

eNACSO Periodic Update - 05 - 2014

Dear Friends,

we are glad to send you the eNACSO's fifth periodic update. In the last months, we saw the approval of the Connecting Europe Facility (CEF), the new EU programme to support ICT initiatives. eNACSO appreciates that child online safety is still one of the priority, but is concerned that some important elements such as research and advocacy might be reduced or interrupted. Therefore, we will continue to follow up the new EU Strategy 2014-2020 to advocate for a stronger coordination on child safety in the EU Framework.

Moreover, the Alliance organized its second members meeting in Madrid in November and investigated pornography, sexualization and gender stereotypes' impact on child safety online starting from the lively UK debate on filtering.

Eventually, we are glad that the network is growing. We welcome a new member from France and two new executive board members.

Best regards, eNACSO Secretariat

News from the Members

A New Member from France

eNACSO has a new member from France: <u>e-Enfance</u>. E-Enfance promotes positive and responsible use of online technologies and connected devices and is supported by the French Ministry of Education for its educational activities towards children, parents and professionals. We all welcome the new member.

The Executive Board grows

Kek Vonal and the Irish Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children-ISPCC officially joined eNACSO Executive Board.

Kék Vonal Child Crisis Foundation has been operating since 1993 based on the 1989 UN Convention on the Rights of the Child (UNCRC) and provide overall, fast, toll-free and anonymous access to help via telephone and internet.

ISPCC is Ireland's oldest and most well-known children's charity and has a long history of service delivery and advocacy on behalf of children.

The current structure of eNACSO Board is ISPCC (Ireland), Kek Vonal (Hungary), NSPCC (UK), Protegeles (Spain), Save the Children (Italy). All the seats are now occupied.

News from Armenia

eNACSO member from Armenia - Media Education Center - has started to translate and disseminate the periodic

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Hot News

Connecting Europe Facility has been approved

European Union approved the new programme Connecting Europe Facility (CEF). The CEF will encompass several elements previously framed under the Safer Internet Programme. Thanks to eNACSO advocacy action - in collaboration with INSAFE, INHOPE, EU Kids Online - the protection of children online has been kept as a priority even though some elements such as research and advocacy risks to be discontinued.

Check the official publication of the programme.

eNACSO Members Meeting in Madrid

eNACSO Members Meeting in Madrid explored pornography, sexualization and gender stereotypes impact on children online. The concept of the event stemmed from the debate that was launched by UK Prime Minister on filtering adult pornography and extended the discussion on how sexualisation and gender stereotypes affect child safety(sexual abuse, sexual bullying, sexting, spread of stereotypes for commercial aims).

The key speakers were two prominent experts: Elly Farmer (NSPCC) and Maddy Coy (CWASU).

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Meetings/Events

CEO Coalition - Exploring scenarios for strategic alliances

The Commission held an important meeting in Brussels on Monday 2nd December. Commission officials emphasised that the arrangements which currently existed for internet companies and civil society organizations to meet to discuss aspects of internet self-regulation would not change or be disturbed. However, the Commission had taken the view that there were advantages to be obtained from creating a new forum where stakeholders from a wide range of interests could come together to exchange information about best practice in the field of corporate social responsibility. The first meeting of this new group was going to be held on 10th December in Brussels. To know more about the CEO Coalition, check this link.

Internet Governance Forum (IGF) 2013

eNACSO also this year participated to the IGF 2013 that took place in Bali, Indonesia. The event included 134 workshops as well as focus sessions, open forums and dynamic coalitions. Thematic highlights focused on: internet as an engine for growth and sustainable development, the role of governments in multi-stakeholders cooperation and human rights, specifically, freedom of expression and free flow of information on the internet. eNACSO actively participated in the debate concerning child protection online and freedom of expression and officially launched together with UNICEF and other organizations the "Guidelines for Industry on Child Protection Online".

The 2013 European Child Safety Online Conference

This event, organized by Forum Europe in partnership with eNACSO on Nov. 12, 2013, was an opportunity for civil society and policymakers working on Child Safety Online to discuss on current strategies to address risks faced online by children. eNACSO was represented by Jon Brown, NSPCC and John Carr that also moderated the entire afternoon session.

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News on Online Child Safety

The Independent - Ofcom report shows children can easily bypass internet filters

A <u>new report</u> by regulator Ofcom suggests that internet filters used to limit access to inappropriate content online are easily circumvented by children. Researchers found around one in five (18 per cent) of 12 to 15-year-olds have the technological know-how to disable internet filters, though only 6 per cent admitted doing so in the past year.

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The Guardian Online - How your child's art could unlock a more secure online world

The BBC is exploring a child-friendly password tool and a way to offer tailored services without collecting data. Read more

New Scientist - What should we do about pornography?

Last month the Office of the <u>Children's Commissioner for England</u> published the results of a two-year inquiry into sexual exploitation among children and teenagers. It reported shocking levels of violence, degradation and abuse, with girls as young as 11 routinely coerced into sex.

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CIOL - Here comes Android based smartphone for kids

Techno Source, a division of LF Products (a Li & Fung company), and KD Interactive, a division of KD Group, makers of the best-selling Kurio line of Android devices for families with kids, announce the first-ever Kurio phone made just for kids. The first phone, Kurio Phone has all of the sophisticated smartphone features kids want, combined with the advanced parental controls and safety features for which parents have been waiting. Read more

LSE - ATVOD Conference Shows Little Consensus on Protection from Porn

The Authority for Video on Demand (ATVOD) held a conference on 12 December on "protecting children from online porn".

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Daily Mail - Most parents snoop on their children online: 60% admit checking Facebook messages, emails and texts

Six out of ten parents admit they regularly read their children's emails, texts and Facebook messages, a study has found. They believe that, despite the invasion of privacy, snooping is necessary to keep tabs on who their children engage with online, researchers say. The study also found one in ten parents have gone as far as to find out their son or daughter's password, despite their offspring's best attempts to keep it from them.

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Ofcom Report on Internet safety measures - Strategies of parental protection for children online

Parenting in the digital age, against a backdrop of continuing technical evolution, can be complex and challenging as children rapidly take up the opportunities of internet use. The report addresses parental mediation of the internet and the wide ranging strategies and tools used by parents to protect their children online including the broader strategies parents may adopt to improve children's online safety.

Download the full document here

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New opportunities for partnerships and projects

EU Fundamental Rights and Citizenship – Deadline 12.03.2014

The Fundamental Rights and Citizenship programme aims to promote the development of a European society based on respect for fundamental rights and rights derived from citizenship of the European Union.

According to the Programme Work Plan 2014 the following focus may be of interest for online child safety initiatives:

- Data protection and privacy rights.
- Training and awareness raising on reinforcing children's protection of personal data in the online environment, especially taking into consideration the development of mobile devices.

You can find all the information here.

Erasmus+ - Several Deadlines

The new Erasmus + programme comprises former Lifelong Learning Programme (Leonardo, Comenius, Erasmus, Grundtvig, etc.), Youth in Action and Sport. The programme will support several transnational initiatives addressed to young people and children to promote education, training and mobility.

You can find all the information here.

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