Together for a better internet - on Safer Internet Day and beyond!

If it's the second day of the second week of the second month of the year, it means it's Safer Internet Day! Today, over 140 countries across the globe celebrate it in their own way, under the unifying slogan of "Together for a better internet", calling on all stakeholders to join together and play their part in creating a better internet for everyone, in particular for children and young people.

What is Safer Internet Day?

An annual, global campaign, for the past 16 years, Safer Internet Day (SID) celebrations aim to raise awareness of both a safer and a better internet, where everyone is empowered to use technology not just safely but also *responsibly, respectfully, critically and creatively*. The campaign aims to reach out to children and young people, parents and carers, teachers, educators and social workers, as well as industry, decision makers and politicians, to encourage everyone to play their part in creating a better internet. This will allow each and every user to make the most of all the opportunities new technologies have to offer, regardless of their age, ethnicity, religion, sexual orientation or gender, while also steering clear of risks and challenges.

Beyond SID 2019

With so many events taking place simultaneously across the globe, today will fly by incredibly fast, but there is no need to worry, the online safety agenda is full for the remainder of the year.

The #SaferInternet4EU campaign continues!

Launched by Commissioner Mariya Gabriel precisely one year ago, on the occasion of Safer Internet Day 2018, the #SaferInternet4EU campaign consists of a range of initiatives aiming to reach children, young people, parents, teachers, and other EU citizens to become empowered and responsible digital users. It focuses on topics such as **critical thinking, media literacy and digital skills** necessary to identify and combat fake news and the risks brought by emerging online technologies and connected devices, and **cyber hygiene**.

Last year activities and events organized under the #SaferInternet4EU umbrella meant that over **30 million citizens** improved their online safety, cyber hygiene and media literacy skills as summarised in the infographic below.

30 MILLION CITIZENS

RESOURCES

Throughout the year, nearly 30 million EU citizens were reached, providing them with more than 1,800 new resources covering topics such as fake news, cyberbullying, privacy concerns about connected toys, grooming, exposure to harmful or disturbing content, and cyber hygiene.

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15,500 SCHOOLS

On SID 2018, over 15,500 schools were reached and nearly 10,000 other organisations were involved across Europe alone. Many more were reached across the globe, with more than 140 countries participating in SID.

1,000 PARTICIPANTS

ONLINE SAFETY MOOC

The MOOC provided resources and activities for teachers on fake news, cyberbullying and radicalisation with almost 1,000 participants from more than 65 countries. More than 400 teachers passed the MOOC and received a certificate to evidence their participation.

#SAFERINTERNET4EU AWARDS

7,000 VOTERS

Over 600 entries were submitted, and more than 7,000 people voted for their favourite best practices! Check out the winners at www.betterinternetforkids.eu/saferinternet4eu/awards

28 MEMBER STATES

#BACK2SCHOOL CAMPAIGN

The Back2School campaign took place in all 28 Member States.

BIK YOUTH

5,000 YOUTH EVENTS

5,000 events involved youth participation throughout 2018.

87,930 REPORTS

REPORTING

In 2017*, a total of 87,930 reports were processed in ICCAM** by INHOPE hotlines of which 259,016 illegal images and videos were identified.

* These figures represent all INHOPE member hotlines, not just those which are EC funded. The latest available figures are for 2017 at the current time.
** ICCAM is INHOPE's secure software solution to collect, exchange and categorise reports on child sexual abuse material (CSAM). ICCAM is used by INHOPE hotlines in different jurisdictions (countries) and INTERPOL. The name ICCAM is derived from the phrase "I see child abuse material".