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Research and policy challenges in
comparative perspective

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Enhancing Knowledge Regarding European Children's Use, Risk and Safety Online

New! In their own words: what bothers children online? Sonia Livingstone, Lucyna Kirwil, Cristina Ponte and Elisabeth Staksrud (February 2013)

In their own words reports the views of nearly 10,000 children who told us about what upsets them and their friends online. Pornography and violent content (named by 22% and 18% of children who told us of risks) top children's concerns. Boys appear more bothered by violence than girls, while girls are more concerned with contact-related risks.

Violence gets less public attention than sexual material, but many children are upset by violent, aggressive or gory online content. They reveal shock and disgust on seeing cruelty, killings, abuse of animals and even the news – often real rather than fictional violence adds to the depth of children's reactions.

Children associate video-sharing websites with violent and pornographic content, along with a range of other content-related risks. Among the children who linked risks to specific internet platforms, 32% mentioned video-sharing sites such as YouTube, followed by websites (29%), social networking sites (13%) and games (10%).

New! Articles published on cyberbullying, mobile risks and asking children about risk online

The open-access, peer-reviewed journal, Cyberpsychology: Journal of Psychosocial Research on Cyberspace, has just published a special issue on "Children in Cyberspace: Opportunities, Risks and Safety". It includes seven articles by EU Kids Online network members and others.

New project launched: Net Children Go Mobile

Does mobile internet access mean more risks to children? What new risks and experiences of harm are children faced with? How do they cope with the new opportunities and risks? Are parents ready for handling these challenges?

This new European project, funded by the Safer Internet Programme, will conduct a quantitative and qualitative analysis of online mobile opportunities and risks to understand how the changing conditions of access and use of the internet bring greater or lesser risks to children's online safety. *Net Children Go Mobile* includes researchers from EU Kids Online teams in Denmark, Italy, Romania and the UK.

EU Kids Online overseas

- Swiss survey report just **released**
- Australian report released last **year**
- Brazilian report to be released in **May**
- Russian report being translated in English soon

Upcoming: re-launched European Evidence Database

Our online European Evidence Database is now doubled in size. The updated version will be released in April with details and findings from over 1000 studies.

Future short reports will examine the internet uses of young children 0-9 years old along with new analyses of cyberbullying, the risks associated with use of mobile and smart phones, and more.

Further Information:

Currently, the EU Kids Online network is busy in its **33 countries** populating the European Evidence Database, working on reports that further analyse our major **survey findings**.

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