The impact of technology on children, young people and society

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Welcome to Safer Internet Forum 2018
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Building on the European Strategy for a Better Internet for Children, the Safer Internet Forum (SIF) is an annual international conference delivered under the Connecting Europe Facility (CEF). Bringing together young people, parent and teacher representatives, industry and government policy makers, technological and awareness-raising experts, and political, educational and social leaders from Europe and beyond, this one-day event will take a multi-stakeholder approach to considering the impact of technology on individuals and society.

SIF 2018 will open with a keynote address focusing on the impact of technology on self-identity and personal relationships. Dr Linda Papadopoulos, an internationally revered psychologist, will examine how digital technologies are transforming the perception of ourselves and our relationships with others. There is an increasing awareness and acknowledgement that many of the platforms, apps and services we use have not been designed to express ourselves but rather to make money by keeping us hooked. This session will focus on the impact this has on children’s and young people’s personal development and the relationships they form with their peers and family. It will also consider alternative models and design standards to better protect and empower consumers.

Following on from the opening keynote, Mariya Gabriel, European Commissioner for Digital Economy and Society, will give a high-level address, while also presenting the #SaferInternet4EU Awards: one of several actions which the European Commission has been supporting throughout 2018 to promote online safety, media literacy and cyber hygiene. This session will showcase and reward some of the best practices in the three competition categories of youth, teachers, and professional organisations, and will also highlight some of the work of a network of #SaferInternet4EU Ambassadors throughout Europe.

The afternoon will be given over to a series of highly interactive “deep dive” sessions. Through detailed discussion, debate and practical exercises, forum attendees will have the opportunity to explore issues around sexting, data privacy and deep fakes, learn more about online challenges and youth-led initiatives, and understand more about the reporting mechanisms for child sexual abuse material (CSAM).

The closing session will consider the impact of technology on society, focusing on how individuals, policy makers, industry and other stakeholders can address the challenges. Professor Homero Gil de Zúñiga, from the University of Vienna, will focus on how technology is shaping democratic processes, examining especially how social media can aid the political and civic engagement of young people. Noa Jansma, a youth activist, will share her personal experiences of using technology in a positive way to combat sexual harassment in the street, and the legacy she has created through her work.

As participants in SIF 2018, we hope that you will find it to be both a thought-provoking and inspiring day. We encourage you to use the day to:
- keep track of emerging online safety trends and issues,
- facilitate knowledge, experience and good-practice sharing, and
- establish opportunities to collaborate with others on new ideas, resources and projects.

We look forward to working with you today, and in the future, to continue the mission of creating a Better Internet for Kids. Find out more at www.betterinternetforkids.eu.
### Agenda

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| 16.15 - 17.00 | **The impact of technology on society**     | This session will consider the impact of technology on society, focusing on how individuals, policy makers, industry and other stakeholders can address the challenges. It will focus on how technology is shaping democratic processes, examining especially how social media can aid the political and civic engagement of young people. | • Professor Homero Gil de Zúñiga, University of Vienna  
• Noa Jansma, Youth activist who was able to use technology to make a positive change to society | Debbie Plein, Luxembourg Safer Internet Centre                                             |
| 17.00     | **Close of Safer Internet Forum 2018 and reception** |  
**Closing remarks:** Gail Kent, Director, Directorate Data, DG CONNECT                                                                                                                                               |                                                                                                |                                              |
Deep dive sessions

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| DD1: Sexting | The Belgian Safer Internet Centre has developed [sexting.be](#); a platform that gathers information, tools and resources for a wide variety of target groups around the topic of sexting. It includes a [theatre group production](#) which will be used as a stimulus for the session.  
Participants will then discuss different approaches to sexting and consider whether current messages are fit for purpose.  
**Workshop leader:** Nel Broothaerts, Child Focus/Belgian Safer Internet Centre and Mattias De Paep, Theater O’Kontreir |
| DD2: Data privacy | Internet users are potentially observed without knowing if it is really happening. Participants who sign up for this session agree to potentially be the subject of online research and investigation (further information will be shared with those who sign up to attend the session).  
No one will be sure if they are being observed, so participants will also be able to report on their feelings about knowing that they might be being “watched” after signing up.  
The session will conclude with tips and tricks to minimise data about ourselves on the internet, and will seek to answer the question “Quis custodiet ipsos custodes?” (Who Watches The Watchmen?).  
**Workshop leader:** Chris Pinchen, The Privacy Agency |
| DD3: The journey of a report of child sexual abuse material (CSAM) | How do you report illegal content and what happens once you report it to a hotline? How do INHOPE hotlines work together across borders to remove child sexual abuse material (CSAM) from the internet?  
Participants in this session will learn how to make a report to a hotline, and discover the process followed by the hotline once they receive a report. Participants will also gain an understanding of how a report is processed using ICCAM, INHOPE’s secure software solution to collect, exchange and categorise CSAM.  
**Workshop leader:** Fred Langford (IWF) and Peter-Paul Urlaub (eco) on behalf of INHOPE (International Association of Internet Hotlines) |
| DD4: Online challenges | Participants will be given a snapshot of the types of online challenges that children and young people can be exposed to, from the frivolous to the downright dangerous. Young people have always been impulsive and “up for the challenge”, despite warnings from adults, but with peer encouragement and the very public nature of these challenges when they are online, the consequences can be significant.  
How can we engage with young people and their parents in order to raise awareness of the risks?  
**Workshop leader:** Will Gardner, Childnet International/UK Safer Internet Centre |
| DD5: Deep fakes | “Deep fake” is the term given to the digital manipulation of sound, images or video to impersonate someone, or to give the impression that an individual did something or said something (that they did not). This can be done in a way that is increasingly realistic and, more worryingly, difficult to detect.  
With the help of a willing volunteer, participants in this session will be shown just how good technology is at doing this now. Follow-up discussions will consider how this challenge should be addressed and what messages need to be shared with different stakeholders.  
**Workshop leader:** Boris Radanović, South West Grid for Learning (SWGfL)/UK Safer Internet Centre |
## DD6: Youth

