

# Erasmus+ project

# HALT4Kids

Safe sports for children



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## ➤ Halting Harassment and Abuse in Sport Using Learning Technologies for kids

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#### 6 Partners from 6 European Countries

1. Aristotle University of Thessaloniki (Greece)
2. European University Cyprus (EUC) (Cyprus)
3. Allgemeiner Sportverband Österreichs – Landesstelle Salzburg (ASVÖ Salzburg) (Austria)
4. Union of Sport Federations of Catalonia (UFEC) (Spain)
5. APS ASD Margherita Sport e Vita Basket (MSV) (Italy)
6. European Gymnastics (Switzerland)

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# Main Objectives



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- **Awareness of best practices for preventing harassment and abuse in sports for kids by using Learning Technologies**
  
- **Main target groups:**
  - **Child athletes aged 5 to 8**
  - **Child athletes aged 9 to 12**
  
- **Secondary target groups:**
  - **Coaches, young scientists / PE students, PE teachers, former athletes, any sports stakeholders**

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- Developing of **e-learning material**; **minimizing the risk of offending behaviour** of people involved in sports; **identifying new areas** for policy intervention.
- Digital tools: **Digital Storytelling**, **Serious Game** and **gamified digital interfaces** to support child athletes to **recognize** and **avoid** harassment and abuse.
- **Mobile Applications** for child athletes as a protective measure against harassment and abuse in sports.
- **Virtual Communities of Practice** for **awareness** and **knowledge sharing** about harassment and abuse in sports and for the creation of best practices on child athletes' awareness about harassment and abuse in sport.

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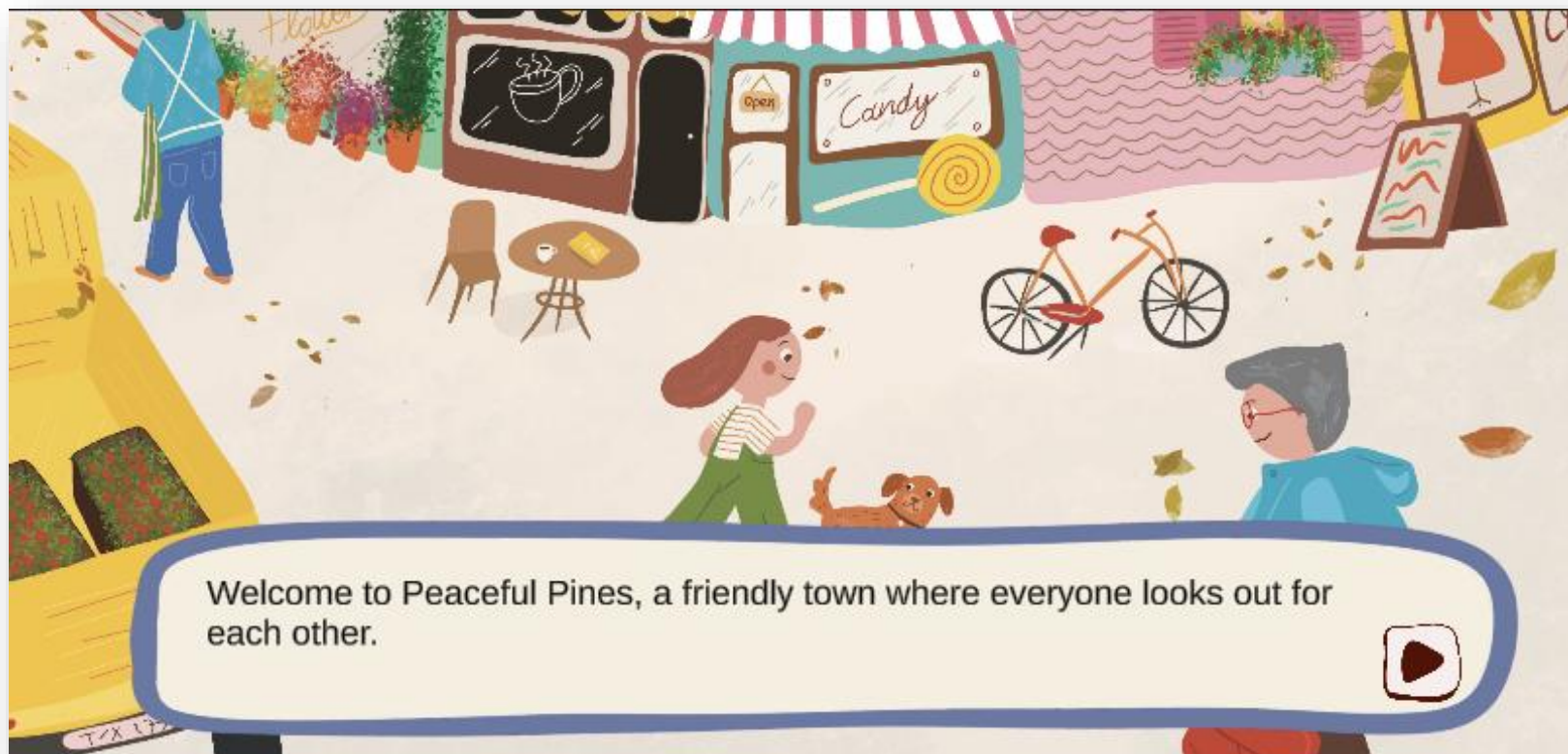
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## ➤ Peaceful Pines



