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European NGO Alliance for Child Safety Online

WELCOME FROM NAUREEN KHAN, ENACSO CHAIR

The past year has been exciting for eNACSO (European NGO Alliance for Child Safety Online). We have seen our membership expand, eNACSO has been shaping policy and legislation more actively at the EU level, and we have made an impact on the negotiations on the EU Directive on combating sexual abuse, sexual exploitation of children and child pornography. At various important international events, eNACSO has also managed to raise awareness and debate about online child safety and the rights of children as citizens in a digital age. The substantial progress in these priority areas is a source of inspiration to the network and it is my hope and belief that the coming years will prove to be equally exciting and rewarding for all of us working for a safer online environment for children.

Introduction

eNACSO is an alliance of leading children's rights and

child protection NGOs from nineteen EU member states advocating for a safer environment for children online. In an international environment where treaties, laws and framework decisions have increasing impact at the national level, there is a need for a strong and unified voice promoting and defending children's rights on both the international and EU levels. eNACSO is that voice!

With co-funding from the European Union's Safer Internet Programme, a living network of children's NGOs has emerged. We can all learn from one and other, and together we ensure that children's interests remain a key priority in the various international forums where policies related to the Internet are discussed and determined.

This annual report presents an overview of our activities from September 2010 together with our plans for the co-funded period until September 2012.

ABOUT US

eNACSO is a network consisting of children's rights NGOs from across the EU working for a safer online environment for children. The network is co-funded by the European Commission's Safer Internet Programme.

Our mission is to promote and support actions at the national, European and international levels to protect children and promote their rights in relation to the Internet and new technologies.

Thematic priorities

Our work focuses on four core policy areas. Our objectives are:

- 1 To assess and make recommendations on current and future policy developments related to online child protection and safety.
- 2 To develop and implement an "Agenda for Action" which sets out a call for action on children's rights online. This includes targeted stakeholder engagement and influencing key decision makers at the EU, national and international levels.

- 3 To build a strong and thriving network by sharing experience and best practices, particularly in relation to advocacy, between network members.
- 4 To ensure that children are involved and consulted on eNACSO's work.

Policy development and the exchange of expertise are focused around four core themes:

- 👉 International Governance and collaboration
- 👉 Fighting against online child sexual abuse material
- 👉 Combating online grooming
- 👉 Assessing the effects that the evolvement of new technologies have on children's lives from a child rights angle





WHO ARE WE?

eNACSO is a growing network presently consisting of 19 children's rights and child protection NGOs from across the EU and three associate members from non-EU countries.

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eNACSO:

- ✎ stands for: European NGO Alliance for Child Safety Online
- ✎ started in September 2008 and was succeeded by eNACSO II in September 2010, and eNACSO III will take over by September 2012
- ✎ is a growing network with 19 ordinary and three associate members
- ✎ is co-funded by the EC Safer Internet Programme



KEY ACHIEVEMENTS AND HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE FIRST YEAR

Raising the visibility of child protection issues at international events

eNACSO continues to be the leading European child advocacy network active at the international level.

We participated in the public hearings organized by the LIBE Committee in September 2010, which were held to discuss the European Commission's draft proposal for a new Draft Directive of the European Parliament and of the Council on combating the sexual abuse, sexual exploitation of children and child pornography.

eNACSO members also participated in workshops discussing the draft Directive organized by other organizations working with online child safety.

EuroDIG (European Dialogue on Internet Governance) is the European arm of the Internet Governance Forum (IGF). Its annual meeting was held in Belgrade in May, 2011, where eNACSO was invited to contribute to the opening plenary session and the parallel session on Digital Literacy.

EuroDIG and the IGF are key arenas for eNACSO's work because, uniquely, they bring together a wide range of opinion makers we need to reach to ensure that the online child protection message is heard at the highest level.

eNACSO also participated in two other international gatherings of major importance to online child protection, both of which took place in Brussels.

The first was convened by Digital Europe, an EU-wide trade association of high tech companies. The initial meeting was held in June 2011 where the major focus was Digital Europe's first draft of a set of overarching principles for online child safety. At the time of writing, this work has yet to be completed.


The second was a joint EU-US meeting in July 2011 where high level discussions and an evaluation of different technical methods of combating online child abuse images took place.