In preparation for SIF 2018, a group of European youth panellists will discuss and prioritise a number of key safer/better internet issues, while co-creating – in dialogue with other stakeholders – possible solutions. The result might take the form of innovative online safety guidance, a peer-to-peer campaign or learning scheme, youth involvement in internet governance discussions, and so on.

As part of this session, the BiK Youth Panellists will “pitch” the innovative safer/better internet concept which they have developed, while inviting the active input and support of session participants.

**Workshop leader:** Barbara Buchegger, ÖIAT/Saferinternet.at/Austrian Safer Internet Centre
Meet the Forum speakers and contributors
Commissioner Mariya Gabriel
European Commissioner for Digital Economy and Society

Bulgarian-born Mariya Gabriel is the current European Commissioner for Digital Economy and Society.

She was the Vice-President of the EPP Group in the European Parliament from 2014-2017. Mariya Gabriel was a Member of the European Parliament, EPP/GERB (Citizens for European Development of Bulgaria) from 2009-2017. Since 2012, Mariya Gabriel has served as Vice-President of EPP Women. Prior to this, she was Parliamentary Secretary to MEPs from the GERB political party within the EPP Group in 2008-2009.

She is part of project teams, such as Digital Single Market, Energy Union, Better Regulation and Interinstitutional Affairs, Budget and Human Resources, and Jobs, Growth, Investment and Competitiveness.

As a member of the project teams, her responsibilities include launching ambitious proposals for the completion of a connected Digital Single Market, supporting the development of creative industries and of a successful European media and content industry, as well as other activities turning digital research into innovation success stories.

Keynote speaker

Dr Linda Papadopoulos
Chartered Counselling and Health Psychologist, United Kingdom

Dr Linda Papadopoulos is one of the most well-known and respected psychologists working in the UK and internationally today, and her work has informed government policy.

Dr Linda is a Chartered Counselling and Health Psychologist and an Associate Fellow of the British Psychological Society (BPS). She has worked in various treatment settings, both privately with her own practice and in the National Health Service. During her considerable years as a Chartered Psychologist, she has gained extensive experience in the counselling of individuals, couples and families. She also specialises in behavioural psychology, with a specialist interest in body image and Psychodermatology.

She was included in the Top 20 therapists in London by the Evening Standard newspaper and was awarded the Madame Figaro Women of the Year Award in 2008 in the field of academia.

Dr Linda has a prolific academic publication record and has published widely in peer-reviewed academic journals. Her latest book, Whose Life Is It Anyway?, offers valuable insight and advice on living through your twenties on your own terms. Dr Linda was also a contributing editor at Cosmopolitan magazine where she was a resident psychologist with a very popular monthly column for over a decade. She is a regular commentator on psychological issues in broadcast, radio and print media internationally, providing professional psychological commentary for numerous channels and networks including CNN, CBS, Discovery, CNBC, BBC International, VH1 and MTV, to name just a few.

Dr Linda can be heard on TalkRADIO where she co-hosts a show called Dan’s Dilemmas with Dr Linda, which includes celebrity interviews and discussion about the most pressing issues of the day. In addition, Dr Linda has recently launched her own podcast, The Psychology Behind, which explores the many sides of human psychology, looking at anxiety, grief, body confidence, attitudes in the workplace and everything in between. Dr Linda provides insight and actionable tips to help tackle these issues head on.
Speakers

Professor Homero Gil de Zúñiga
University of Vienna, Austria

Homero Gil de Zúñiga has a PhD in Politics from the Universidad Europea de Madrid and a PhD in Mass Communication from the University of Wisconsin-Madison. He is a former Associate Professor at the University of Texas at Austin. He now holds the Medienwandel Professorship at the University of Vienna, where he directs the Media Innovation Lab (MiLab). Prior to joining Vienna, he participated in the summer doctoral programme at the Oxford Internet Institute at the University of Oxford, and he was appointed Nieman Journalism Lab Research Fellow at Harvard University. Currently, Professor Gil de Zúñiga also serves as Research Fellow at the Universidad Diego Portales, and at the Center for Information Technology Policy at Princeton University. His research addresses the influence of new technologies and digital media over people’s daily lives, as well as the effect of such use on the overall democratic process. He has published several books, volumes, and produced over 200 journal articles, book chapters, and refereed conference papers (for example, Journal of Communication, Communication Research, Journal of Computer-Mediated Communication, Human Communication Research, New Media & Society, and so on). He has obtained grants and awards as principal investigator, co-principal investigator or executive committee member totalling more than $4 million.

