

eNACSO Periodic Update - 06 - 2014

Dear Friends,

We are glad to send you eNACSO's sixth periodic update. In the last two months, we observed a growing interest and discussion about commercial exploitation and use of personal data of children in the online environment. Indeed, eNACSO organized a meeting in Budapest to investigate the implications of the internet business model for children and define effective advocacy actions at European level. Moreover, the network participated as Speaker in the Insafe general meeting in Bratislava to bring the results of our work on the impact of online advertising on children.

Best regards,
eNACSO Secretariat

News from the Members

ECPAT Austria - Make IT-safe Peer Experts

In the framework of "make-IT-safe Peer Experts" project conducted in collaboration with four other ECPAT groups (which aims at **enhancing knowledge of youth on a safe and responsible use of the internet and new online technologies** through the "peer-2-peer" methodology), ECPAT Austria discussed issues around sexting and dissemination of pictures: how sexting is handled/criminalized; if and how the **dissemination or trading of nude pictures** without the consent of the person depicted (or with children depicted) and (adult) revenge porn is criminalized (or if it is just a matter of civil law). It seems that the exemption concerning the production and possession of child pornography (if person depicted is over 14 + consent + for his/her "own use") is very vague and leaves quite some room for interpretation. They are now trying to find out (via Parliament) how many cases of sexting among youth have been reported to the police, how these cases are handled and how the child pornography article is interpreted in this respect.

Action Innocence

Action Innocence launched a free App called **diagnostiC** aimed to help parents to protect their children online. **diagnostiC** it's a simple and playful App which allows parents to focus on creating good habits for kids by visualizing the technological equipment of their families and the protection measures put in place to protect their children online.

The App is available of IOS and Android.

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Hot News

eNACSO Members Meeting in Budapest

During the first year of the intervention, eNACSO developed a Policy Paper on Business, Children and the Internet. A semi-final version of the paper was prepared at the end of January and, therefore, the Board and the Secretariat decided to focus the third meeting on the development of a shared advocacy strategy related to the document. Indeed, the meeting was planned in order to allow the members to discuss the paper and build together a strategy for the implementation of its recommendations.

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INSAFE Meeting (Barbara)

Meetings/Events

Growing with Children's Rights, Dubrovnik 27-28 March 2014

The event organized by the Council of Europe aimed at evaluating the implementation of the Council of Europe Strategy for the Rights of the Child 2012-2015, therefore several topics were discussed such as: children's rights in law, preventing and combating sexual violence against children, children's rights in alternative care, child participation and so on. eNACSO representative intervened to bring the network perspective on child safety online, particularly:

- The involvement of private sector (ICT Industry) in the implementation of the Lanzarote Convention, considering it not like a replacement of donors, but accountable for the protection of children's rights.
 - The integration and coordination between the Lanzarote Convention and other international legal tools and conventions such as the EU directive combating sexual abuse and sexual exploitation.
 - The importance to balance freedom of expression and other children rights (privacy, information, best interest) in order to guarantee child safety.
 - The distinctive traits of cyber bullying.
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News on Online Child Safety

The Independent - Food giants target children with addictive 'advergames'

Addictive online games used by food and drinks firms to target children are undermining efforts to counter obesity and should be subject to much tougher rules, local health chiefs say today. The Local Government Association (LGA), which represents almost 400 councils in England and Wales, is calling for pop-up health warnings to accompany the "advergames", which it says plug products containing high levels of sugars, salts and fats to young children.

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The Huff Post - 10 Reasons Why Handheld Devices Should Be Banned for Children Under the Age of 12

The American Academy of Pediatrics and the Canadian Society of Pediatrics [state](#) infants aged 0-2 years should not have any exposure to technology, 3-5 years be restricted to one hour per day, and 6-18 years restricted to 2 hours per day (AAP 2001/13, CPS 2010). Children and youth use [4-5 times](#) the recommended amount of technology, with serious and often life threatening consequences (Kaiser Foundation 2010, Active Healthy Kids Canada 2012). Handheld devices (cell phones, tablets, electronic games) have dramatically [increased the accessibility and usage](#) of technology, especially by very young children (Common Sense Media, 2013).

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The Guardian - How do we keep our children safe online?

Do family-friendly filters on computers offer one click to safety, or are more wide-ranging education programmes for children – and, perhaps more importantly, parents – needed?

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LSE - Preventive measures: how youngsters avoid online risks

This report shows that children's perceptions of online risks strongly depend on their awareness of how online activities may turn into problematic or harmful situations. Also important is their knowledge of effective preventive measures, since it appears that when children feel capable of dealing with a risk they are less fearful or worried by

it. Children expressed a range of concerns about online problems that sometime bother or upset them. The salient risks in children's eyes are online bullying and harassment, unwelcome contact from strangers, misuse of personal information, issues related to sexual content or communication, and commercial content.

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Reuters - Europe invites Apple, Google to discuss 'in-app' purchases

The European Commission announced plans to tackle one of the scourges of the modern age - games on tablets and mobile phones that allow adults and children to rack up vast credit card bills by making "in-app" purchases. The main concern is that games are often labeled as "free to download" but are not "free to play", with purchases automatically debited from a registered credit card. More than half of online games in the EU are advertised as "free", the Commission says, despite many carrying hidden costs.

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New opportunities for partnerships and projects

European Commission - PPUAM - Pilot Project "Analysis of reception, protection and integration policies for unaccompanied minors in the EU"

The European Commission publishes the call for proposal PPUAM - Pilot Project "Analysis of reception, protection and integration policies for unaccompanied minors in the EU".

The main objective of this Pilot Project is to identify good practices on prevention, reception, protection and integration policies for unaccompanied minors.

You can find all the information [here](#)

Erasmus + - Prospective initiatives - European policy experimentation - EACEA 10/2014

The general objective of the call for proposals is to encourage the assessment of the systemic impact of innovative policy measures through field trials in order to improve the effectiveness and efficiency of education and training systems and youth policies. This call aims at involving high-level public authorities of the eligible countries in the collection and evaluation of relevant evidence to back and monitor policy reform using sound and widely recognised evaluation methods based on large-scale field trials.

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