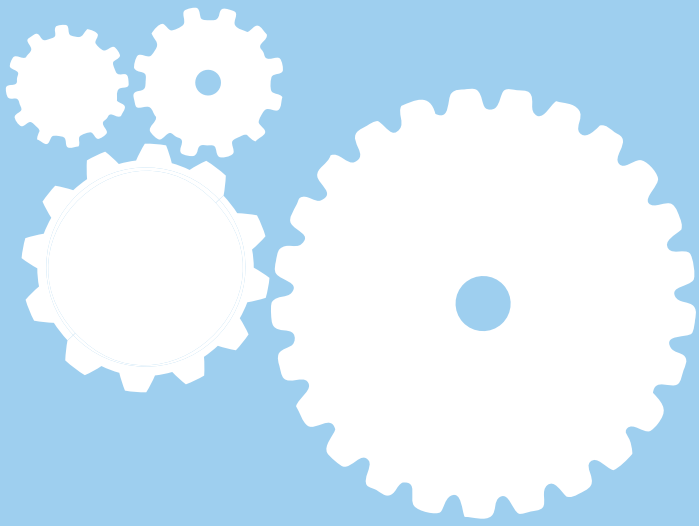
Influencing the EU Directive on combating the sexual exploitation of children and child pornography

The EU Directive on combating the sexual exploitation of children and child pornography is a priority for eNACSO. The Directive introduces a number of measures which will improve the protection of children in the EU, including criminalizing on-line grooming, obliging member states to delete websites containing child abuse images and measures related to improved support and protection for child victims of abuse.

eNACSO has been working jointly with Missing Children Europe, ECPAT Europe, UNICEF and Save the Children Europe Group to influence political negotiations related to the Directive. Our achievements include being given the opportunity to present evidence to the European Parliament's (EP) hearing on the Directive. The hearing was an important opportunity to make an impact, as the evidence presented here was subsequently used by EP rapporteur (Roberta Angellili) in her report on Civil Liberties, Justice and Home Affairs (LIBE committee).

eNACSO also submitted amendments and briefed MEPs on the LIBE committee ahead of key votes, and the LIBE committee adopted our amendments on child-friendly justice, online grooming and mandatory deletion in their final report. Similarly, we worked with our members to influence the political negotiations in the Council of Ministers by providing them with briefings and template letters to influence national governments. The proposal was adopted by the European Union on November 15, 2011.

eNACSO welcomes the directive, which will be an important test for EU member states to both demonstrate their commitment to protect children and ensure they meet their obligations under international law. [Read the entire directive here](#) 



Child Participation

eNACSO is strongly committed to consulting and involving children in every aspect of its work. We have produced a policy paper on child participation and been engaged in several workshops, including in EuroDIG and the IGF, where children and young people themselves have spoken directly from their own experience about how they thought they could best be helped to protect themselves in the online environment.

eNACSO is working to ensure meaningful child participation whereby young people are consulted, and therefore encourage their real involvement in decision-making processes on issues related to their lives. The network draws extensively on the research of EU Kids Online and the publications of Youth Parliaments and similar bodies, not only within the EU but around the world.


How useful is eNACSO for Nobody's Children Foundation, Poland?

Over the last years eNACSO has allowed us to make an important step forward in our understanding of child online safety issues. The network has opened an invaluable pool of expertise which we are trying to translate into concrete actions at the national level in Poland. We have also improved our advocacy capacities in order to work more effectively across partnerships.





Digital citizenship

As part of the discussions addressing digital citizenship, eNACSO organized a workshop entitled "The New Breed of Location Services – Challenges for Child Safety" at the fifth Internet Governance Forum (IGF) in September 2010 in Lithuania. The workshop was very well attended, reflecting the growing awareness of the issues which this new technology raises, particularly in relation to privacy. The workshop addressed concerns about location data being used deliberately to target and exploit young people, either for commercial or other purposes. The issue of location data exposing children and young people to potentially exploitative or harmful situations, even where there is no deliberate intent, was also debated. eNACSO developed a [background paper](#)  on Location Based Services for this event.

New Membership strategy

The European NGO Alliance for Child Safety Online, eNACSO, is a growing network. It was established in 2008 as a network of 12 children's rights NGOs leading efforts on child Internet safety from 12 EU Member States. Currently, eNACSO consists of 22 organizations, 19 from across the EU and three associate members in three countries outside of the EU.

At the network meeting in Rome in November 2010, eNACSO welcomed two new full members: Obrela from Greece and Kanner-Jugendtelefon from Luxembourg. At the same time, two associate members joined the network: NGO Stellit from Russia and All-Ukrainian Network Against Child Sexual Exploitation from Ukraine. In the beginning of 2011, the process of accepting the associate membership of the Armenian Media Education Centre has also been completed, and the organization was officially introduced to the network at the meeting of eNACSO members in Copenhagen in October 2011.