Noa Jansma
Artist | Designer | Storyteller, The Netherlands

Noa Jansma was born and raised in Amsterdam, and is currently studying at the Design Academy Eindhoven, within the “Man and Leisure” and “Man and Communication” department. Her projects are broadly themed and hard to label: an exploration, a fight, a dance between the inner-world and the outer-world. Strength, vulnerability and tactility are recurring inspirations; storytelling to provoke emotion and discussion. Confronting herself with the opposite of her understanding is a red thread throughout Noa’s work. Noa’s well-known project is about street harassment. Titled #dearcatcallers, at the heart of the project is an Instagram account whereby Noa took and uploaded selfies with each of her catcallers over the period of one month. In the resulting photo series, both the object (herself) and the objectifier (the catcaller) are assembled into one composition, causing a shifted power ratio while also raising awareness for the topic. The project received much international attention and discussion, while the Instagram account gained around 350,000 followers, tens of millions of views, multiple international exhibitions, and is being used in various teaching programmes. As a result of Noa’s work, governments in multiple countries are now discussing how to treat street harassment more seriously.
Other contributors

Marjolijn Bonthuis
ECP | Platform for the Information Society/Dutch Safer Internet Centre (SIC), The Netherlands

Marjolijn Bonthuis is Deputy Director at ECP. This foundation aims to stimulate the development of the Netherlands as an information society, through creating the necessary economic, social and political preconditions to capitalise on the opportunities of ICT, remove threats associated with ICT, and foster debate on the meaning of information technology for the Dutch society. Aimed-for results include an improved general societal wellbeing, as well as the strengthening of the economic competitiveness of the Netherlands. The foundation’s primary instrument to reach these ends is through its status as an open, independent platform, where the following parties meet and exchange views in a pre-competitive setting: government administration; businesses (providers and end users of products and services; professional and trade associations); scientific, educational and research institutions; civil society; and politics. This platform enables stakeholders to initiate and conduct the necessary activities to realise the potential of the Netherlands as an information society. Marjolijn is responsible for programmes and projects in the field of cyber safety and security, among which is the Dutch Awareness Centre (www.saferinternetcentre.nl). She is also one of the members of the Steering Committee of the Dutch Media Literacy Centre (www.mediawijzer.net) and Dutch delegation leader of the UN Netherlands Internet Governance Forum (NLIGF).

Nel Broothaerts
Child Focus/Belgian Safer Internet Centre (SIC), Belgium

Nel Broothaerts graduated as Master in Educational Sciences from Ghent University. In 2002, she was responsible for the development of an educational programme for young children in Guatemala. After her return to Belgium, she worked within the educational system for children with special needs, responsible for the development of educational tools for teachers. Between 2005 and 2007, Nel worked within the justice system as an educational consultant with families in problematic situations. She joined Child Focus in May 2007 and was responsible for the policy and development of awareness-raising initiatives on eSafety. In September 2013, she moved position to become Coordinator of the Project Team. In October 2017, she became Chief Prevention and Development Officer, responsible for all prevention initiatives, via resources or training, and new developments in the Foundation.
Barbara Buchegger
ÖIAT/Saferinternet.at/Austrian Safer Internet Centre (SIC), Austria

Barbara Buchegger is pedagogical project manager for the Awareness Centre of the Austrian Safer Internet Centre (SIC). She is responsible for Saferinternet.at’s services for the educational sector, from the development of learning resources to teacher training. She is an expert in online safety, media education, digital literacy and collaborative e-learning. She is an on- and offline facilitator and trainer for teachers in the fields of internet use and e-learning. In her work for Saferinternet.at, she mainly works with pupils, teachers, head teachers and parents because of her pedagogical expertise. She is an in-demand speaker on both a national and international level in this field. She is chairperson of the European expert group on digitalisation and youth (DG Education and Culture). Barbara is a graduated engineer from the University of Natural Resources and Applied Life Sciences, Vienna and holds a Master of Education Degree from Johannes Kepler University Linz, Austria.

Claire Bury
DG CONNECT European Commission, Belgium

Claire Bury is currently Deputy Director General in DG CONNECT with responsibility for regulatory aspects of the Digital Single Market. She is also a Visiting Professor at the College of Europe in Bruges. She was previously Director of Modernisation of the Single Market in Directorate General Internal Market, Industry, Entrepreneurship and SMEs. Before that, she was Head of Unit for Company Law, Corporate Governance and Financial Crime in Directorate General Internal Market and Services, and Deputy Head of Cabinet to Internal Market Commissioners Charlie McCreery and Frits Bolkestein. An English barrister by training, she worked in the Commission’s Legal Service and, before coming to Brussels, in the UK Foreign and Commonwealth Office.

Emma Collins
Instagram, United Kingdom

With a mix of previous experience in the UK civil service, and heading up digital and technology policy and campaigns at the Confederation of British Industry in the UK and in Brussels, Emma Collins joined the Facebook public policy team in 2016, moving to work on Instagram public policy across Europe, the Middle East and Africa in late 2017. At Instagram, it is part of Emma’s job to make sure that the platform and its policies promote a safe and kind space for the Instagram community. Emma holds an LLB Hons degree in Law from Durham University, and an MSc in Public Policy and Politics from the University of London, Birkbeck. Originally from the North of England, Emma lives in South West London.
Mattias De Paep
Theater O’Kontreir, Belgium

Mattias De Paep is a Flemish writer and director for educational theatre. Together with Frank Van Erum, he founded the theatre company Theater O’Kontreir. With seven productions in the space of five years and more than two hundred presentations per year, O’Kontreir quickly grew to be a reference point for educational theatre in Flanders. Through a variety of themes, such as drugs, bullying, sexuality and cultural diversity, O’Kontreir is known for its direct, humorous and poetic approach. The belief in the ability of youngsters to form their own opinions is fundamental. An O’Kontreir production always highlights the theme from as many different perspectives as possible and challenges the audience to choose their own point of view. In order to explore each theme to its full extent, O’Kontreir combines its skills with the expertise of well-known organisations like Child Focus and Sensoa. These partnerships are also fundamental to provide teachers with high-quality educational tools and strengthen O’Kontreir as a partner organisation to help achieve their goals.

