SAFER INTERNET FORUM 2021

Shaping a #DigitalDecade4YOUth

ONLINE

Wednesday, 6 and Thursday, 7 October
With pre-event on Tuesday, 5 October

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Welcome to Safer Internet Forum 2021
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The Safer Internet Forum (SIF) is a key annual conference in Europe where policy makers, researchers, law enforcement bodies, youth, parents and carers, teachers, NGOs, industry representatives, experts and other relevant actors come together to discuss the latest trends, opportunities, risks and solutions related to child online safety. This year’s edition will take place online and will explore how to make Europe’s Digital Decade fit for children and young people.

In March 2021, the European Commission adopted 2030 Digital Compass: the European way for the Digital Decade, to translate the European Union’s digital ambitions for 2030 into concrete targets and to ensure that these objectives will be met. The document identifies four ‘cardinal points’ on digital capacities in infrastructures, education and skills, and on the digital transformation of business and public services. This European way for the digital society is also based on ensuring full respect of EU fundamental rights, and will propose a comprehensive set of digital principles, including protecting and empowering children in the online space. A corresponding consultation exercise has sought to gather the views of European citizens, and particularly those of children and young people, on these digital principles.

Alongside this, the importance of the rights of children and young people have been brought to the fore in recent months with the publication of the EU Strategy on the Rights of the Child, the overarching ambition of which is to build the best possible life for children in the European Union and across the globe, including online. Additionally, the publication of General Comment No. 25 by the United Nations Committee on the Rights of the Child places a specific focus on the rights of young people online. In short, every child has the right to be respected, protected and fulfilled in the digital environment.

The European Commission has long been committed to this aim, providing legislative and financial support to Member States to create a safer and better internet for more than 20 years. Central to this effort has been the European Strategy for a Better Internet for Children (commonly known as the BIK Strategy) which has provided a key point of reference for online safety policy making since 2012. Within the contexts outlined above, the time has now come to review and update the BIK Strategy.

Therefore, the 2021 Safer Internet Forum will showcase key findings from the recent consultation exercises, amplifying the voices of children and young people to deliver a vision for a #DigitalDecade4YOUth. The event will highlight the priorities that different groups, including parents, carers and teachers, have identified in order to fulfil children’s rights in a digital world, while allowing them to engage, create and contribute within safe, ethical and inclusive online spaces.

Following a pre-event on the evening of Tuesday, 5 October 2021 during which outcomes of the #DigitalDecade4YOUth consultation will be presented followed by a youth-led discussion with the BIK Youth Panel, Safer Internet Forum 2021 will take place online on Wednesday, 6 and Thursday, 7 October 2021. It will consider what we want the digital world to look like in 2030. We will hear from a number of leading experts in the field who will offer their vision of the landscape over the next decade and discuss what key stakeholders need to do to ensure that we have the internet that we want and need. Importantly, the voices of young people will be present throughout the Forum as they share their hopes and concerns for their futures online.

Additionally, a number of deep dive sessions will explore in more depth the four pillars of the current BIK Strategy which provides a holistic approach to keeping children and young people safe online. Pillar 1 deals with high-quality content for children and young people, Pillar 2 is concerned with stepping up awareness and empowerment, Pillar 3 aims to create a safer online environment for children through approaches such as parental control tools and age verification, while Pillar 4 leads the fight against child sexual abuse and child sexual exploitation.
Each in their own way, the deep dive sessions will take stock of these pillars, covering key topics and areas such as:

- Age-appropriate design and the role of age assurance/verification.
- New and emerging tech, highlighting some of the innovations and developments that we are likely to see by 2030.
- Ongoing work to eradicate child sexual abuse material (CSAM).
- Online gaming.
- The youngest users and the opportunities and challenges that they face online.
- Harmful online content, experiences and solutions.
- Digital inclusion to ensure positive online experiences for all children and enable active youth participation.

All sessions will consider challenges, propose solutions and identify the range of actors who can provide them. Further details about the deep dive sessions can be found in the agenda below.

Reflecting on the multistakeholder contributions during the event, the closing session of Safer Internet Forum 2021 will conclude with members of the Better Internet for Kids (BIK) Youth Panel highlighting priorities for change on behalf of children and young people across Europe. The European Commission will have the final word outlining the next steps to make it happen.

Please browse the full agenda in the following pages. While we hope that registered participants will join as many sessions as possible, we equally recognise that you may wish to only join selected sessions. A Forum report and session recordings (where available) will be made available after the event.

Please note: all sessions in this edition of Safer Internet Forum will take place online. Joining instructions and other practical information for each session will be emailed directly to registered participants. In case of questions or issues, please contact sif@eun.org.

As participants in Safer Internet Forum 2021, we hope that you will find it to be both a thought-provoking and inspiring opportunity. We encourage you to use the event to:

- keep track of emerging trends and issues, especially as they relate to the right of all children and young people to be respected, protected and fulfilled in the digital environment,
- facilitate knowledge, experience and good-practice sharing,
- identify opportunities to collaborate with others on new ideas, resources and projects, and
- contribute to the revision of the Better Internet for Kids (BIK) Strategy in Europe and ongoing policy work in this field.

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

The outcomes from this event will progressively be made available at www.betterinternetforkids.eu/sif.

Further information on the #DigitalDecade4YOUth activities can be found at: www.betterinternetforkids.eu/digitaldecade.

