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EU Kids Online seeks to enhance knowledge of European children’s use, risk and safety online

Newly released

New report: Russian kids online

“Our participation in EU Kids II has given us three tangible results. Firstly, we have collected very important data on internet usage by Russian school children, as well as data on internet safety, which was immediately put to use by both education and government authorities. Secondly, using available European and Russian data we were able to perform a comparative analysis and see how the information society in Russia is being shaped within the international context by the digital generation and their parents - in one decade the most active part of society. Thirdly, our ongoing partnership with the international highly qualified professionals of EU Kids Online gives us a great impetus for further growth as researchers and practitioners in the field of digital safety and digital competence in children and teenagers.” Galina Soldatova, Professor, Dept of Psychology, Moscow State University (Lomonosov); Director, Foundation for Internet Development

Key findings

- Russian children start using the internet a little later than their European peers, but do it more intensively, and the time they spend online significantly increases with age.
- Russia has a lot in common with Eastern European countries, such as Czech Republic, Estonia, Lithuania, as well as Northern Europe (Denmark and Sweden), characterised by high online activity among children and youth.
- In terms of online risks, Russia can be placed in a higher risk group due to children’s high internet use, the decreasing age they first go online, diversification of information and communication types of activities online, low control over those activities, and the increase in number of content and communication risks along with insufficient awareness.

New report: comparing Brazilian and European results

- More than two-thirds of Brazilian children, surveyed for the first comprehensive study into Brazilian children’s online experiences believe they know more about the internet than their parents or guardians, with over half (53%) living in families where the adults responsible for them are not
Many children use the internet in public locations such as cybercafés – one third of 9-16 year olds in Brazil, compared with just an eight of European children.

**Press release:** Many Brazilian children are going online without adult guidance.

**Infographic:** EU Kids Online dissemination facts

**Recently announced**

- Report: Mobile internet access and use among European children
- Report: A Global Research Agenda for Children’s Rights in the Digital Age and presentation
- Update: EU Kids Online at recent conferences (SIF, FOSI, IGF)
- EU Kids Online second annual report
- Report: Innovative approaches for investigating how children understand risk in new media
- Report: Zero to eight: young children and their internet use
- Consultation response to the EC’s Convergence green paper
- Report: Classification of countries by opportunities and risks
- Report: In their own words: what bothers children online?
- European evidence database, report and FAQs

**Coming soon**

- **New book:** Towards a Better Internet for Children
- Report on risks associated with mobile and smart phones
- Comparative qualitative research on online risk for SID 2014
- Report on National Approaches to a Safer Internet: A Comparative Approach to Policy Implementation

**Further information**

The EU Kids Online network is busy in its 33 countries analysing our survey results and interviewing children about the contexts in which they encounter risks and how they cope with them.

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