Will Gardner
Childnet International/UK Safer Internet Centre (SIC), United Kingdom

Will Gardner is the CEO of Childnet, a children’s charity working with others to help make the internet a great and safe place for children. Will has been at Childnet since 2000 and has been the CEO since 2009. He is a Director of the UK Safer Internet Centre (SIC), in which Childnet is a partner alongside two other charities - the Internet Watch Foundation (IWF) and the South West Grid for Learning (SWGFL) and, in this role, Childnet organises Safer Internet Day (SID) in the UK. He is a member of the Executive Board of the UK Council for Child Internet Safety (UKCCIS) and is also on Facebook’s Safety Advisory Board. Will lives in London with his wife and their five children.

Gail Kent
DG CONNECT European Commission, Luxembourg

Gail Kent is one of the most senior British officials in the European Commission in Luxembourg. She is Director of Data in one of the largest DGs and was also throughout 2016 the acting Deputy DG. Her current responsibilities include both policy and programme management in the fields of Data Economy, promoting cultural heritage and removing digital barriers. She has more than 20 years of high-level experience of managing large budgets, finance, compliance and HR in a multi-lingual, multicultural, highly political environment. Comfortable with senior levels in government, public sector and NGOs, she has sound judgment, budgetary acumen and good political skills. Outside of her main job, she has presided a staff Committee with members from several EU institutions looking at childcare provision for staff’s children. She also has presided several recruitment competitions and oversees middle management post procedures in other DGs.
Fred Langford
Internet Watch Foundation (IWF), United Kingdom

Fred Langford is an experienced President, Chartered Director and Senior Executive with a demonstrated history of working in the information technology field, particularly internet, governance, digital, information/cyber security and self-regulation. He is skilled in government, management, networking, leadership and security. Fred is a strong business development professional who also possesses a formal CISSP (Certified Information Systems Security Professional) qualification.

Chris Pinchen
The Privacy Agency, Luxembourg

Chris is the founder of The Privacy Agency, where he provides specialist, made-to-measure consultancy and training around the topics of technology and privacy to organisations, companies, groups and individuals. His work is highly focused on surveillance, censorship and privacy issues, as well as digital literacy, making the complex accessible to reach as wide an audience as possible.

Debora Plein
BEE SECURE/Luxembourg Safer Internet Centre (SIC), Luxembourg

Debora Plein has a PhD in Psychophysiology and a Master of Arts in Phonetics, media sciences and psychology, both obtained at the University of Trier. She looks back on more than eight years of professional experience as a trainer in IT education with a focus on safety awareness. As a singer and songwriter, she also likes to spread her passion for digital (and analogue) music production and other creative applications of technologies in workshops for all age groups. Her favourite message is: “Think critically – act responsibly – and enjoy IT! Technology advances quickly – human nature doesn’t”. Debora Plein is overall project manager of BEE SECURE. BEE SECURE is an initiative of the Luxembourgish government supported by the European Commission with the aim of promoting a safer internet culture.

Boris Radanović
South West Grid for Learning (SWGfL)/UK Safer Internet Centre (SIC), United Kingdom

Boris is the Online Safety Officer for the UK Safer Internet Centre (SIC) working at the South West Grid for Learning (SWGfL). The UK Safer Internet Centre is the national awareness centre and is a member of the European Insafe network under the European Commission’s Safer Internet Programme. Prior to that, for the last three years, since its creation, Boris worked as the Awareness Coordinator for the Croatian Safer Internet Centre where he conducted more than 100 presentations and educational interventions about online safety to children, parents, teachers, police officers, social care workers and companies in Croatia. As an expert speaker in the field of online safety, he has been working with the European Commission’s TAIEX (Technical Assistance and Information Exchange) instrument on four
Geert Reynders
Foundation T.I.M., The Netherlands

Geert Reynders is the father of Tim and chairman of the Foundation T.I.M. (Tegen Internet Misstanden – Against Internet Abuses). In May 2017, 16-year-old Tim died due to a choking game that went terribly wrong. Since that time, Tim’s parents, Geert and Anita, and sister Anna, have taken up the mission of informing and warning parents, children and professionals about these dangerous online challenges. Their story has received broad attention from national newspapers, radio and TV: a clear signal that there is a big need for this type of information. They have also gathered together a group of experts for developing structural tools and raising awareness among relevant groups of people. Activities are currently focused on the Netherlands, but the Foundation is striving for better international cooperation in sharing knowledge and best practices.