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- **Serious game with interactive storytelling for children aged 9 – 12.**
- **Support in recognizing and avoiding harassment and abuse.**
- **The game is a journey in Peaceful Pines with the Safeguarding Squad, a group of heroes dedicated to protecting children from harm and promoting kindness and respect.**
- **The squad guides players through missions, helped by trusted adults, to help protecting Peaceful Pines and learn recognizing safe from unsafe situations.**
- **The game raises awareness for boundaries, consent and reporting inappropriate behaviour.**
- **Different languages available.**

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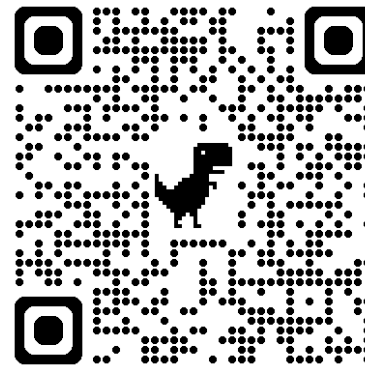
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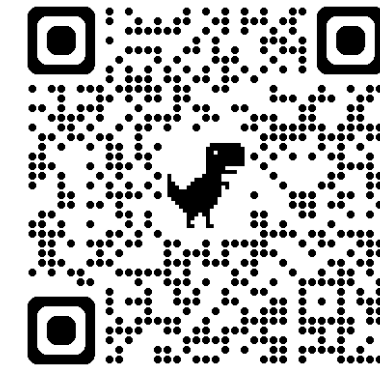
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➤ Download the game:



Android Version



iOS Version

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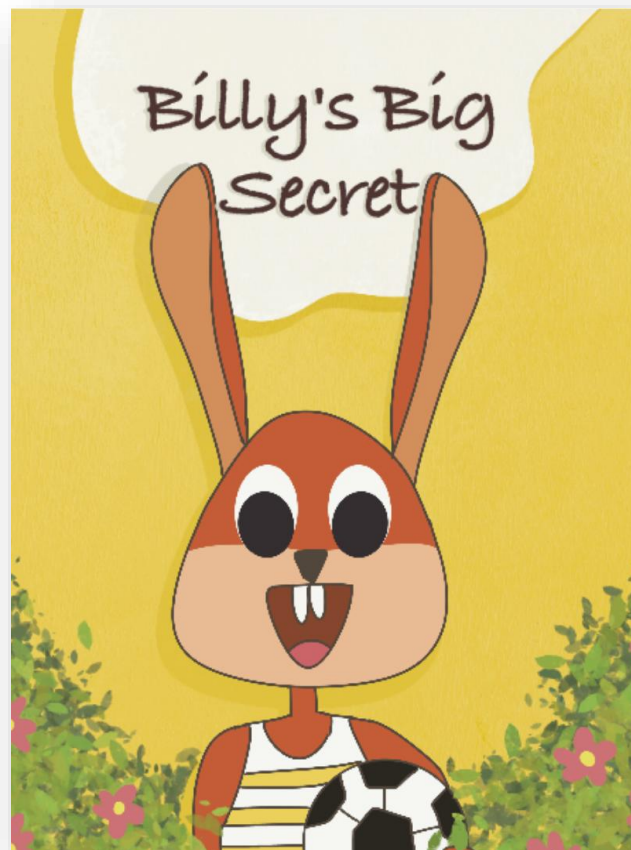
# HALT4kids – Digital story