Safer Internet Forum 2021 is organised by European Schoolnet on behalf of the European Commission in the framework of the EC’s Better Internet for Kids strategy with funding provided by the Connecting Europe Facility (CEF).
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<td><strong>#DigitalDecade4YOUth key outcomes and findings</strong></td>
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<td><strong>The future of the internet - session led by the BIK Youth Panel 2021</strong></td>
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<td>During this session, participants will have the opportunity to discuss the future of the internet with BIK Youth Panellists. In the form of three break-out sessions, participants will engage in more in-depth discussions looking at topics such as:</td>
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<td>Participants will be able to choose their preferred break-out session on the spot.</td>
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### Day 1: Wednesday, 6 October 2021

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<td>The European Commission will welcome attendees to the Safer Internet Forum 2021 and will set the scene for the coming days with a high-level video address from Commissioner Thierry Breton, European Commissioner for the Internal Market.</td>
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<td><strong>Keynote session: The Digital Decade we want to see for children and young people – a vision of 2030 online</strong></td>
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<td>· Regina Jensdóttir, Head of the Children's Rights Division and CoE Coordinator for the Rights of the Child, Council of Europe, France</td>
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<td>Following a keynote address by <strong>Professor Urs Gasser</strong> in which he will consider the pervasiveness of technology and what this means looking forward, this session will hear from a number of experts who will provide their vision of the internet and the digital world in 2030. They will talk about the greatest opportunities offered by digital transformation, as well as the most significant risks faced. They will also share their views on what they think would help to make the online life of children and young people better in the future.</td>
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<td>There will be an opportunity for Safer Internet Forum participants to submit questions.</td>
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11:45 – 13:00  The EC consultation – an overview of findings

Chair: Sabrina Vorbau, European Schoolnet

Panel moderator: June Lowery-Kingston, Head of Unit, Accessibility, Multilingualism and Safer Internet, DG CONNECT, European Commission

This session will showcase the results of the European Commission consultation which has gathered the views of a range of stakeholders about their hopes for the internet in 2030.

In March 2021, the European Commission published 2030 Digital Compass: the European way for the Digital Decade; a document outlining the aim of translating the European Union’s digital ambitions for the coming years into concrete targets and to ensure that these objectives will be met. The document identifies four ‘cardinal points’ on digital capacities in infrastructures, education and skills, and on the digital transformation of business and public services. A corresponding consultation exercise has sought to gather the views of European citizens on these digital principles, based also on ensuring full respect of EU fundamental rights. A specific focus has been placed on gathering the views of children and young people directly.

This session will therefore highlight the priorities that children and young people, and parents, carers and teachers, have identified in order to fulfil children’s rights in a digital world, while allowing them to engage, create and contribute within safe, ethical and inclusive online spaces. It will be opened by members of the 2021 BIK Youth Panel who will talk about the work that they have been doing in preparation for the Forum and why this is so important.

Participants will then hear from two distinct panels made up of a range of stakeholders including those who contributed to the consultation. Both groups will discuss the challenges highlighted by the consultation and will identify some potential solutions to these based around protection and empowerment:

- **Protection**: This panel will comprise Valeria Setti (DG JUST), Alexandra Evans (TikTok), and Kristina Krulić Kuzman (Centre for Missing and Exploited Children Croatia) (Croatian Safer Internet Centre), and will consider challenges for younger users from a child rights perspective. Panellists will identify the role that different stakeholders need to play to make this a safer space for younger children.

- **Empowerment**: This panel will comprise Marta Markowska (DG EAC), Marie Enemark Olsen (The LEGO Group), a BIK Youth Panellist and a teacher. Panellists will consider projects designed to empower young people, and the skills that they need in order to navigate the online world safely. There will be a particular focus on how young people are involved in some of these initiatives.

13.00 – 14.00  Lunch break
## Deep dive sessions

A number of deep dive (DD) sessions will explore, in more depth, the four pillars of the current Better Internet for Kids (BIK) Strategy. All sessions will consider challenges, propose solutions and identify the range of actors who can provide them.

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<td>• Almudena Lara, Child Safety GAPP Global Lead, Google</td>
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<td><strong>DD2: New and emerging tech</strong></td>
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<td>This session will consider some of the new and emerging technologies that we are likely to see over the next decade including augmented and extended reality (AR and XR). It will build on the plenary discussions and look more closely at key developments, along with both the opportunities and risks they will offer. There will also be the chance to discuss the role of various stakeholders in maximising the benefits and mitigating the challenges.</td>
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### Deep dive sessions (continued)

