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Welcome from the secretariat

Welcome to the second edition of the eNACSO newsletter. Since the first newsletter was published in July 2011, we have witnessed important progress on combating child sexual abuse and child pornography. Read more about this in the EU news section. In this newsletter, we have also strengthened our members' news section to better reflect the wealth of important activities taking place among our members across Europe.

For those not yet familiar with eNACSO, we are an alliance of leading children's rights and child protection NGOs from 22 EU member states working to advocate for a safer environment for children online.

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EU News

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

The EU directive on combating the sexual abuse, sexual exploitation of children and child pornography was formally adopted by the EU Justice and Home Affairs Council (JHA) on Tuesday, 15 November, and came into legal effect on 17 December, 2011.

The Directive replaces the existing EU legislation. Member states will have two years to transpose the Directive into local law. The Directive will offer greater protection to children in the EU-27 through a range of different provisions, including:

- making it mandatory for URLs containing child abuse images to be deleted where they are hosted within an EU jurisdiction
- making online grooming a criminal offence
- measures to support child victims during investigations and legal proceedings
- minimum penalties for sexually abusing and exploiting children

eNACSO has been working closely with the European Commission, Members of the European Parliament and both the Belgian and Polish presidencies to ensure the adoption of a strong Directive. In May 2010, we hosted a high level conference on the draft Directive with EU Commissioner for Home Affairs Cecilia Malmström and Roberta Angelilli MEP (Vice President of the European Parliament (EP) and responsible for the EP report on the directive). We also gave evidence at the EP hearing on the directive. Our NGO partners were Save the Children Europe Group, UNICEF, ECPAT Europe and Missing Children Europe.

For more information, please click [here](#)

eNACSO events

This section highlights events of importance in European and international child protection. **eNACSO at the IGF in Nairobi, September 2011**

eNACSO board members Agnieszka Wrzesień and John Carr represented eNACSO at this year's Internet Governance Forum (IGF), held in Nairobi on 26-30 September. The network organized a highly successful networking event and reception for around 40 IGF participants. A Minister from the British Government and two UK Parliamentarians attended.

The network also hosted a workshop entitled "Digital Citizenship - a charter of children's and young people's rights in the online world." The background paper for the workshop can be found [here](#)

Finally, eNACSO shared a booth, "European Safer Internet Programme," with a number of other projects from this programme.

eNACSO at the Safer Internet Forum

eNACSO was represented at The Safer Internet Forum 2011, Luxembourg, by Mr Jon Brown from the NSPCC. The focus of the Forum was "*Exposed online - a workshop looking at the emergence of 'sexting' and challenges for parents and young people.*" Jon Brown moderated the second part of the session, entitled "Insights from research and legislation on sexting in Europe."

The Safer Internet Forum reached 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 leveled at young people
- Treat sexting without being judgemental
- Try to achieve greater harmonization of the law covering this area
- Awareness raising

Read more about the Safer Internet Forum [here](#).

eNACSO members' meeting

17 members and two associated members came to Copenhagen for the eNACSO members' meeting on 10-12 October 2011 to discuss major challenges to children's safety online at a number of workshops and on a field trip. The field trip went to watAgame/Go Super Model, where the members met employees dealing on a daily basis with online safety in connection with online gaming.

The themes addressed during the meeting included the prevention of online grooming, fighting online child abuse material and discussing the effect new technologies have on the lives of children from a child rights angle. Speakers from the industry, NGOs and law enforcement were invited to share their views and best practice examples in the thematic areas.

Members' news

In this section, eNACSO members highlight child safety online news from their organization **ISPCC, Ireland**

This year, the ISPCC consulted with just over 18,000 young people in Ireland in order to examine the attitudes and experiences of children and young people with the Internet.

Some of the findings were worrying:

- Almost a quarter (24%) of the older group (secondary/youth) responded that they did not use privacy settings, while over a third (36%) of the younger group (primary) indicated that they did not know how to keep their social network account private.
- 17% of the older group and 13% of the primary group indicated that they have given their full name to someone online whom they had never met; with 10% of the older group admitting to also providing personal details such as their email address, mobile number or picture.

The contact with the children and young people took place over the course of 2010, and the report was published in October 2011. Read the full report [here](#).

Innocence in Danger, Germany

"Schützt endlich unsere Kinder" (Protect Our Children!)

Innocence in Danger e.V. developed material for parents, schools and adolescents concerning

online sexual violence and abuse. This material is available free of charge thanks to the financial support of RTL 2. Read the material [here](#)

Smart User Peer2Peer Prevention

Chosen and recruited adults will be trained as coaches to then educate teenagers to become “Smart User Trainers” (SUT) at their local institution or organization. The SUTs will in turn educate their younger peers about sexual harassment using various forms of digital communication systems and help victims to find local counseling. The SUTs will approach peers at institutions they are part of, such as schools and youth centers.