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## ➤ Billy`s Big Secret

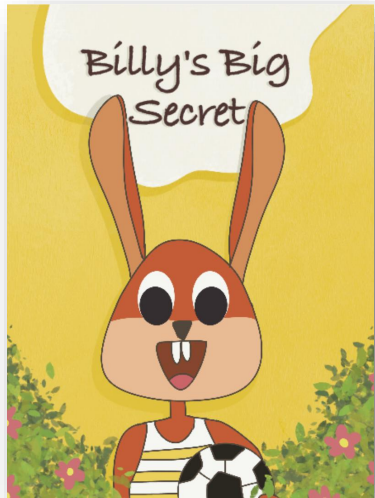


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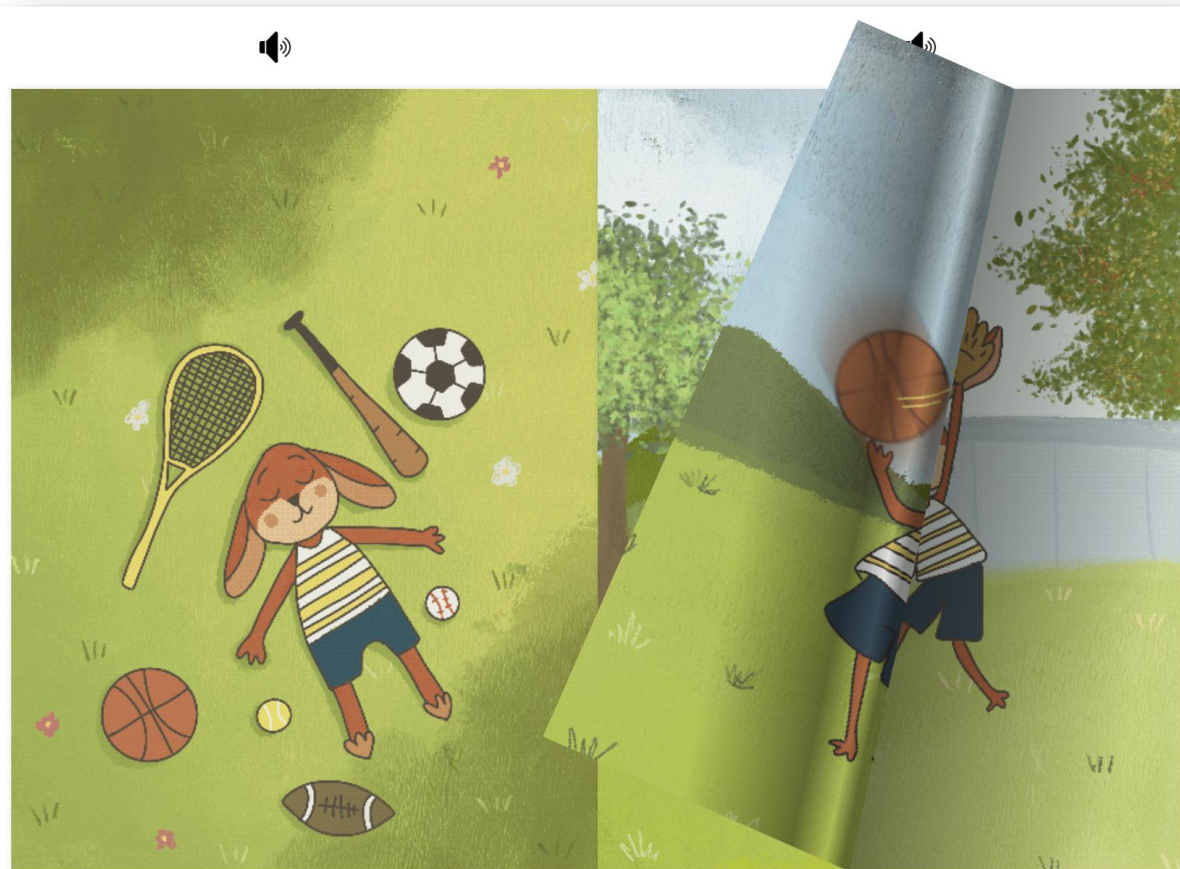
- **Interactive digital story** for children aged 5 to 8.
- **Helps young athletes to recognize signs of harassment and abuse** in sport.
- The **story follows Billy the Bunny** learning how to **trust his feelings** and **seeking help** when a coach's attention feels wrong.
- Through Billy's journey, young athletes learn **essential safety skills, recognizing unsafe behaviour, understanding personal boundaries** and **speaking up** about uncomfortable secrets to trusted adults.
- **Different languages** available.