Marietje Schaake
MEP, The Netherlands

Marietje Schaake has been serving as Member of European Parliament for the D66/ALDE political group since 2009. She is Coordinator on the International Trade committee, where she is the ALDE spokesperson on transatlantic trade and digital trade. Schaake also serves on the committee on Foreign Affairs and the subcommittee on Human Rights. She is the Vice-President of the US Delegation and serves on the Iran Delegation and the Delegation for the Arab peninsula. Furthermore, Schaake is the founder of the European Parliament Intergroup on the Digital Agenda for Europe. In 2017, she was Chief of the European Union Election Observation Mission in Kenya. Since 2014, Schaake has been a “Young Global Leader” with the World Economic Forum and she was recently appointed as co-chair of the WEF Global Future Council on Agile Governance. Schaake is a Member of the Transatlantic Commission on Election Integrity, the Global Commission on the Stability of Cyberspace and chair of the CEPS Taskforce on Software Vulnerability Disclosure in Europe. Furthermore, she is a member of the European Council on Foreign Relations and an advisor to the Center for Human Technology. Schaake was featured by Politico as one of the 28 most influential Europeans in the “Class of 2017”.

expert missions to Belarus, Montenegro, Macedonia and Serbia to present the topic of online safety to government officials, NGOs and stakeholders. He has also presented as a keynote and guest speaker at European conferences on the topics of new and emerging trends and applications being used by children and youth online. For the last ten years, Boris has been working in the field of social media marketing and online advertising, as well as maintaining the online and media presence for the companies and NGOs that he has worked with. Boris has led and contributed to the creation of awareness tools, resources and materials, as well as created innovative campaigns for the Croatian SIC on the topic of online safety and safeguarding of children online.
Peter-Paul Urlaub

*eco – Association of the Internet Industry, Germany*

Peter-Paul Urlaub studied law in Cologne with a focus on European and International Law. In 2013, he joined eco part-time as an internet content analyst while working on his legal clerkship. After successfully clearing the bar exam in 2015, Peter-Paul became a full-time employee at eco’s hotline. He is responsible for ISP (internet service provider) relations at eco’s hotline, improving notice and takedown, and attending competence groups with the ISPs. Additionally Peter-Paul coaches new content analysts at eco’s hotline. Besides handling reports, his responsibilities at eco include INHOPE-related tasks. He has been active with INHOPE activities since 2015 and chairs the Data, Stats and Technology Task Group. Peter-Paul started a Master’s programme in April 2018 with the goal of achieving a Master of Law in the field of information law.
Meet the #SaferInternet4EU Awards finalists

The #SaferInternet4EU Awards is one of several actions which the European Commission has been supporting throughout 2018 to promote online safety, media literacy and cyber hygiene. Following an open competition from March to May 2018 in which youth, teachers and organisations submitted best practices on issues related to the sphere of Better Internet for Kids (BIK), tackling topics such as fake news, cyberbullying, connected toys and privacy concerns, grooming, exposure to harmful or disturbing content, or cyber hygiene issues more generally, nine finalists were selected by a jury of experts and subsequently invited to produce a short video to exemplify their best practice. The nine videos were put to a public vote on the Better Internet for Kids portal at www.betterinternetforkids.eu in September and October 2018, and three winners will be announced by Commissioner Mariya Gabriel at an awards ceremony at Safer Internet Forum 2018.

Meet the organisations and individuals behind the nine final entry here...

**Youth**

**Lili Leißer – Cyber-Bullying Game**

Lili Leißer is 19 years old and lives in Vienna. She is passionate and amazed whenever there is a chance to fight for online safety, privacy or youth rights. Since the age of 16, she has participated as a youth representative at the Safer Internet Forum. In 2017, she started programming her Cyber-Bullying Game and deepening her knowledge about online safety for young people. She is now studying law at the University of Vienna while working part time at the Austrian Safer Internet Centre in Vienna.

**Lorcan Tuohy-Donnelly – My Digital Citizen Pledge**

“I’m Lorcan and I’m a 17-year-old student at Borrisokane Community College in Tipperary, Ireland. I first became interested in online safety through my own experiences online and I signed up to become a Safer Internet Day (SID) Ambassador with webwise.ie (part of the Irish Safer Internet Centre). I organised online safety events in my school for SID and I became a member of the Irish Youth Panel. Through this role, I have taken part in open policy debates and panel discussions focusing on the challenges and benefits of technology. These include an Open Policy Debate organised by the Irish Government in March this year which lead to the first Online Safety Strategy, and the EMEA Child Safety Summit hosted by Google and Facebook in April of this year. I’m also a member of Tipperary Comhairle na nÓg, where we actively promote positive use of technology and being aware of online safety.

“As a Youth Panellist in Ireland I have taken part in the production of a number of awareness-raising campaigns and will now train other young people to become SID Ambassadors in Ireland.
"I have blogged about a number of these events – you can read about some of my experiences online. I am also a member of the Youth Media Team, a group of young mobile journalists.

"In my spare time I listen to music and play the guitar. I love to travel and I enjoy scuba diving."

Senior High School of Tychero - Qwwwiz “Stay Safe Online” App

“The Senior High School of Tychero is a small, secondary, three-year public school for students between the ages of 15 and 17. It provides general education and leads to tertiary education. Additionally, a variety of extracurricular activities takes place in our school, such as an environmental club and drama club, along with eTwinning and Erasmus+ projects. Our school is certified as an eSafety School and has been awarded with a Gold eSafety Label. Our location - Tychero - is an agricultural area in the entrance of the EU, in the northeast part of Greece with no more than 2,000 residents.