La Strada, Ukraine - associated member

On November 2, 2011 in Kiev, “La Strada-Ukraine” hosted a roundtable, “The Consolidation Efforts in the Fight against Child Abuse through Information and Communication Technologies,” in collaboration with the office of the President of Ukraine - Commissioner for Children’s Rights. A code developed jointly by representatives from various agencies with regard to all of the nuances and agreed with all participants of the round table formulates the consensus, which is intended to optimize the fight against crime on the Internet. Preliminary presentation of the document is scheduled for February 2012.

Save the Children Finland

In October, SC Finland published new material (booklet including three video clips) created in cooperation with the Helsinki Police, Prison Service, Family Federation and City of Helsinki Social Services Department.

The material is unique on the national level, and the comments received from experts in various fields indicate that there is a great need for such comprehensive but easily read “how-to-take-action” information. 10,000 copies have been published and will be delivered to professionals working with or for children nationwide. Read more about this [here](#)

Obrela, Greece

On Thursday, 1 December, Obrela informed and educated 50 executives and volunteers working in the Municipality of Athens about the potential dangers of child sexual abuse and harassment via the Internet and especially with respect to the grooming phenomenon. This event is part of the framework of the memorandum of collaboration between the Municipality of Athens and the National and Kapodistrian University of Athens, which includes an educational program for executives and volunteers concerning child safety online. Read more [here](#)

ECPAT, Austria

ECPAT Austria is a part of the Austrian National Coalition on Child Rights (NC), which presented its “Complementary Report on Child Rights in Austria” (Shadow Report) on November 18 2011, following the 3rd and 4th State Reports on the CRC to the UN Committee on the Rights of the Child.

ECPAT Austria participated in the committee of editors and was mainly responsible for researching the situation concerning the sexual exploitation of children, including abuse images on the Internet.

The report reveals a general lack of available disaggregated data on all forms of the sexual exploitation of children in Austria. In terms of relevant facts concerning the online safety of children, the crime statistics show how the number of young offenders (younger than age 18) has increased in recent years.

ECPAT Austria is critical that not enough attention is being paid to this phenomenon and that more in-depth research and specific prevention programs are necessary. Young people are very often not even aware of the criminal act they are committing due to a lack of knowledge and awareness regarding online safety.

Kék Vonal, Hungary

Kék Vonal’s Computer Clubhouse opened in Miskolc

On September 2, the first Computer Clubhouse in Hungary and Central Europe was opened. The clubhouse was established in order to create a safe, interesting, inspiring and modern learning environment for disadvantaged young people who are living in communities where the children are provided opportunity to follow their own desires and ideas which can develop their creativity and social, communicative and digital skills.

The Computer Clubhouse was opened with the support of the Danish VELUX Foundation and

Microsoft Hungary, which has provided professional advice and software. The new clubhouse is a member of the [Intel Computer Clubhouse Network](#).

Member profile

New associated eNACSO member: Media Education Center, Armenia

About the organization

The Media Education Center (MEC) is a leading Armenian NGO promoting media and digital literacy education in Armenia. The MEC works towards improving citizens' safety in relation to digital media, raising awareness about on-line risks and promoting the protection and education of children using the Internet and new online technologies.

The MEC and online safety topics

- Armenia joined the Safer Internet pan-European initiative in 2009 and supported the pan-European communication campaigns in 2009, 2010 and 2011. In 2010, the MEC initiated the establishment of the Armenian Safer Internet Committee.
- Armenian language resources providing information about the benefits and hazards of ICT use have been produced for children, teachers and parents. The MEC localized the Council of Europe's Internet Literacy Handbook and INSAFE's eSafety Kit.
- The Armenian Hotline to report online incidents has been established.
- The Radio Program has been put together on Armenian Public Radio, dedicated to child online safety for parents, teachers and teenagers.
- Workshops and awareness-raising campaigns for teachers, children and parents have been organized; this year, over 2000 11-17-year-old children participated in Internet literacy lessons conducted by the MEC's media coaches in the capital and regions.

Upcoming Events:

MEC projects to establish cooperation with INHOPE and implement advocacy towards the ratification of the Council of Europe Convention on the Protection of Children against Sexual Exploitation and Sexual Abuse. Projected activities also include:

- Advocacy aimed at the introduction of Internet safety education into mandatory school curriculum in Armenia;
- Lessons in Internet safety carried out in 100 secondary schools in February 2012;

The MEC and eNACSO

Participation in the eNACSO network helped us to reach a better understanding of the legislation in EU countries (such as Denmark and the UK) in the child protection area. The Safer Internet Committee organizes a workshop engaging various stakeholders (public, private, NGOs, law enforcement) to share experiences and elaborate an action plan.

Contact: info@safe.am, Read more about MEC [here](#)