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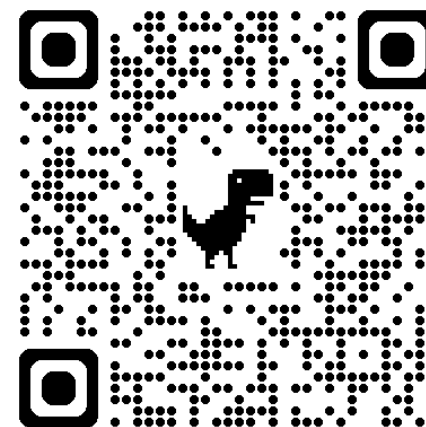
Billy loves to play sports.  
He plays sports every day of all sorts.

Read Text

Sometimes he plays football.

Read Text

➤ Check the story online:



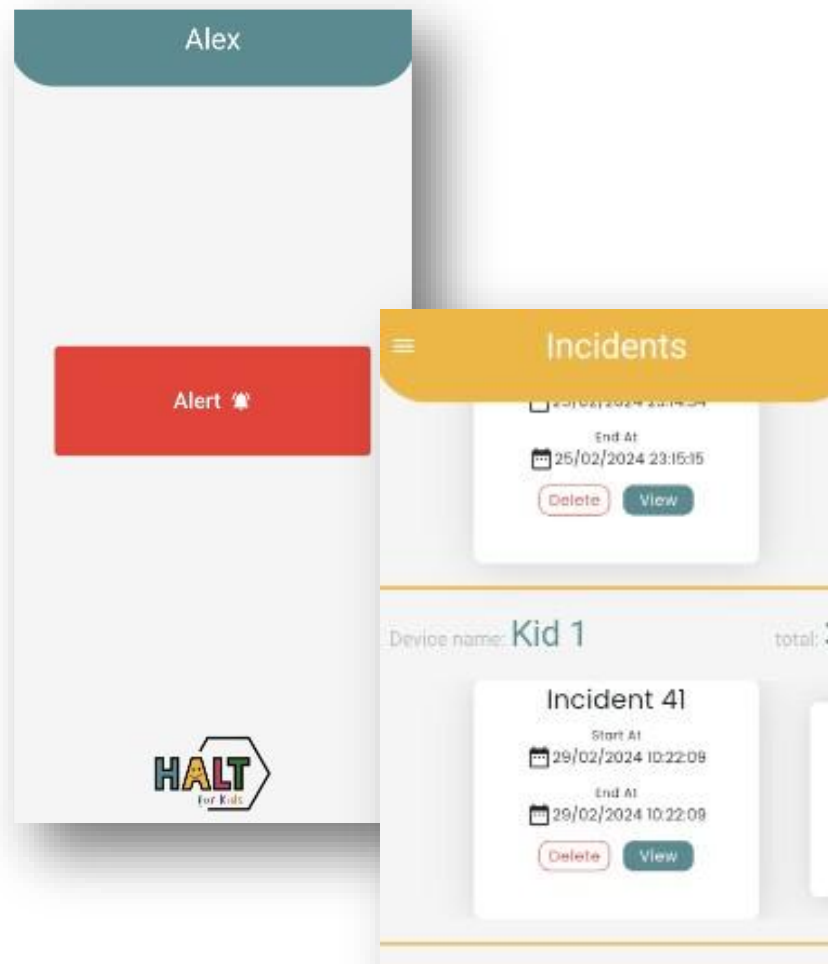
<https://halt4kids.phed.auth.gr/digital-story/>

