

Safer Internet Forum

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The Safer Internet Forum is the key annual international conference on child online safety in Europe under the European Strategy for a Better Internet for Children. Each year, usually in November, the Safer Internet Forum brings together stakeholders from countries all over Europe, and sometimes beyond, to discuss the latest trends, risks and solutions related to child online safety and the impact of technology on individuals and society.

This event, which mostly takes place in Brussels, is organised by the contractor of the Better Internet for Kids Portal on behalf of the European Commission DG CONNECT. In 2020, due to the Covid-19 pandemic, the forum was organised as an online event spread over several days with a focus on creating an inclusive online experience for children and young people. More information on the event is available on the forum website.

Since its first edition in 2004, the forum has attracted around 300 participants each year, including representatives from national Safer Internet Centres, ministries, governments and European Institutions. It is also attended by parents, teachers, carers, academics, researchers, social workers, industry partners and NGOs.

One feature of the forum is direct involvement of young people through the BIK Youth Panel, who present their ideas for a better and safer internet and the results of their co-creation processes, taking place throughout the year.

During its history, the forum has covered a variety of topics and themes, reflecting the changes and associated challenges in the digital world:

- **2020:** 'Digital (dis)advantage: creating an inclusive world for children and young people online'
- **2019:** 'From online violence to digital respect'
- **2018:** 'The impact of technology on children, young people and society'
- **2017:** 'From children's tech to resilient youth – how to foster wellbeing online?'
- **2016:** 'Be the change: principles, policies and practices for a better internet'

- **2015:** 'Breaking down barriers for a better internet'
- **2014:** 'Growing up digitally'
- **2013:** 'A Better Internet with YOU(th)'
- **2012** topic: Safer/better internet is a shared responsibility between all of us
- **2011:** 'Every European Child Digital Safely - Emerging challenges and youth engagement'
- **2010:** 'Online opportunities and risks'
- **2009:** 'Promoting online safety in schools'
- **2008** topics: Social networking and children, age verification, children's use of online technologies and media rating
- **2007** topics: Online-related sexual abuse of children, awareness raising and convergence of online technologies
- **2006** topics: Children's use of new media and blocking access to illegal content
- **2005:** 'Child safety and mobile phones'
- **2004:** 'Towards a European Code of Conduct for Internet Service Providers- protection of minors'

All details, discussions, conclusions and recommendations from the events can be found on the dedicated Safer Internet Forum website on the betterinternetforkids.eu portal.

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Last Tuesday, 9 February 2021, was Safer Internet Day. Launched in 2004 and promoted by the EU-funded network of Safer Internet Centres in Member States, the day was celebrated online in more than 170 countries worldwide. The theme 'Together for a better internet' is a call for everyone to join in making the internet a safer and better place, especially for children and young people.

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Self-regulation for a better Internet for kids

Self-regulation is one of the instruments of the European strategy to create a better Internet for children.

Expert group on Safer Internet for Children

The expert group on safer Internet for children helps improve coordination and cooperation among EU Member States to keep children safe when using the internet.

Safer Internet Centres

Safer Internet Centres inform, advise and assist children, parents, teachers and carers on digital questions and fights against online child sexual abuse.

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