#SaferInternet4EU Campaign – Activities Around Europe:

Some examples of the activities carried out by the national Safer Internet Centres (SICs):

- **Austria**: Around 2,000 workshops and trainings for pupils, teachers, parents and multipliers are organised throughout 2018. Specific attention will be paid to the use of digital media by children of primary school age. They will create: an information sheet on the main security settings on smartphones for children and new videos at www.fragbarbara.at.

- **Belgium**: In order to promote dialogue on various situations, teachers will receive an online pedagogical pack with a range of materials that include a specific tool for vulnerable users, with a particular focus on people with autism. A book on e-safety parenting; and a French version of a theatre play on the topic of “sexting” will be available.

- **Bulgaria**: The focus will be put on digital and media literacy as one of the strongest preventive factors to ensuring safe and positive use of the internet by children and youth. A national event will be held in Sofia at which a large number of initiatives and campaigns will be launched; including some proposed by the newly-formed SIC Coalition for Digital Media Literacy in Schools. The digital media literacy month will conclude with a Parents’ Forum in March 2018.

- **Croatia**: Multiple activities will be organised, including online lectures (on topics such as privacy and cyberbullying), an online quiz; promotional videos featuring key Croatian influencers and classroom packs for educators. New resources include: a small booklet on cyberbullying scams and fake news, online hate and safety tips for parents and all school children aged 10-11; and a new university postgraduate study course book “Digital safety and privacy”.

- **Cyprus**: Activities will be carried out with young people aged 11-16 and their teachers from all across Cyprus. There will also be a 1480 Helpline/Hotline video with the Olympic cyclist Antri Christoforou as “Better Internet for Kids Ambassador”.

- **Finland**: The Media Literacy Week aims at advancing the media literacy skills of children and young people, as well as supporting professional educators, guardians and other adults in their important media educational tasks.

- **Germany**: New teaching material will be provided on sexting, selfies and self-portrayal as well as on the extremism. A new quiz for young people on fake news will be featured.

- **Greece**: A big awareness-raising event per month will be held addressing educators and citizens in major Greek cities such as Athens, Nafplio-Argos and Crete.

- **Ireland**: A new resource on online extortion and how young people can be targeted online will be launched, with 3 lessons and supported by video content.

- **Latvia**: Children and young people from different schools will participate at the “Photo detective” contest where they will have to find the differences in pictures. This will help to discover if they understand how easy it is to manipulate people’s minds with seemingly innocent pictures.

- **Malta**: All schools in Malta and Gozo will be given a poster on digital rights and parents will be offered flyers about “sharenting” – considering that parents frequently share images of their child online.

- **Romania**: Regional sessions with specialists (prevention police, social workers, school counsellors, school inspectors) on internet safety and child protection will be carried out.

- **UK**: To promote healthy digital relationships and digital empathy, free education packs will be distributed. They will raise awareness with the publication of results of a survey on friendship in the digital age and the social media campaign #ItStartsWithUs.

For the full list of events please check: www.betterinternetforkids.eu
Talk with your child about the tone of communication online, and how to be polite.

If you or someone you know face cyberbullying: Tell someone, keep a record, report it and be an up-stander and not a by-stander!

Set house rules about how your children can use the Internet and social media.

Online environments provide opportunities for children to build educational and emotional skills. Teach them how to use them safely and responsibly.

Talk with your child about the tone of communication online, and how to be polite.

Be aware of Fake news and check: Who posted? When was it posted? Why was it created? What does it mean exactly?

Remind your children that once they post information online, they cannot take it back.

The European contest #SaferInternet4EU Awards will be open on 1st March 2018 to reward high quality resources and inspiring initiatives on safer and better Internet from professionals, teachers and young people. Participants can register on betterinternetforkids.eu. The award ceremony will take place at the Safer Internet Forum 2018 in autumn.

A network of national ambassadors for Safer Internet is being set. Any interested EU citizen, including youth, parents, teachers, policy maker at EU and national level can become a #SaferInternet4EU Ambassador.

The campaign will run throughout 2018 covering a wide range of topics, including critical thinking, media literacy and digital skills necessary to identify and combat fake news and seek trusted sources of information.

A new European campaign is launched on Safer Internet Day 6th February 2018, to promote online safety, media literacy and cyber-hygiene in order to make children, parents and teachers more aware of digital opportunities and challenges. It is part of the recently adopted Digital Education Action Plan.

NEW RESOURCES:

A new MOOC (Massive Open Online Course) is available on the betterinternetforkids.eu portal to equip European teachers with resources and activities to support teaching on online safety and cyber-hygiene. Topics include fake news, cyberbullying and radicalisation.