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| 09:30 – 11:00 | **DD3: Child sexual abuse material (CSAM)**  
This session will focus on the ongoing work to eradicate child sexual abuse material (CSAM) online, showcasing the latest technological advances as well as the most up-to-date research.  
**Speakers:**  
- Denton Howard, Executive Director, INHOPE  
- Cathrin Bauer-Bulst, Head of Unit, Security in the Digital Age, DG HOME, European Commission  
- Ruben Roex, Attorney, Timelex  
- Dave Miles, Head of Safety – Europe, Middle East and Africa, Facebook  
- Arda Gerkens, CEO, Expertisebureau Online Kindermisbruik (EOKM) (Dutch Safer Internet Centre)  
*Please note, this session will be conducted under Chatham House Rule. The chair will explain further at the start of the session but, as such, this session will not be recorded.* |
| or 09:45 – 11:00 | **DD4: Online gaming**  
With research showing gaming is one of the fastest growing creative sectors in Europe, this session will explore the opportunities and challenges associated with online gaming. As retention mechanics and persuasive design become ever more prevalent, this deep dive will consider the roles that industry, policy makers, parents/carers and end users need to take to ensure a more positive experience.  
**Speakers:**  
- Tommi Tossavainen, Planning Officer and Media and Game Literacy Expert, National Audiovisual Institute (KAVI) (Finnish Safer Internet Centre)  
- Laura Higgins, Director of Community Safety and Digital Civility, Roblox |
| 11:00 – 11:15 | **Coffee break**                                                                                                                                  |
| 11:15 – 12:30 | **DD5: Youngest users**  
This session will explore what we know about risks and opportunities online for the youngest users of technology. Evidence suggests that children are going online earlier than ever, and researchers, practitioners and parents will share their experiences and discuss possible solutions for this age group.  
**Speakers:**  
- Professor Jochen Peter, Full Professor, Amsterdam School of Communication Research (ASCoR), University of Amsterdam, The Netherlands  
- Shanta Arul, Director, Global Technology and Innovation Public Policy, Netflix  
- Matthias Jax, Social media expert and Project Manager, Saferinternet.at (Austrian Safer Internet Centre) |
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| 11:15 – 12:30| DD6: Harmful online content, experiences and solutions | This session will address harmful but not illegal content and experiences. Recent research suggests that children, some as young as 13, may experience potentially harmful content and experiences from the moment they sign up to some of the most popular social media platforms and services. How big a problem is this and what can be done to address it? Researchers, Safer Internet Centres and social media platforms will give their perspectives in this session, before opening up to a wider discussion about strategies for tackling the issues.  
Speakers:  
• Baroness Beeban Kidron OBE, Crossbench Peer in the UK House of Lords and Chair of 5Rights Foundation  
• Damon De Ionno, Joint owner and Managing Director, Revealing Reality  
• Ruby Wootton, Associate Director, Revealing Reality  
• Tara Hopkins, Director of Public Policy for Europe, Middle East and Africa, Instagram  
• Marta Wojtas, Coordinator, Child Online Counselling Centre, Empowering Children Foundation (Polish Safer Internet Centre) |
| 12.30 – 14.00| Lunch break                                       |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| 14:00 – 15:15| Deep dive sessions (continued)                     |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| 14:00 – 15:15| DD7: Digital inclusion – ensuring positive online experiences for all children and enabling active youth participation | COVID-19 has highlighted the importance of being online and shown that there are huge disparities across Europe in terms of access and connectivity. This session will focus on digital deprivation and the issue of children’s digital disengagement across Europe. Looking forward to 2030 and a vision where all children should be connected and be able to participate in a meaningful way, this deep dive will highlight the challenges and propose some solutions building on work already being done by Safer Internet Centres in Europe.  
Speakers:  
• Professor Sara Ayllón, Associate Professor in the Department of Economics, University of Girona, Spain  
• Catherine Garcia-van Hoogstraten, Director of Responsible Technology, European Government Affairs branch, Microsoft  
• Georgi Apostolov, Coordinator, Bulgarian Safer Internet Centre |
| 15:15 – 15:45| Coffee break                                      |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
15:45 – 16:30

Closing session of Safer Internet Forum 2021

Chair: Dr Hans Martens, European Schoolnet

Speakers:

- Yvo Volman, Acting Director of the Data Directorate, DG CONNECT, European Commission
- June Lowery-Kingston, Head of Unit, Accessibility, Multilingualism and Safer Internet, DG CONNECT, European Commission
- Jane McGarrigle, Project Officer, Webwise Ireland (Irish Safer Internet Centre)
- BIK Youth Panel
- #DigitalDecade4YOUth Youth Advisory Group

In this final session, BIK Youth Panellists will highlight priorities for improving their online lives in the future, based on findings from the consultation. In response, representatives from different stakeholder groups will highlight the main points they have taken out of the Forum in general and the deep dives in particular.

As the Forum draws to a close, the European Commission will discuss lessons learned from the whole consultation process and will outline the next steps on how to make Europe’s Digital Decade fit for children and young people.
Meet the Forum speakers and contributors
Georgi Apostolov
Coordinator, Bulgarian Safer Internet Centre, Bulgaria

Georgi Apostolov is coordinator of the Bulgarian Safer Internet Centre (SIC), operated by the non-governmental Applied Research and Communications Fund (ARC Fund), which also operates the Bulgarian Hotline for combating illegal and harmful for children content, contacts and conduct online. In 2006-2008 he acted as manager of the Bulgarian Safer Internet Hotline (a member of INHOPE). Since June 2008, he has been coordinating the Safer Internet Centre in Bulgaria as a member of the Insafe and INHOPE networks. Georgi is co-author of several handbooks for teachers, parents and teenagers, of educational methodologies, among which are a methodology for secondary school teachers Real and Virtual Violence: Prevention by Interactive Education in Schools, and methodologies for primary schools Children, parents and teachers together against hate speech and discrimination and From digital literacy to digital citizenship. He is also initiator, co-author and educator of the SIC’s training programme Cyberscout which was ranked 9th in the EU by the European Crime Prevention Network in 2017 and has created, in the last 5 years, a network of more than 1,500 trained pupils in almost 60 cities and towns in the country.

Shanta Arul
Director, Global Technology & Innovation, Public Policy, Netflix

As a global public policy leader at Netflix, Shanta Arul focuses on digital and media policy issues, including online protection of minors, ratings and classification, accessibility, and technology ethics. She has also, in previous roles at the company, led strategic policy initiatives and campaigns, industry development efforts, regulatory advocacy, and industry relations across the Asia Pacific region. Shanta has over 10 years of experience in developing regulatory, industry, and communications strategy for private companies and public sector entities. Prior to joining Netflix, she held various government relations and communications positions in PayPal Asia Pacific. Her work there included leading on internal and external policy and public affairs efforts for the company’s technology organisation and corporate social responsibility initiatives; providing communications counsel to senior leadership at the regional and global level; and spearheading consumer and business-to-business media campaigns. She was also previously a part of Strategic Movies, a strategic and crisis communication practice. Additionally, Shanta has acted as a policy and communications consultant to several Members of Parliament in Singapore, conducting policy research and drafting parliamentary speeches. Shanta holds a Bachelor’s Degree in Political Science from the National University of Singapore.
Professor Sara Ayllón
Assicute Professor in the Department of Economics at the University of Girona, Spain

Sara Ayllón is an Associate Professor at the Department of Economics at the University of Girona. She obtained her PhD at the Applied Economics Department at the Autonomous University of Barcelona (UAB) in 2009. Previously, she graduated with a MSc in European Social Policy at the London School of Economics, and she holds a BSc in Economics and another one in Journalism at UAB. Her research focuses on the economics of poverty and inequality, economics of the family, labour economics, health economics and applied microeconometrics.

