

EU Kids Online Scoping statement of research to be collected and documented

Purpose: EU Kids Online aims to produce a Data Repository containing summary information about all empirical projects in this field and thereby providing a single location where they can be identified and accessed. This will make it possible for people in any one country to discover what has been researched in another. It will also represent the research base of each country in the network. Thus it will provide the basis for subsequent work packages, permitting the identification of research strengths and gaps, preferred methodologies, key findings, and policy-relevant conclusions.

The task: We will need to search, identify, access and document relevant research, according to this scoping statement of relevance and the proforma that accompanies it. We anticipate that the repository will, eventually, contain several hundred entries, providing an invaluable resource for researchers and policy makers concerned with children's online safety issues in Europe and beyond.

Unit of analysis: The unit of analysis should be the empirical research project (rather than the publication – i.e. there may be several publications associated with each project). Note that we may expect to find more projects in some countries than in others. We suggest that in countries where there is very little relevant research, all research should be included. In countries where a large body of research has been conducted, national teams may have to be more selective, focusing on the most recent work.