

Overview agenda for Safer Internet Forum 2023

Thursday, 23 November 2023

Please find an overview agenda for the event below;
further details and speaker/moderator names will be added over time.

Please note: all times are in Central European Time (CET).

08:30 - 09:30	<p>Arrival and registration</p> <p><i>Onsite and online registration will both open at 08:30 CET. The meeting will start promptly at 09:30 CET, so ALL participants are encouraged to register in good time.</i></p>
09:30 - 09:45	<p>Opening videos and welcome address</p> <p>Children and young people are at the heart of the new Better Internet for Kids (BIK+) strategy, and therefore it makes sense that their voices set the stage for Safer Internet Forum 2023. In an opening video address, participants will hear from children and young people – from across Europe and beyond – on why they need skills to prepare and empower them for the Digital Decade.</p> <p>The video will be followed by a welcome from BIK Youth representatives who will further set the scene for the day, along with a video address from Thierry Breton, Commissioner for the Internal Market. The presentation will reflect on current EC priorities as they relate to the BIK+ strategy, with a particular focus on skills, children and young people.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Online participants will follow a live stream of this session within the virtual meeting environment. Sign language interpretation and closed captioning will be provided for this session.</i></p>
09:45 - 10:15	<p>Keynote session:</p> <p>Life online: the skills and competences needed to thrive</p> <p>The first keynote session will consider some of the key challenges and solutions of life online today. The speaker will reflect on innovative and emerging technologies and will attempt to demystify what these might mean for future skills development, especially for young and more vulnerable users.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Online participants will follow a live stream of this session within the virtual meeting environment. Sign language interpretation and closed captioning will be provided for this session.</i></p>
10:15 - 10:45	<p>Plenary panel discussion</p> <p>An interactive panel discussion, hosted by BIK Youth representatives, will discuss the political priorities for ensuring children and young people are sufficiently skilled, focusing also on the impact of technology on mental health and well-being, artificial intelligence (AI), and emerging technologies (such as the metaverse). Panel members will include the keynote speaker as well as European and national policymakers.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Online participants will follow a live stream of this session within the virtual meeting environment.</i></p>

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10:45 – 11:15	<i>Coffee break</i>
11:15 – 11:45	<p>Keynote session: Life online – the voices of young influencers Participants will hear from influential young people who will share their personal experiences of what they have done to address relevant challenges and overcome adversity in the fast-moving online space, while helping to promote skills development among their peers.</p>
	<p><i>Online participants will follow a live stream of this session within the virtual meeting environment.</i> <i>Sign language interpretation and closed captioning will be provided for this session.</i></p>
11:45 – 12:45	<p>Interactive youth session: Being a teen online in 2023 This session will be led by BIK Youth representatives who will provide participants with a better understanding of what online life is like for teenagers in 2023. They will share their thoughts and experiences about life online, how well prepared they think they are for it, and what they think needs to change. This will be followed by opportunities for further discussion as well as a chance to learn from the young people themselves, offering some child-adult hacks and tips.</p> <p>Building on these interventions, a youth-led interactive debate will then take place where BIK Youth representatives will exemplify pillars two and three of the BIK+ strategy (safe digital experiences and digital empowerment), while identifying the key priorities to be addressed.</p>
	<p><i>Online participants will follow part of this session via a live stream within the virtual meeting environment.</i> <i>Sign language interpretation and closed captioning will be provided for this session.</i></p>
12:45 – 13:45	<i>Lunch break</i>
<p>As is typical of the Safer Internet Forum, participants will have the opportunity to participate in deep-dive discussions, across two afternoon sessions. The deep dives will focus on the skills that children and young people need in order to thrive online and the most effective ways to foster these skills.</p>	
13:45 – 14:45	<p>Deep dive session 1: What are the skills that children and young people need to thrive online? This session will provide an opportunity for participants to identify and discuss the skills that children and young people need to have in order to have safe and healthy online experiences, focusing on the following topics:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Mental health and well-being 2. The metaverse and immersive environments 3. Generative AI 4. Girls and ICT careers 5. Content creation 6. Civic participation

	Both onsite and online participants will hear from several experts (via a video presentation for onsite participants, and via a panel discussion for online participants) who will share their thoughts on the skills that children and young people need in order to be able to participate fully and safely in online life.	
	ONSITE parallel sessions	ONLINE session
	<p>Following the video introduction, onsite participants will move into roundtable discussions which will be co-facilitated by table leaders and BIK Youth representatives. Each table will have a mix of participants from different backgrounds and disciplines: academia, industry, Safer Internet Centres, policymakers, and young people.</p> <p><i>Onsite participants will be asked to identify their preferred focus topic for deep dive session 1 at the point of registration.</i></p>	<p><i>Online participants will follow the panel discussion via a live stream within the virtual meeting environment.</i></p> <p><i>Participants will be able to ask questions and contribute to the discussions.</i></p>
14:45 – 15:45	<p>Deep dive session 2: Effective ways to foster digital skills</p> <p>Now that the first deep dive discussions have identified the skills that children and young people need, participants will discuss the best ways to ensure that children and young people acquire and develop these skills and competences, focusing on the following topics:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Formal, informal and non-formal learning 2. Working with professionals who support vulnerable users 3. Peer-to-peer and child-adult approaches 4. The role of industry in helping to foster digital skills 5. Working with parents 	
	ONSITE parallel sessions	ONLINE session
	<p><i>Onsite participants will be asked to identify their preferred focus topic for deep dive session 2 at the point of registration.</i></p>	<p><i>Online participants will follow the panel discussion via a live stream within the virtual meeting environment.</i></p> <p><i>Participants will be able to ask questions and contribute to the discussions.</i></p>
15:45 – 16:15	<i>Coffee break</i>	
16:15 – 16:45	<p>Next steps</p> <p>The BIK+ strategy identifies actions for different stakeholders, but what does this mean in real terms? What key actions will different participants take as a result of the day's discussions?</p> <p>The final session of the day will look to the future and consider the next steps. Taking the form of a panel discussion chaired by BIK Youth representatives, it will explore the views of young people, industry, policymakers, teachers, parents and Safer Internet Centres.</p>	

	<p><i>Online participants will follow a live stream of this session within the virtual meeting environment.</i></p> <p><i>Sign language interpretation and closed captioning will be provided for this session.</i></p>
16:45 - 17:00	<p>Closing remarks from the European Commission and official close of Safer Internet Forum 2023</p>
	<p><i>Online participants will follow a live stream of this session within the virtual meeting environment.</i></p> <p><i>Sign language interpretation and closed captioning will be provided for this session.</i></p>
17:00 onwards	<p>Networking reception for onsite participants</p>

Please note that individual session descriptions, speakers/moderators, content and timings may be subject to slight change. Any amendments will be published here.