Dr Victoria Baines
Visiting Fellow, Bournemouth University, United Kingdom

Victoria Baines is a Visiting Fellow at Bournemouth University where her research interests include online safety policy, the future of cybercrime, and security rhetoric. She has previously held visiting fellowships at Oxford and lectured on Stanford’s Trust & Safety Engineering course. Her background is in law enforcement, firstly in Surrey Police, then as principal analyst at CEOP (Child Exploitation and Online Protection command), and at Europol EC3, where she was responsible for the EU’s analysis of OCSEA (Online Child Sexual Exploitation and Abuse). From 2013 to 2017, she worked in Facebook’s law enforcement liaison team. Dr Baines authors the Council of Europe’s baseline mapping of national responses to OCSEA, and is Senior Advisor to Disrupting Harm, a joint project of INTERPOL, ECPAT and UNICEF to assess the threat from and response to OCSEA in 14 countries. She serves on the Advisory Board of INHOPE and is a Trustee of the Lucy Faithfull Foundation.

Professor Veronica Barassi
Professor in Media and Communication Studies in the School of Humanities and Social Sciences, University of St. Gallen, Switzerland

Veronica Barassi researches and writes about the impact of data technologies and artificial intelligence on human rights and democracy. She is an anthropologist, and Professor in Media and Communication Studies in the School of Humanities and Social Sciences at the University of St. Gallen, as well as the Chair of Media and Culture in the Institute of Media and Communication Management. She is the author of Activism on the Web: Everyday Struggles against Digital Capitalism (Routledge, 2015), Child / Data / Citizen: How Tech Companies are Profiling Us from before Birth (MIT Press, 2020), and I Figli dell’Algoritmo: Svegliati, Tracciati e Profiliati dalla Nascita (LUISS Press, forthcoming). For more than five years, Professor Barassi has investigated the impact of children’s data traces on their civic rights, and the meaning of a society which ‘datafies’ its citizens from before birth. Her research has featured in international mainstream media such as The
Guardian, The Times, The Telegraph, CBC, Business Insider (Italy) and many other outlets. She has been invited to give talks at leading universities in the US and the UK such as Stanford University, University of Southern California, University of California Los Angeles, University of California Irvine, Kings College London, and the University of Westminster. Professor Barassi has submitted different research reports to inform policymakers at international level, including a response to the Information Commissioner Office in the development of the Age Appropriate Design Code (2018), a response to the United Nations Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR) to the General Comment on Children’s Rights in relation to the Digital Environment (2019) and a response to the European Commission’s consultation on the White Paper on Artificial Intelligence: A European Approach (2020). Professor Barassi’s Ted Talk on What tech companies know about your kids has reached more than 1.9 million views.

Cathrin Bauer-Bulst
Head of Unit, Security in the Digital Age, DG HOME, European Commission

Cathrin Bauer-Bulst heads the unit “Security in the Digital Age” in the Directorate-General for Migration and Home Affairs (DG HOME) at the European Commission. Her team develops policy and coordinates EU efforts to better fight cybercrime and child sexual abuse, to create a safer online environment, and to equip law enforcement and the judiciary with the rules and tools to investigate and prosecute crimes in the digital age. She co-chairs the Commission’s task force on electronic evidence and the ICANN Governmental Advisory Committee Working Group on Public Safety issues.

Thierry Breton
European Commissioner for the Internal Market

An engineer with a Supélec qualification in computer science, Thierry Breton began his career as an entrepreneur in the new technologies sector. In 1981, he set up Forma Systems in the United States, an SME which he headed for five years. At the same time, he published a number of science fiction novels, including Softwar, which sold 2 million copies and was translated into a dozen or so languages. In France, he designed the Futuroscope, the first science and technology tourism park, between 1986 and 1990. In parallel, he was also elected regional councillor and then Vice-President of Poitou-Charentes from 1986 to 1992. He has run a number of companies in the market for goods, as well as in the IT sector and new technologies. He was Director of Strategy and Development, then Managing Director of Bull between 1993 and 1997. He then took the lead at Thomson Multimedia, a global electronics company. In 2002, he was appointed as head of the multinational operator France Télécom. In 2005, he was appointed Minister for Economic Affairs, Finance and Industry of France, which he held until 2007. Following his ministerial office, he taught governance at Harvard Business School.
In 2009, he became CEO of Atos, a technology and digital service company where he served until 2019. He also chaired ANRT, the National Association for Research and Technology until 2019, and is a member of the Technology Academy. In 2019, Thierry Breton became the European Commissioner for the Internal Market, responsible for industry, services, digital, defence and space, as well as tourism and audiovisual.

Damon De IOnno

Joint owner and Managing Director, Revealing Reality

Damon De IOnno is the joint owner and Managing Director of Revealing Reality, a social research agency. He holds almost 20 years’ experience working in strategic consultancy, research and innovation. Damon has led numerous research projects related to online harms, young people’s online behaviour and how this is impacted by digital design, for clients such as 5Rights, the Information Commissioner’s Office (ICO), the British Board of Film Classification (BBFC), the Office of the Children’s Commissioner, the Department for Digital, Culture, Media & Sport (DCMS), the National Crime Agency and Ofcom (the regulator and competition authority for the UK communications industries). Work for Ofcom includes its Children’s Media Lives project – longitudinal research exploring children’s online behaviours, experiences and emerging media trends – which he has overseen for the past eight years.

