the initial series was overwhelmingly positive and we are profoundly appreciative that, thanks to the generous support of the International Charlemagne Prize of Aachen, we are able to sustain and further expand this important educational programme and have started our second series in October 2025.

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Furthermore, we look forward to contributing to another project run by the German Trauma Foundation, in cooperation with the German Society for Child Protection in Medicine, on a comprehensive literature review on the topic of child protection in the digital world and making the results available via an ESCAP guidance paper.

With best regards

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