

Newsletter no 1

### **The Chairperson has the word**

I am delighted to introduce the first edition of eNACSO's newsletter. We are an alliance of leading children's rights and child protection NGOs from twenty two EU member states working to advocate for a safer environment for children online. The newsletter highlights our work on protecting children online. In this edition, we focus on EU legislation on data protection and child abuse images.

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Naureen Khan, eNACSO Chair

### **EU News**

This section highlights eNACSO's work on EU policy and legislation

#### **Children and EU Data Protection Directive**

eNACSO believes children and young people share all of the same rights to data privacy and data protection as adults, and they acquire these rights the moment they are born. In this regard, we welcome the European Commission's commitment to revise the EU Data Protection Directive and its recognition that children require specific protection to help guard against potentially harmful intrusions by third parties who might otherwise take advantage of their innocence and thereby putting them at risk.

Read our response to the Commission's consultation [here](#).

Read more on the Data Protection Directive [here](#).

#### **Child abuse images online**

eNACSO welcomes and supports the European Commission's proposal for a Directive on combating the sexual abuse, sexual exploitation of children and child pornography. We welcome the Directive's proposal to block websites which contain child abuse images as an important measure to tackle the prevalence of these images.

For more information: get the eNACSO Q&A on blocking [here](#).

Read the joint NGO coalition statement to Trialogue partners [here](#).

### **eNACSO events**

In this section we highlight events of importance in the European and international arena on child protection.

#### **EuroDIG**

eNACSO chair and board members Agnieszka Wrzesien and John Carr participated at the Pan-European dialogue on Internet Governance 30-31<sup>st</sup> of May 2011. The event brings together key stakeholders from industry, and civil society to discuss issues related to the internet. eNACSO board member John Carr, spoke in the opening plenary to highlight the need for EuroDIG to address online child protection to be [consistent with the priorities](#) set out in important forums such as the e-G8.

Agnieszka Wrzesień spoke in the session "[Digital literacy and skills towards economic and social development](#)." The workshop looked at the projects that are helping to get people online and

also discussed the importance of digital literacy to ensure that users fully benefit from the opportunities offered by new technologies.

For more information on EuroDIG click [here](#).

For more information on EG8 click [here](#).

#### **Digital Agenda Assembly**

The EU Digital Assembly is an important meeting which will gather European stakeholders to discuss the implementation of the EU's digital agenda.

eNACSO will be participating at several workshops and Mr. John Carr will represent eNACSO at the Experts Forum for the digital future of Europe at the a specific workshop about online child safety.

Read more on the Digital Agenda program [here](#).

#### **Members' news**

##### **NSPCC**

New NSPCC research revealed that Police in England and Wales recorded a child sex crime every 20 minutes last year. More than 23,000 offences - including rape, incest and gross indecency - were logged in 2009-10. This is an eight per cent increase on the previous year. Most reports concerned children aged 12-15 years old. However, over 1,000 victims were pre-school age and one in four were aged 11 or under. Girls continue to be around six times more likely to be sexually assaulted than boys, with over 20,000 (86%) female victims recorded.

For more information click [here](#).

##### **Save the Children Denmark**

Illegal pictures can be stored on the job too!

Pictures of sexual exploitation of children can appear in many places. There are examples of employees using their company's email or server system to store or distribute illegal material. Save the Children has entered into cooperation with the firm Netclean, which offers software capable of detecting illegal child pornography on private IT networks. Netclean was installed on Save the Children's own computer network in 2009, and we contribute our special knowledge through a seat on Netclean's Advisory Board.

In May 2011 Save the Children together with Copenhagen Business School arranged a seminar for private companies. The focus and main question was: Do companies have a Corporate Social Responsibility in regards to prevent child abuse pictures on their IT networks? A big Nordic insurance company spoke about their experience with the NetClean ProActive software and how they handled the situation, when a staff member was caught with child abuse pictures on his work computer. A member of the Danish Parliament also attended the seminar and was very supportive. He suggested the idea of creating a fund to co-finance the implementation of the software in all companies.

You may read more about the NetClean products [here](#).

#### **Member profile: Fundacja Dzieci Niczyje (Nobody's Children Foundation)**

##### **About the organization**

Nobody's Children Foundation is a leading Polish child protection NGO established in 1991, working toward the goals of protecting children from abuse and providing help for abused children, their families and their caregivers.

##### **FDN and online safety topics**

In 2005 FDN became part of the Polish Safer Internet Centre, established under the EU Safer Internet Programme. Within this structure FDN is the national coordinator of awareness-raising activities and also runs a Helpline, where children, parents and professionals can raise their

concerns related to different dangerous situations encountered online.

Selected examples of activities undertaken include:

- media campaigns aimed at drawing public attention to the risks related to Internet use by children and at promoting attitudes fostering the safety of young Internet users,
- educational campaigns offering resources for children, young people and teachers in the form of lesson plans, e-learning courses, multimedia materials and publications,
- educational portals for children,
- training courses and conferences for professionals,
- organization of Safer Internet Day.

On 1 July 2011 Poland will for the first time take over the Presidency of the Council of the European Union. This will be a big opportunity for Poland to stress significant policy areas and have a real influence on the decisions taken in the EU. In relation to child online safety topics one of the biggest challenges for the Polish Presidency will be to continue work on the "Proposal for a Directive on combating sexual abuse, sexual exploitation of children and childpornography." FDN looks forward to working with the Polish government to ensure a strong proposal is agreed.

#### **Upcoming Events**

On 20-21 September 2011 under the patronage of the Polish Presidency of the Council of the European Union 2011 FDN, together with NASK and German project klicksafe, will hold the 5<sup>th</sup> International Conference "Keeping Children and Young People Safe Online". The aims of the conference are to raise awareness of the new challenges and opportunities in fighting online threats and to help share best practices across different sectors. More information on the agenda and registrations can be found online [here](#).

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Read more about the foundation [here](#).