Marie Enemark Olsen

Director, Responsible Child Engagement, The LEGO Group

Marie Enemark Olsen is Director, Responsible Child Engagement, at The LEGO Group. In this role, she leads a team of specialists and programme managers and oversees the LEGO Group’s policies, strategies and activities to continue strengthening and innovating The LEGO Group’s work to safeguard children, their rights and well-being throughout its operations and value chain, with a particular focus on digital engagement with children. Marie is also focal partnership manager for The LEGO Group’s global partnership with UNICEF, focusing on child rights and business. Marie is a 10 year+ CSR (corporate social responsibility) professional that has worked with CSR topics for several international brands, in particular focusing on human rights strategies and social compliance management systems. She has a Master’s Degree in International Studies from Aarhus University, Denmark, and lives in Aarhus, Denmark, with her son and husband.
Alexandra Evans
Head of Child Safety Public Policy for Europe, TikTok

Alexandra Evans is the Head of Child Safety Public Policy for Europe. Before joining TikTok, Alexandra was Chief of Strategy at the 5Rights Foundation where she played a leading role in the successful campaign to enshrine enhanced data rights for children in UK law. As Policy Director of the BBFC (British Board of Classification), she was responsible for UK classification standards in cinemas, on DVD and online. Issues Alexandra works on include online child sexual abuse and exploitation, bullying/harassment, harmful and inappropriate content, data protection and privacy, access to information, evolving developmental capacities of children, design of services, digital wellbeing and digital rights. Before specialising in digital policy, Alexandra practiced law at Mishcon de Reya, advising clients on discrimination, free speech, privacy and reputation protection.

Catherine Garcia-van Hoogstraten
Director of Responsible Technology, European Government Affairs branch, Microsoft

Catherine Garcia-van Hoogstraten, in her capacity of Director of Responsible Technology with the European Government Affairs branch at Microsoft, drives and build consensus on European regulatory and policy issues at the intersection of digital safety, platform and content regulation, and human rights supporting Microsoft’s TechFit4Europe vision. Sharing the determination to build a safer and more trusted online environment, she has a wide range of relevant digital policy experience from previous roles as content moderation policy manager in the tech industry, consultant and policy advisor with the European Commission, tech law academic, and legal counsel. She is a Juris Doctor in Law and Political Science, has PhD studies in EU consumer and product safety law, and has pursued specialisation in international human rights, privacy, information security, and philosophy of technology design.

Professor Urs Gasser
Professor of Public Policy, Governance, and Innovative Technology, Technical University of Munich, Germany

Urs Gasser is the incoming Professor of Public Policy, Governance, and Innovative Technology at the Technical University of Munich. From 2009-2021, he served as Executive Director of the Berkman Klein Center for Internet & Society at Harvard University and a Professor of Practice at Harvard Law School. His research and teaching activities focus on technology policy and society issues and the changing role of academia in the digitally networked age. At the Berkman Klein Center, he led the Youth and Media initiative and is the co-author of several books on this topic, including The Connected Parent (2020) and Born Digital (2016).
Arda Gerkens

CEO, Expertisebureau Online Kindermisbruik (EOKM), The Netherlands (Dutch Safer Internet Centre)

Arda Gerkens has been CEO of the Online Child Abuse Expertise Bureau (EOKM) since 2015. She is also a Senator and Vice-President of the Senate. As an early adopter, she was online as early as 1995. From 2002 to 2010, she was, among other things, spokesperson on sexual child abuse. After a period as director of the computer association HCC, she opted for the Child Sexual Exploitation Materials Hotline (later EOKM) in February 2015. This foundation is committed to a safe internet for children and young people without sexual abuse and exploitation. The EOKM is the place to report online sexual abuse. For practical tips regarding online sexual abuse, please contact Helpwanted.nl. The foundation also offers help to (potential) perpetrators to prevent or stop abuse. Arda brings the theme to the attention of both national and international politics and the general public. In doing so, she and her team are constantly balancing on the dividing line between fighting against online sexual abuse on the one hand and protecting online privacy on the other.

Laura Higgins

Director of Community Safety and Digital Civility, Roblox

Laura Higgins is Director of Community Safety and Digital Civility at Roblox with more than two decades of experience building proven safeguarding, online safety and civility programmes. Roblox’s ground-breaking digital civility initiative is focused on providing the community with the skills needed to create positive online experiences in partnership with the world’s leading safety and industry organisations that drive meaningful change. Civility online is a new concept that is based on existing principles – that everybody has a part to play in making the digital world a better place. In her previous role with the UK Safer Internet Centre (part of the Better Internet for Kids (BIK) project, co-funded by the European Commission), Laura founded several award-winning services including the Professionals Online Safety Helpline and the world’s first helpline dedicated to supporting victims of image-based abuse. Laura has worked with the biggest names in tech sitting on Twitter and Snapchat’s Advisory Boards. She has spoken on digital safety topics across the globe and regularly appears in the media sharing her expertise with industry experts, parents and kids.
Tara Hopkins

Director of Public Policy for Europe, Middle East and Africa, Instagram

Tara Hopkins is Director of Public Policy for Instagram in Europe, Middle East and Africa. Tara joined Instagram in January 2019 and is responsible for public policy and policy programmes in the region. Before joining Instagram, Tara was Vice President for Corporate Relations at Rio Tinto plc focused on stakeholder engagement, human rights policy and European issues. Prior to moving to the extractive sector, Tara spent two years at the NSPCC in the role of European public affairs manager, focused on EU child protection issues. Tara spent the early part of her career in Brussels with stints in the European Parliament working for the Green Group, and at the European Commission. Tara has a Master's Degree in European Integration, History and Politics from University College Dublin.

Karl Hopwood

Independent Online Safety Expert/Insafe Helpline Coordinator, Digital Citizenship Team, European Schoolnet

Karl Hopwood is an independent online safety expert. He is a member of UKCIS (UK Council for Internet Safety) and works extensively with schools to support children and young people in developing safer online behaviours, as well as to promote digital literacy. In the past, he has worked with the European Commission, the UN (ITU), CEOP, Becta and the South West Grid for Learning (SWGfL), as well as with several local authorities within the UK. Karl has been employed for the last thirteen years as an in-house consultant for the Digital Citizenship Team at European Schoolnet where he is responsible for the coordination of the Insafe helpline network. He is also a trustee of Childnet International and is chair of the board of the Marie Collins Foundation.