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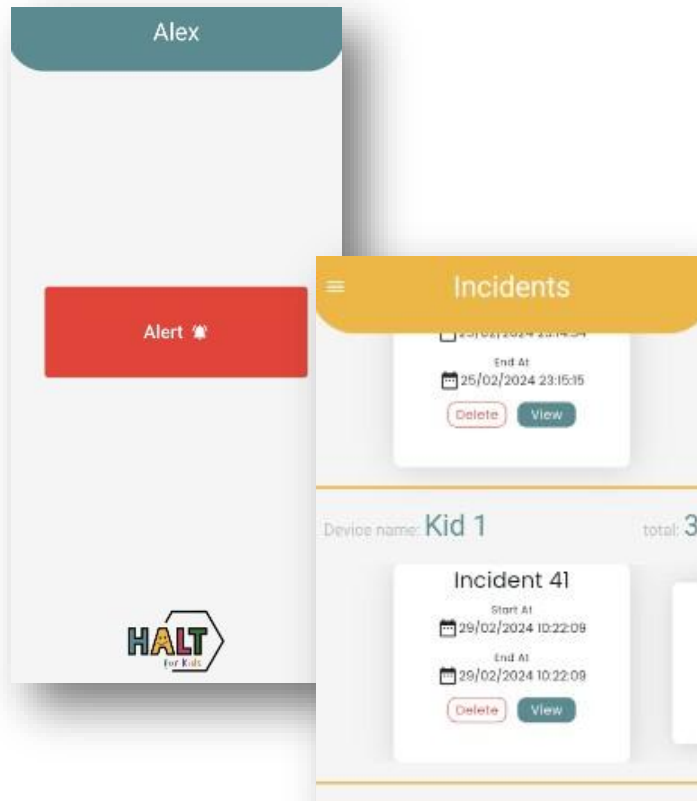


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- **HALT4Kids Mobile Apps** – support a Safe Sports Ecosystem through the combination of technology and raising awareness
- **Combinations of 2 Apps** for child and guardian
- Protects child athletes from harassment and abuse through a **connected alert system**
- Enables **real-time communication between children and guardian** for a quick response
- **Children can send instant alerts** when feeling unsafe
- **Shares exact location with paired guardian** for immediate help
- **Simple, fast and easy-to-use** interface for children

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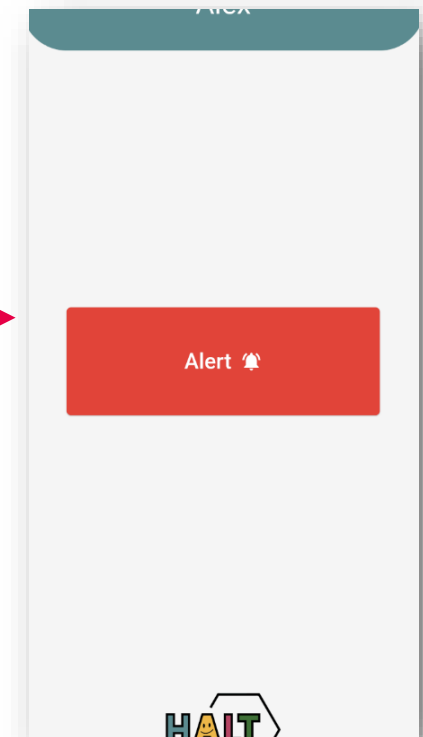
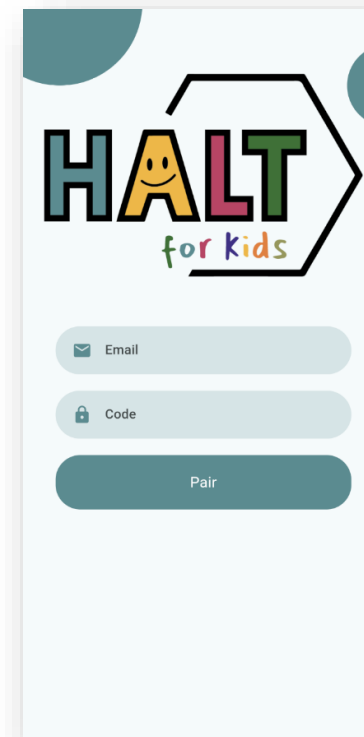
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- Install the **Guardian's App first**
- Click on **"Sign up"** to create an account and login
- Click on **"New Device+"**
- Enter the **child's name** and **define a 4-digit code**
- Click on **"create"** to save
  
- Install the **Pair App for the child**
- Enter the **Guardian's e-mail address** and **code**
- Click on **"Pair"** to connect the two devices



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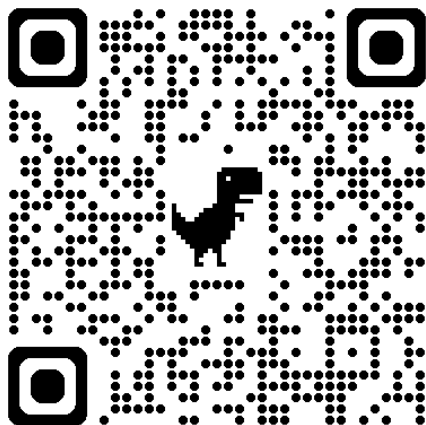