“Our 16-year-old students - Natasa Makri, Nerantzis Tsevikis, Maria Siopi, Nikos Milonas and Theodora Vasileiadou - decided to apply their knowledge and skills gained in school, such as coding, English, German and French language, by developing an app that tackles fake news, cyberbullying, online privacy and online gaming.

“Mrs. Stella Tryfonidou, who teaches Informatics and Robotics in our school, is an advocate of teaching young people coding. As an eSafety+ Ambassador, she inspired and urged her students to participate in the #SaferInternet4EU campaign and supported them in all its steps. She is a strong believer that learning can be fun!”

Teachers

Rose-Marie Farinella - False Information Hunters from the age of ten

“Taninges School has 329 students in 13 classes. The social background of the students, who are 3 to 11 years old, is very heterogeneous. Despite the social and economic differences, we stimulate children’s creative thinking. We encourage their interest in knowledge. We work with every child so that each of them receive our attention and therefore feel appreciated. We teach children to live together.

“The kindergarten teaching team is involved this year for the second time in an Erasmus project. After working on emotional intelligence, the theme chosen this time is cooperation."
“The small town of Taninges is located at 600 meters altitude in the French Alps, in Haute Savoie. Its population is 3,500 inhabitants. We live in an area where sport is very important; it’s part of our life, because of the closeness of mountains (Mont Blanc).”

Marta Turlinska and Eduard Ivinski – Robot SID

Vilnius Vladislav Syrokomla Gymnasium provides high quality pre-school, primary and secondary education for children. The school is located in the heart of the capital of Vilnius. It was founded 64 years ago, and has taught several generations: grandparents, parents, children and grandchildren.

During the 2018/2019 school year, there are 749 pupils learning in the gymnasium with 2 expert teachers, 27 teacher supervisors, 40 senior teachers, and 11 teachers. The gymnasium is an active participant in various international projects such as Erasmus+, and The Duke of Edinburgh’s Award (DofE). The primary teaching language is Polish, but in addition to Polish and Lithuanian languages, pupils are taught English, Russian and German.

The gymnasium is especially proud of its Polish song and dance ensemble “Wilenka” which is the oldest school folk ensemble in Lithuania (47 years). With over 200 members aged 5 to 30 years old, the ensemble is well known not only in Lithuania, but throughout Europe.

Nina Jelen – Travelling Around the Virtual World

“Branch school Podkum is a little school in a little village. There are only 25 pupils attending our school this year. We have only two classes – one is for first and second graders, and the other for third and fourth graders. So, as a teacher, you have to be very flexible and organised to teach two grades at the same time.

“We know that we are small, but we like to say that we are also big because we have everything that big schools have and more. We have modern equipment and nature next to our door. We often read stories, do math, and learn outside the school walls. We cooperate with our local community and we do lots of different performances each year. Because of the small number of children, we have the ability to really get to know each other. Pupils are successful and we love to work on multiple and interesting projects. Our passion is making short movies where we want to show how beautiful the world is.

“I think that in such a little school, children do not immediately become adults. They remain children for a very long time. You are welcome to visit us anytime!”
Organisations

The Diana Award – Be Strong Online

The Diana Award is a charity legacy to Diana, Princess of Wales' belief that young people have the power to change the world. Its aim is to foster, develop and inspire positive change in the lives of young people. It does this in three key ways: by facilitating change through practical action with young people; rewarding positive change made by young people; and celebrating and supporting ongoing change in young people. Through its Be Strong Online Ambassadors Programme, a peer-led digital resilience training programme which runs in partnership with Vodafone, the Diana Award has worked with over 3,000 young people and staff members around the UK and Northern Ireland. Be Strong Online includes ten learning modules on various digital issues, such as cyberbullying, digital footprint, selfies and social media. Each module contains the resources young people need to deliver short, interactive sessions on these topics with their peers. The Be Strong Online training events explore the issues currently facing young people online, how to run a whole-school campaign, and the tools, confidence and knowledge to deliver interactive Be Strong Online sessions on online issues with their peers.

https://diana-award.org.uk/

Gezinsbond and Child Focus – Safely Online

Gezinsbond - Gezinsbond is a network of families in Flanders, with more than 250,000 members. It is a pluralistic and democratically structured organisation for all families in Flanders and Brussels. Gezinsbond defends the interests of families, regardless of religious, ideological or political beliefs, and regardless of the composition of the family (large and young families, families with any or few children, single parents, married or co-habiting couples, stepfamilies, grandparents, and so on). Gezinsbond addresses all areas important for families, including child support, work-life-balance, education, quality childcare, media and health. Gezinsbond is one of the founding members of COFACE Families Europe.

https://www.gezinsbond.be

Child Focus - The Foundation for Missing and Sexually Exploited Children in Belgium works under the name “Child Focus”. Seven days a week and 24 hours a day, the organisation makes every effort to find missing children and prevent their sexual exploitation, offline and online. Child Focus aims to prevent these facts through study, understanding, advocacy, and dialogue with authorities and stakeholders. It aims to reach various target groups proactively and effectively by training, awareness raising and mobilisation of these groups. Depending on the theme, Child Focus is aimed at children, adolescents and parents, as well as police officers, magistrates and others who are professionally involved with children or young people.