Denton Howard

Executive Director, INHOPE

Denton Howard has worked with the INHOPE network since 2005 in all aspects of hotlines and the environment that they operate in, including network development, technology development, outreach and training. He is a self-confessed hotline evangelist with a mission to combat online child sexual abuse. He has a BA in Business & Marketing (University of South Wales) and a Postgrad in Information Technology (National University of Ireland Maynooth).
Matthias Jax
Social media expert and Project Manager, Saferinternet.at, Austria (Austrian Safer Internet Centre)

Matthias Jax is a social media expert and project manager specialising in data protection, online security, and managing projects with a digital focus. As project manager for the EU project Saferinternet.at, he is currently intensively involved in communicating safe, competent and responsible use of digital media in a comprehensible way. In addition, he regularly gives lectures and workshops for young people, parents, teachers, youth workers and senior citizens on topics such as everyday digital life, the correct use of media, and critical thinking in the digital age.

Regína Jensdóttir
Head of the Children’s Rights Division and CoE Coordinator for the Rights of the Child, Council of Europe, France

Regína Jensdóttir holds a law degree from the University of Iceland and a postgraduate degree (DEA) from the University of Strasbourg in international public law. Since 1998, she has been working for the Council of Europe and, since 2010, she is the Council of Europe Co-ordinator for the rights of the child and heads the organisations’ Children’s Rights Division. In these capacities she follows the Council of Europe Steering Committee for the Rights of the Child, the implementation of the Council of Europe Strategy for the Rights of the Child (2016-2021), and the Council of Europe Convention on the Protection of Children from Sexual Exploitation and Sexual Abuse (the Lanzarote Convention) and its monitoring committee which follows how states put the Lanzarote Convention into practice. She has also led the development of the work on children’s rights in a number of areas such as violence against children, equal opportunities, child participation, child-friendly justice, and children’s rights in the digital environment.

Baroness Beeban Kidron OBE
Crossbench Peer in the UK House of Lords and Chair of 5Rights Foundation

Baroness Beeban Kidron OBE is a Crossbench Peer in the UK House of Lords and Chair of 5Rights Foundation. After 30 years as an award-winning film director, Baroness Kidron was appointed to the House of Lords as a Crossbench Peer. In Parliament, she sits on the Pre-Legislative Joint Committee for the Online Safety Bill, and previously was a member of the Democracy and Digital Technologies Committee Inquiry and the Communications Select Committee. She is founder and deputy chair of the All-Party Parliamentary Group for Digital Regulation and Responsibility. Baroness Kidron is the Founder and Chair of 5Rights Foundation, a charity whose mission is to build the digital world children and young people
deserve. 5Rights has pioneered a range of international policies and programmes, such as developing a Child Online Protection Policy for the Government of Rwanda and working in partnership with IEEE (an international technical professional organisation concerned with advancing technology for humanity) to create Universal Standards for Children and for Digital Services and Products. 5Rights also supported the UN Committee on the Rights of the Child in drafting General Comment No. 25 on the relevance of children’s rights to the digital environment. The general comment was formally adopted in March 2021.

Baroness Kidron is a Commissioner on the UNESCO Broadband Commission for Sustainable Development; a member of the Global Council on Extended Intelligence; sits on the Advisory Council for the University of Oxford’s Institute for Ethics in AI; and a Visiting Professor in Practice at the London School of Economics.

Kristina Krulić Kuzman
Psychologist – Head of Expert Team, Center for Missing and Exploited Children, Croatia (Croatian Safer Internet Centre)

Kristina Krulić Kuzman graduated in psychology in 2012 and, since then, her field of work has included direct work with children, youth, parents, teachers, and experts. She finished education for crisis intervention and is currently finishing education in the field of integrative child and adolescent therapy. Since 2015, Kristina has been a member of the Safer Internet Centre in Croatia where she provides psychological, emotional, and informational support to children and youth. She has participated in the development of informational and promotional activities regarding safer internet subjects, conducted educational activities for teachers and experts in order to improve their skills and knowledge regarding online risk behaviour of children and youth in Croatia, and participated in the development and implementation of prevention programmes and activities.

Almudena Lara
Child Safety Global Lead, Google

Almudena Lara is the global lead on child safety policy at Google, where she leads work on protecting children from child sexual abuse and exploitation, and providing safe experiences to children across products. She joined Google from the National Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children (NSPCC), the UK’s largest child protection charity where she led the work to influence the debate in the UK on online safety as well as wider child protection issues. Formerly, she led major programmes for improving the outcomes for children at the UK Department for Education and worked at the Prime Minister’s Strategy Unit, advising on issues from welfare reform to social investment and social action. Before entering the UK Civil Service, Almudena worked for eight years as an economic consultant at Frontier Economics.
June Lowery-Kingston
Head of Unit Accessibility, Multilingualism & Safer Internet, and Deputy to the Director, Data, DG CONNECT, European Commission

June Lowery-Kingston (@lk_june) is Head of Unit Accessibility, Multilingualism & Safer Internet at the Directorate-General for Communications Networks, Content and Technology (DG CONNECT) at the European Commission. Her work aims to promote a better internet for children by protecting and empowering children online, and improving the quality of content available to them. Her unit is also responsible for making digital life in Europe more accessible and inclusive, regardless of language, disability, and age, and for coordinating DG CONNECT actions for a Union of Equality.

Jane McGarrigle
Project Officer, Webwise Ireland, Ireland (Irish Safer Internet Centre)

Educated in TU Dublin, Jane McGarrigle holds a BA Hons (2.1) in Photography, an MSc in Advertising (2.1), and a Certificate in Cyberpsychology from IADT. Jane joined Webwise in 2015 as Content Development Officer and has held the position of Project Officer for four years. Within her time as Project Officer, Jane has led the development and delivery of key online safety and digital literacy education programmes for primary and post-primary schools including the Garda Schools Programme, an award-winning digital media literacy programme for primary schools, and a new post-primary digital literacy programme. Jane has also overseen the development of key youth training initiatives in online safety and award-winning awareness-raising campaigns tackling issues such as online grooming, coercion and harassment. Jane is a member of the National Advisory Council for Online Safety and has been an active member of the Media Literacy Ireland contributing to a national public media literacy awareness campaign addressing the topic of false information. She is also involved in a European media literacy research project.

