

# CONSENT FORM

## for photographers/journalists/storytellers



Whether you are under a contract with CONCORDIA or not, we would like you to read this document carefully before you start work, in order that you understand the organisation's concerns. Furthermore we suggest reading our **Visual Storytelling Principles**.

While participating to an event organised/about by CONCORDIA organisation with or about children, in your quality as journalist you must follow the following principles:

- Any story or image with or about a child must be based on the best interests of the child.
- Behave yourselves appropriately in front of a child; to a child we owe attention, respect and protection.
- Do not use unappropriated words, behaviours or gestures in front of a child, do not stigmatise or label the children, offend them or express a discriminatory position towards them.
- In all your actions be sure you respect the right to privacy and own image of the child/programme participant.
- Do not use personal details about a child in any of the written or filmed materials (name, school, family, kinship grades, distinguishing info, ethnicity, etc.)
- Prior to formulating public messages, you should understand the context based on factual data and to eliminate those data that could be problematic from the perspective of exposure of the children involved.
- Please endeavour to get clear verbal agreement from our programme participants before taking their photograph, videos, stories or/and voice recording.
- Consent must be explained in the native language.
- Please explain any possible uses of the content, and work with subjects to make them comfortable with the photo/ interview process.
- Always check about existing permission/consent to use photographs of a child.
- Any images taken of children should be decent, children in decent postures, wearing adequate cloths, not in sexually provocative poses and as much as the situation allows, do not show an extreme distress of the children.
- You must respect the provisions of the "EU Regulation no. 679/2016 on General Data Protection Regulation/the national legislation transposing this regulation.
- You should ask the opinion of the children about the situation that is the subject of the communication, if the case and to ensure that their opinion is listened to and included in the communications.
- When asking children's opinion, you should use clear, concise and adapted to the child's age and level of understanding type of questions.
- You should focus on communicating solutions found to problems without cynically exploiting children's suffering.
- You should not communicate with children on personal social networks.

## YOUR CONSENT

I, undersigned, \_\_\_\_\_  
(full name & contact) have knowledge about the above mentioned principles and I will fully respect them.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_