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## Guardian

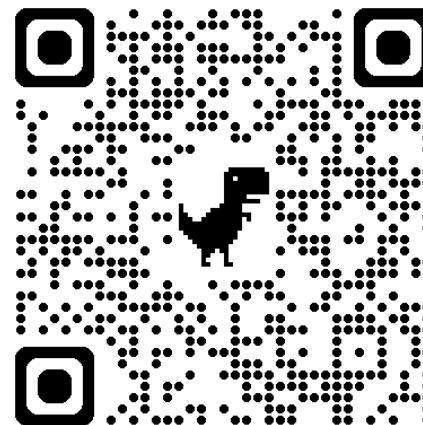
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## Child's Pair

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# HALT4kids – VCoP



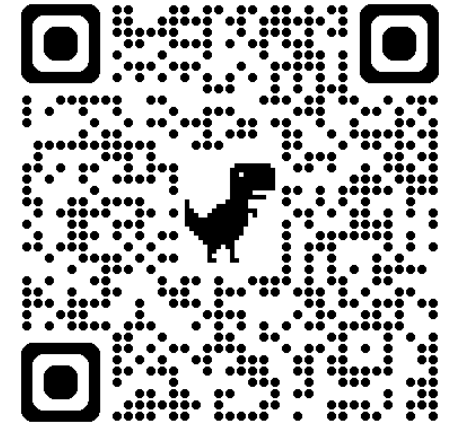
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## ➤ Virtual Community of Practice (VCoP):

- Centralized place of the HALT4Kids project's output.
- Interactive and collaborative learning through discussion forums and shared resources.
- An online platform for any sports stakeholders to connect, share knowledge and collaborate on protecting child athletes.

➤ Check the VCoP:



<https://haltvm.phed.auth.gr/login/index.php>

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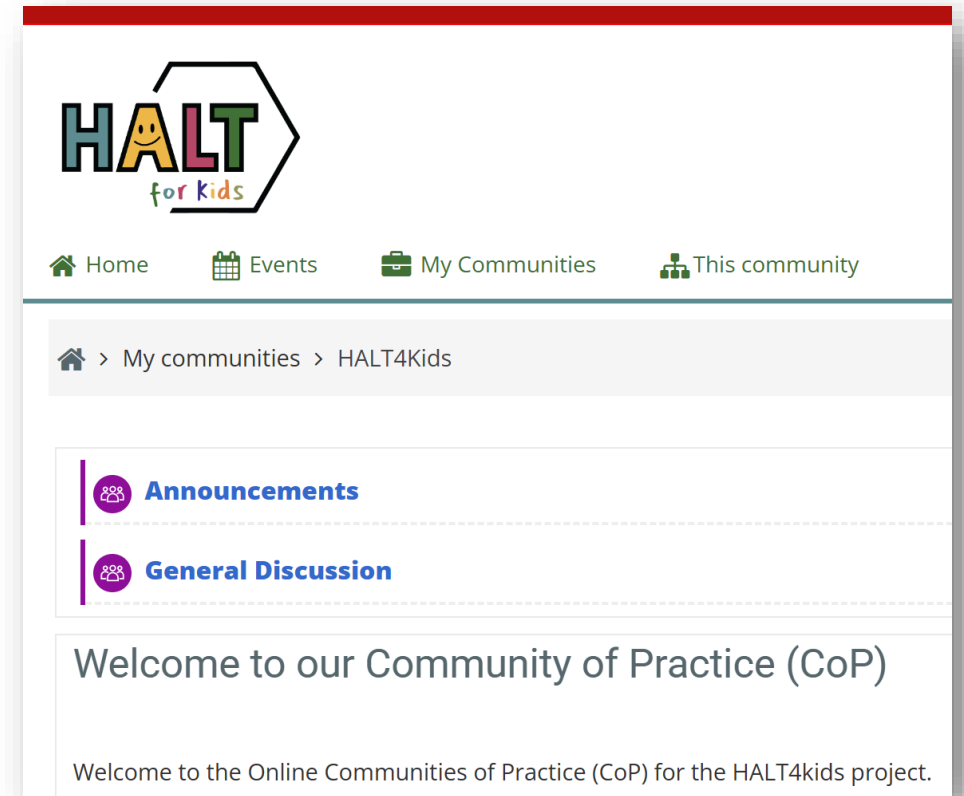
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- First-time user: **“Create new account”**
- After Log-in:
  - Find the **Halt4kids tools and resources**
  - Click on **“General discussion”** for the **message board**



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