Marta Markowska
Policy Officer for Digital Education, DG EAC, European Commission

Marta Markowska is a Policy Officer for Digital Education in the Directorate-General for Education, Youth, Sport, and Culture (DG EAC) at the European Commission in Brussels. Her previous policy work in the European Commission focused on social inclusion and equality, implementation of the European Strategic Framework for Education and Training, as well as working as a Press Officer. Prior to joining the European Commission, Marta worked as a teacher, television story producer, and public relations adviser in Canada, the US and South Korea. She completed her undergraduate honours degree at Queen’s University in Kingston, Ontario and her
post-graduate studies at Algonquin College, Ottawa. Born in Poland and raised in Canada, she returned to Europe where she completed her Master’s Degree in European Studies at the Jagiellonian University in Krakow, Poland after which she started her work with the European Commission. She currently lives in Brussels and is a mom to two little boys.

Dr Hans Martens
Head of Digital Citizenship, European Schoolnet

Hans Martens (PhD) is Head of Digital Citizenship at European Schoolnet. He is responsible for the Digital Citizenship strategy of the organisation, managing a team of 15+ dedicated to a variety of public and private projects covering aspects such as digital skills, media literacy, online safety and children rights in a digital world. Within this context, Hans is leading – on behalf of the European Commission – the Better Internet for Kids (BIK) initiative while coordinating the Insafe network of Safer Internet Centres, among other activity lines. With a background in research and teaching at the University of Antwerp, combined with an advisory role in various Flemish, European, and American media literacy networks and projects, Hans joined European Schoolnet in February 2012. His key tasks include governance, management and outreach, team and project coordination, liaising with various Ministries of Education and European Commission units, as well as being the point of contact for other key strategic partners, from government, civil society and industry.

Dave Miles
Head of Safety – Europe, Middle East and Africa, Facebook

As Head of Safety at Facebook for Europe, Middle East and Africa, Dave Miles has more than 25 years of executive management experience within the technology, charitable and regulatory sectors. In his current capacity, he is a member of the WePROTECT Global Alliance’s 2021 Global Threat Analysis (GTA) Steering Group, the Child Dignity Alliance and the European Commission’s Alliance to better protect minors online. Prior to joining Facebook, Dave was a member of UNICEF’s Expert Roster at the Global Fund to End Violence against Children (EVAC), and Policy Director of the British Board of Film Classification (BBFC) and the Family Online Safety Institute (FOSI). Dave has chaired three prominent working groups for the UK Council for Child Internet Safety (UKCCIS) (now UKCIS, the UK Council for Internet Safety) and, prior to this, held senior executives positions at IBM, Compaq and Motorola. In 2014, Dave was admitted to the Freedom of the City of London for his charitable work around promoting accessibility and ensuring technology can support and empower those with special needs.
Professor Jochen Peter
Full Professor, Amsterdam School of Communication Research (ASCoR), University of Amsterdam, The Netherlands

Jochen Peter (Ph.D., 2003, University of Amsterdam, the Netherlands) is a Full Professor in the Amsterdam School of Communication Research (ASCoR) at the University of Amsterdam. From 2013 to 2018, he was the Scientific Director of ASCoR. In 2009, the International Communication Association (ICA), the largest international academic association for the study of communication, awarded Jochen its Young Scholar Award for outstanding early career research. In 2019, he was named Fellow of the ICA in ‘recognition of contributions to the study of human and mediated communication.’ He received a competitive Veni as well as a Vidi grant from the Dutch Research Council (NWO) and, more recently, a Consolidator Grant from the European Research Council (ERC) to study social robots and children. To date, his research has received numerous awards from international academic associations. Jochen has published more than 100 journal articles and book chapters. His research focuses generally on how young people’s use of new communication technologies affects their psycho-social development. In his earlier research, Jochen investigated in particular the impact of online communication on teenagers’ sociality. He also studied whether sexually explicit material on the internet is related to adolescents’ sexual attitudes and behaviour. In his latest research, he specifically deals with the antecedents and consequences of children’s interaction with social robots.

Ruben Roex
Attorney, Timelex

Ruben Roex is an attorney at Timelex where he advises clients regularly on complex issues regarding data protection law, often at the crossroads of other domains such as cybercrime, cybersecurity, child safety, eHealth and human resources. He is also experienced in all matters relating to cybersecurity and cybercrime. He defends clients’ interests before the courts in cybercrime-related cases. He gives trainings and lectures on privacy, data protection and other IT law topics, and is affiliated with several universities and educational institutions.

Valeria Setti
European Commission Coordinator for the rights of the child

Valeria Setti has been the European Commission Coordinator for the rights of the child since September 2018. In this capacity, Valeria works across the Commission’s departments to help make sure that the rights of the child are considered in all relevant policies and actions. Valeria and her team are responsible for the implementation of the recently adopted EU Strategy on the Rights of the Child. Prior to that, Valeria worked in DG Migration and Home Affairs, coordinating the work on migrant integration as well as leading the organisation of the European
Migration Forum, an annual platform for dialogue between EU institutions and civil society on the issues of migration. Before joining the Commission, Valeria worked for Missing Children Europe, and was responsible for the expansion of the 116 000 hotlines for missing children.

Tommi Tossavainen
Planning Officer and Media & Game Literacy Expert, National Audiovisual Institute (KAVI), Finland (Finnish Safer Internet Centre)

Tommi Tossavainen has been promoting game literacy and a positive gaming culture for over 15 years. He works for the National Audiovisual Institute in Finland (KAVI), where he has coordinated the Finnish Game Week for 10 years, and conceptualised and edited two Game Educator’s Handbooks, which are co-authored by almost 100 experts and scholars. Tommi has helped create a network of over 2,300 professionals working to promote game education in Finland. He also represents Finland in the PEGI (Pan European Game Information) Council.