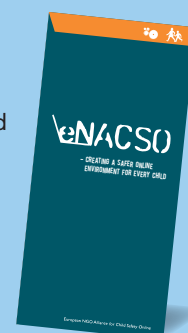
An efficient outreach strategy is essential for enhancing the network's goals and establishing a common NGO voice in relation to child online safety issues at the European and international levels based on a solid children's rights framework. Throughout the duration of the project, the network will continue expanding its presence and inviting new active children's rights organizations from the EU and beyond, where relevant. Large geographical coverage of the network will help promote the visibility of child protection in national, European and international discussions addressing Internet-related topics.

Strategic partnerships

eNACSO acknowledges the fundamental importance of building strategic partnerships with a range of major players in the online space. This year we have focused on strengthening our partnership with other networks and individual organizations within the wider Safer Internet Forum. One of the early outcomes of these new relationships was our collaboration with the EU Robert Project and Austrian Safer Internet Forum toward hosting a joint workshop (see "Recent events" below). Our partnership with Missing Children Europe and ECPAT Europe was also vital for allowing us, together, to have a strong voice and make a real impact on the negotiations regarding the EU Directive on combating the sexual exploitation of children and child pornography. In the months to come, our attention will shift to further strengthening our working relationships with major industry players, in particular around Digital Europe's online guiding principles.

Communication strategy

In July 2011, eNACSO published its first newsletter, which highlighted eNACSO activities and achievements. The newsletter's target groups are EU and national institutions, industry representatives and other NGOs. You can subscribe to the newsletter on our website: www.enacso.eu.




eNACSO has also updated and reprinted a brochure which provides a brief overview of our network, our objectives and how we operate.



RECENT EVENTS

IGF Nairobi

In September 2011, Nairobi hosted the sixth Internet Governance Forum (IGF). Again, eNACSO was accepted as a workshop organizer. Following up on our Digital Citizenship agenda from the previous IGF, this time around eNACSO organized a workshop entitled "Digital Citizenship - a charter of children's and young people's rights in the online world". [Read the workshop background paper here](#)  The workshop formed part of eNACSO's objective to formulate a cyber charter focusing on children and young people. As part of that process, the workshop discussed how we construct a framework of rights which preserves all of the highly valued freedoms of the Internet for the adult world while at the same time providing an appropriate and proportionate response to the needs of younger users.

The discussions revealed how children and young people do not see the Internet as being separate and distinct from the real world. Instead, the Internet is part of their real world. The rules of citizenship which apply in the real world apply equally to the online world.

Another important point from the discussions was that there are challenges and tensions between the rights of children and the rights of adults. A balanced and proportionate approach must be found to navigate this path.

Members' meeting in Copenhagen

On October 10-12 2011, Copenhagen hosted this year's eNACSO members' meeting. Major challenges to children's safety online were discussed by the participants in a number of workshops and on a field trip. The themes addressed included combating online grooming, online child abuse material and discussing the effect new technologies have on children's lives from a child rights' perspective. Speakers from the industry, NGOs and law enforcement were invited to share their views and best practice examples in the thematic areas.

The members' meeting is an important event where members receive new information and updates on relevant issues, and it is also the forum where the network seeks to consolidate and strengthen the cooperation between the members.





Sexting proposal for the Safer Internet Forum

How useful is eNACSO for Kék Vonal, Hungary?

Kék Vonal is a partner in Safer Internet Plus Programme in Hungary. The information that we get in eNACSO is very useful to us in our work to protect children when they are online.

As a network, we are always looking ahead to new and emerging challenges in the arena of online safety. In this context, eNACSO was jointly hosting a workshop on 'sexting' with the Robert Project and Austrian Safer Internet Centre at the 2011 EU Safer Internet Forum. This workshop examined the emergence of sexting and the challenges it presents for young people and parents. We consulted with the European Youth Panel to ensure their views were captured in the discussion. This was followed by a policy discussion with some of the leading experts in the field.

The workshops produced the following recommendations:

-  **ensure research not only from the perspective of child protection but also from the perspective of sexual development**
-  **respond to sexting through education and social work instead of criminal charges against young people**
-  **treat sexting without moralization**
-  **awareness raising**

LOOKING TOWARD THE FUTURE

eNACSO is a living network seeking to be present at events concerning safer Internet for children. In the second half of eNACSO II, the network will focus on citizenship in a digital era, which was the theme of the workshop held at the IGF 2011 in Nairobi.

In the spring of 2012, the network will host a conference to launch a number of overarching principles intended to guide the work with children's rights online.

Privacy is a cross-cutting issue with ties to aspects of citizenship in a digital era. eNACSO intends to promote measures ensuring that children and young people are made aware, in a timely fashion, of these risks and that appropriate tools are available to guard against them. We intend to explore how icons and symbols could be deployed to communicate impor-

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