http://www.childfocus.be
Deutsche Telekom – Teachtoday

Teachtoday is an initiative from Deutsche Telekom providing resources for parents, grandparents, educators and children to promote media literacy and online safety through playful, interactive, online and offline activities. Teachtoday consists of several components, all favouring active learning. An online portal is available to parents, grandparents and educators in seven European languages. Teachtoday edits a print magazine for children called SCROLLER whose main characters, Tom and Trixi, also appear in a related series of online explanatory videos, dealing with issues such as social networks, data privacy, online games and online shopping. Every year, Teachtoday also organises an awareness-raising contest called “Media sure! But secure.” and gives the award winners the chance to turn their ideas into projects. During a yearly “Summit for Kids” in Bonn, over 140 children participate in a series of workshops on online safety and media literacy. The Media Obstacle Course is a fun and playful way to get children thinking about media literacy, online privacy and cyberbullying. Teachtoday also provides a Media Competency Test for children and teenagers, available in seven languages. By bringing together families, educational professionals and children, Teachtoday aims to encourage safe and competent media usage as one of the core competences in the digital world.

https://www.teachtoday.de
Meet the #SaferInternet4EU Awards jury members

Over the summer, a jury of experts in the fields of Better Internet for Kids (BIK) and cyber hygiene reviewed the submissions to the #SaferInternet4EU Awards and chose nine finalists.

Meet the jury members here...

Andy Demeulenaere
Mediawijs and member of the EUN Working Group on Digital Citizenship, Belgium

Andy Demeulenaere coordinates Mediawijs, the Flemish Knowledge Centre for Digital and Media Literacy, and has a wide background in youth work and not-for-profit management. His main focus is on combining the opportunities of digital media with managing the risks, and on cooperation to achieve more impact.

“As a jury member it was astonishing to see what a wide variety of initiatives to make a better internet are taking place all over Europe. Some were impressive because of the creative work with and by the children, some because of the vision and technical excellence, but all were very impressive in their own way.”

Miguela Fernandes
Teacher, eTwinning Ambassador and WWW educator handbook author, Portugal

Miguela Fernandes is a computer science teacher from Portugal, with a Master’s degree in Educational Sciences. Her specialisation is in educational technology, she is a teacher trainer in pedagogical use of ICT, an eTwinner since 2005 and an eTwinning Ambassador since 2007, a Microsoft Innovator Educator Expert and a CCNA Cisco instructor, and coordinator of national and international projects. During recent years, she has been running workshops, sessions and school activities directly relating to the safe use of the internet by children and teenagers. This year, she will also organise sessions for parents, believing that it is very important that they are made aware of the issues.

“I was proud to be part of this jury. It has helped me to value – even more – the safe use of the internet and to be aware of what we are doing to help children, teenagers, parents, teachers and schools to be safe online.”
Olivia Honore
Youth representative from the BIK Advisory Board and BIK Youth Ambassador, Denmark

Olivia is a 17-year-old student from Denmark. She says:

“I’m extremely passionate about the safer internet agenda and the overall goal of creating a better internet. I have been volunteering for Save the Children Denmark for the past five years, during which I have attended both international and national Internet Governance Forums (IGFs). I have been involved in projects aiming to improve children’s and young people’s rights and knowledge on the internet. I’ve continued the work with my national Safer Internet Centre (SIC) and as a part of the European Youth Panel.”

Brian O’Neill
Dublin Technology Institute and EU Kids Online representative, Ireland

Brian O’Neill is Director of Research, Enterprise & Innovation at Dublin Institute of Technology/TU Dublin and is a researcher of young people’s use of digital technologies, online safety and policy for the digital environment. He has conducted research for the European Commission, UNICEF, and the Broadcasting Authority of Ireland. He is a member of the EU Kids Online Management Group and leads the project in Ireland. He is a member of Ireland’s National Advisory Council for Online Safety. He also chaired the Irish government’s task force on Internet Content Governance, reporting to the Minister for Communications, Energy and Natural Resources. In 2018, he led a project conducting a policy mapping of better internet policies in EU Member States.

“The submissions for the #SaferInternet4EU Awards demonstrated a terrific range of creativity, technical skill and excellent practice from right across the European Union. Hopefully, the competition will inspire all stakeholders to continue this great effort and to share their insights into what works best to give young people a better online experience.”
Steve Purser
Representative from ENISA (European Union Agency for Network and Information Security), Greece

Steve Purser was born in the UK and attended the universities of Bristol and East Anglia where he obtained a BS in Chemistry and a PhD in Chemical Physics respectively. He started working in 1985 in the area of software development, subsequently progressing to project management and consultancy roles. From 1993 to 2008, he occupied the role of Chief Information Security Officer for a number of financial institutions. He joined ENISA in December 2008 and is currently responsible for all operational activities of the Agency. Steve is currently a member of several Steering Boards and Advisory Committees, including notably the Steering Board of the CERT EU and the Programme Board of the EU Cyber Crime Centre. In the area of standards, he is the ENISA representative on the ISO SC 27 working group. As Head of Core Operations, he regularly represents ENISA in international conferences on information security. He was a co-founder of the “Club de Sécurité des Systèmes Informatiques au Luxembourg” (CLUSSIL) and has frequently published articles in the specialised press. He is also the author of “A Practical Guide to Managing Information Security” (Artech House, 2004).