Professor Simone van der Hof
Professor of Law and Digital Technologies, Leiden University, The Netherlands

Simone van der Hof is a Professor of Law and Digital Technologies at Leiden University and specialises in children’s rights and digital technologies. She is the Academic Director of the Institute for the Interdisciplinary Study of the Law and Programme Director of the Advanced Master in Law and Digital Technologies. She teaches courses on children’s rights and digital technologies in three Master programmes – Law & Digital Technologies, International Children’s Rights, and Youth Law. Simone is Vice-Chairperson of NICAM’s Independent Complaints Committee for age classification of audio-visual media and a member of the supervisory board of the Stichting Massaschade en Consument (Foundation Mass Claims and Consumers) for a Dutch class-action claim against TikTok. She is a member of the Scientific Council for Media Literacy Policy and chairs the Safer Internet expert group in The Netherlands. In 2021, she has developed the Code voor Kinderrechten (Children’s Rights Code) with the Waag Society which helps tech designers with implementing children’s rights in apps and games. She is currently involved in euCONSENT (on Electronic Identification and Trust Services for Children in Europe) and a project for the Dutch Ministry of the Interior and Kingdom relations on behavioural design in games.
Dr Valerie Verdoodt
Postdoctoral Researcher, Law and Technology, Ghent University, Belgium

Valerie Verdoodt is a Postdoctoral Researcher at Ghent University, Law and Technology. She is also a guest lecturer on Children’s rights in the Digital Environment at the Georg August University of Göttingen. Her research focuses on the legal and fundamental rights questions originating from the development of new media and technology, in particular (but not exclusively) regarding the protection and participation of children online. She is particularly interested in studying children’s rights in the context of (new) forms of commercial exploitation online (such as commercialisation of play through datafication, gam(bl)ing, digital child labour). From 2019 until 2021, Valerie was a Postdoctoral Fellow at the London School of Economics, where she co-taught the courses Cyberlaw, Information Technology and the Law, and Digital Rights. In 2018, she obtained a joint PhD from KU Leuven and Ghent University. In her PhD thesis, *Children’s rights and advertising literacy in the digital era*, she focused on the role of children’s rights in regulating new advertising techniques. More specifically, based on a detailed overview and an in-depth evaluation of several legislative frameworks, policy documents, self-regulatory initiatives and the key literature, she developed children’s rights-inspired recommendations aimed at fostering a more empowering regulatory framework for commercial communications. During this period, she also worked as a legal expert on children’s rights and digital advertising for the World Health Organisation and the Council of Europe. Prior to her PhD research, Valerie worked as lead researcher on several European (FP7) and national (IWT-SBO) research projects on topics such as privacy and consumer protection in relation to social media, digital advertising, cyberbullying, media literacy, smart cities, botnets, and so on. In 2018, she was a Visiting Researcher at eLaw, the Center for Law and Digital Technologies at Leiden University.

Yvo Volman
Acting Director of the Data Directorate, DG CONNECT, European Commission

Yvo Volman is acting Director of the Data Directorate in the Directorate-General for Communication Networks, Content and Technology of the European Commission (DG CONNECT). Yvo studied at the Universities of Amsterdam and Strasbourg and holds a PhD in European law awarded by the European University Institute in Florence. He worked for the Dutch Ministry of Economic Affairs in the areas of industrial and technology policy, before joining the European Commission in 1998. In the Commission, he has dealt with legislative and strategic issues as well as funding programmes related to the information market, digitisation and data.
Sabrina Vorbau

Project Manager, Digital Citizenship Team, European Schoolnet

Sabrina Vorbau is Project Manager at European Schoolnet and has been a member of its Digital Citizenship Team since 2014. She manages a number of European Commission (EC) funded projects in the area of online safety and media literacy, such as CO:RE – Children Online: Research and Evidence, KID ACTIONS, SELMA and Facts4All – Schools as community hubs against disinformation. In addition, Sabrina coordinates the youth activities and annual Pan-European Youth Panel as part of the Better Internet for Kids (BIK) project. As part of her work in the Digital Citizenship Team, Sabrina also represents the team in expert meetings and international conferences in the field of children’s rights and internet governance. Originally, from Germany, Sabrina holds a Master’s Degree in Applied Economic Sciences: Business Administration (MBA) from the University of Antwerp. Prior to joining EUN, she worked at the European Agency for Fundamental Rights in Vienna.

Marta Wojtas

Coordinator, Child Online Counselling Centre, Empowering Children Foundation, Poland (Polish Safer Internet Centre)

Marta Wojtas is a psychologist and a trainer, and a graduate of the University of Lodz and the Intercultural Communication Programme at the University of Tampere in Finland. She has worked for the Empowering Children Foundation since 2007, and has conducted various prevention activities and trainings for children, youth and professionals from Poland and abroad in the field of online safety. Currently, she coordinates the activities of the Child Online Counselling Centre, she supports the ECF Telephone Assistance Programme (116 111, 800 100 100), and the Child on the Web Programme. She is the author of articles related to the issue of children’s safety on the internet.

Ruby Wootton

Associate Director, Revealing Reality

Ruby Wootton is an Associate Director at Revealing Reality with particular experience in researching media habits and trends in young people. She holds a background in psychology and is passionate about using innovative behavioural research techniques to understand young peoples’ online behaviours and the drivers behind them. She has conducted extensive research with children of all ages and is an expert in gaining insights into their beliefs, concerns, and experiences. Ruby has managed several major innovation and insight studies on digital experiences for, among others, the Children’s Commissioner, 5Rights, the BBC, Channel 4, the Information Commissioner’s Office and Ofcom.
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