“I am honoured to have been given the opportunity to be part of this great initiative. It’s encouraging to see efforts – such as this campaign – being made across Europe for internet safety. Selecting the finalists was a challenging task, as all the projects were innovative and insightful. Even though a first place will be awarded, in the end absolutely everybody is a winner.”

Martin Schmalzried
Representative from COFACE Families Europe, Belgium

Martin Schmalzried holds a Master’s degree from the ULB (Brussels) in Political Science and is a licensed sociology teacher in upper secondary education. He has been working at COFACE (Confederation of Family Organisations in the EU) as a Senior Policy and Advocacy Officer for over nine years. He was responsible for the content of the #DeleteCyberbullying project and was involved in a number of European projects as external expert including POSCON, ENABLE and SIP-BENCH II and III. He follows the DG CNECT Alliance to better protect minors online and is an expert to the Council of Europe on Digital Citizenship Education.

“The #SaferInternet4EU activities, including Safer Internet Day, the Safer Internet Forum and the #SaferInternet4EU Awards, are a key driver of enhancing awareness worldwide about digital citizenship, with a strong focus on ensuring that each child enjoys a positive online experience.”
Meet the #SaferInternet4EU Ambassadors

Anna Maria Corazza Bildt

MEP, Sweden

Anna Maria Corazza Bildt is a Member of the European Parliament, elected by the Swedish people in 2009 and in 2014 with personal votes for Moderate Party, in the European People’s Party group.

She is the first Vice Chair of the Committee on the Internal Market and consumer protection and Vice Coordinator in the Women Rights Committee. She is also a member of the Civil Liberties Committee as well as of the EU delegation to Ukraine and Joint Parliamentary Committee with Turkey. She chairs the Intergroup on Children’s Rights and Single Seat Campaign.

Her main areas of activity are migration, the Digital Single Market and food issues. She is fully committed to peace, freedom and democracy in Europe. In particular, she works to combat trafficking in human beings and to eradicate any kind of violence against women and children. Previously, she has also been an active entrepreneur and received several prizes for her high merits in promoting Italian food abroad and for building bridges between Sweden and Italy.


Sonia Livingstone

London School of Economics and Political Science, United Kingdom

Sonia Livingstone DPhil (Oxon), FBA, FBPS, FACSS, FRSA, OBE is a professor in the Department of Media and Communications at the London School of Economics and Political Science. She is author of 20 books on children’s online opportunities and risks, including “The Class: Living and Learning in the Digital Age”. Taking a comparative, critical and contextualised approach, her research examines how the changing conditions of mediation are reshaping everyday practices and possibilities for action. She researches media audiences, especially children’s and young people’s risks and opportunities, media literacy, and rights in the digital environment. She currently directs the projects Children’s Data and Privacy Online, Global Kids Online (with UNICEF) and Parenting for a Digital Future. Recipient of many honours, she has advised the UK government, European Commission and Council of Europe, among others, on children’s internet safety and rights in digital environments. Sonia is chair of the LSE’s Truth, Trust and Technology Commission, a former President of the International Communication Association, and founder of the 33-country EU Kids Online research network. See www.sonialivingstone.net and @Livingstone_S.
Harry McCann
Young entrepreneur, Ireland

Harry McCann is an award-winning entrepreneur, media pundit and public speaker. At just 20 years old, Harry is already the founder of the first Digital Youth Council, a not-for-profit organisation that works to give young people a voice in STEM and education. He is also the Managing Director of Trendster Media, a youth media agency he founded back in 2016 which specialises in content creation for Generations X, Y and Z.

While leading a not-for-profit and a start-up, Harry also works as an advisor for policymakers and industry leaders on subjects including data protection, online safety, youth affairs and education. His work in the business world along with his leading role in the RTE1 television series, “Making Ireland Click” has made Harry one of the most sought-after young public speakers and media pundits in the world. As a result, Harry can regularly be heard on the radio, seen on the television and found on stage speaking at events all around the world for major brands and organisations.

Harry is also a proud ambassador of the #SaferInternet4EU campaign and the recipient of the JCI Top Ten Outstanding Young People of the World Award for 2017.

Andrey Novakov
MEP, Bulgaria

Andrey Novakov is the youngest Member of the European Parliament who joined the institution in November 2014.

He is Vice-Coordinator in the Committee on Regional Development, co-rapporteur for the post-2020 Common Provisions Regulation.

In 2016, he was awarded the Forbes’ 30 under 30 prize.

Andrey’s key activities relate to regional policy and EU investments in infrastructure, SMEs, entrepreneurship. He is elected for the fourth consecutive year as one of the negotiators on the 2019 EU Budget. He authored and shadowed a line-up of key reports, resolutions and opinions on the future of EU investments, Erasmus+, Youth Guarantee, Youth Employment Initiative, SMEs, Horizon 2020, simplification of EU funding, the European Fund for Strategic Investments. His latest reports authored are on implementation of sustainable transport and infrastructure, and on the right mix of financial instruments and grants in the EU cohesion policy.

In 2018, he launched the first Bulgarian programme of the EU - A.L.E.C.O. (Achieve Leadership in Entrepreneurship and Cooperation Opportunities). The project has become an integrated part of Erasmus for Young Entrepreneurs. By now, over 200 European entrepreneurs expressed interest to participate and learn from the global entrepreneurship hubs in the USA, Singapore and Israel.