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Online on the mobile: Risks, harms and coping strategies in context

Findings from *EU Kids Online*
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New platforms, new challenges



Mobility

Access

Connectivity

Specific uses

Specific risks?

Mobile access or not

Primary access

Supplementing access

Mobile phone

Other mobile devices

Which factors impact results?

Online access



% who also use...	Type of mobile device used to go online		
	Mobile phone	Other handheld device	Neither of these
Own PC	41	42	31
Own laptop	35	47	18
Shared PC	60	63	56
Shared laptop	26	31	20
Mobile phone	100	74	0
Games console	56	64	11
Television set	71	67	13
Other handheld portable device	28	100	0

Table x. Devices used to go online by type of mobile device used to go online.

Question: Which of these devices do you use for the internet these days?

Base all children aged 9-16 who use the internet.

Country specific

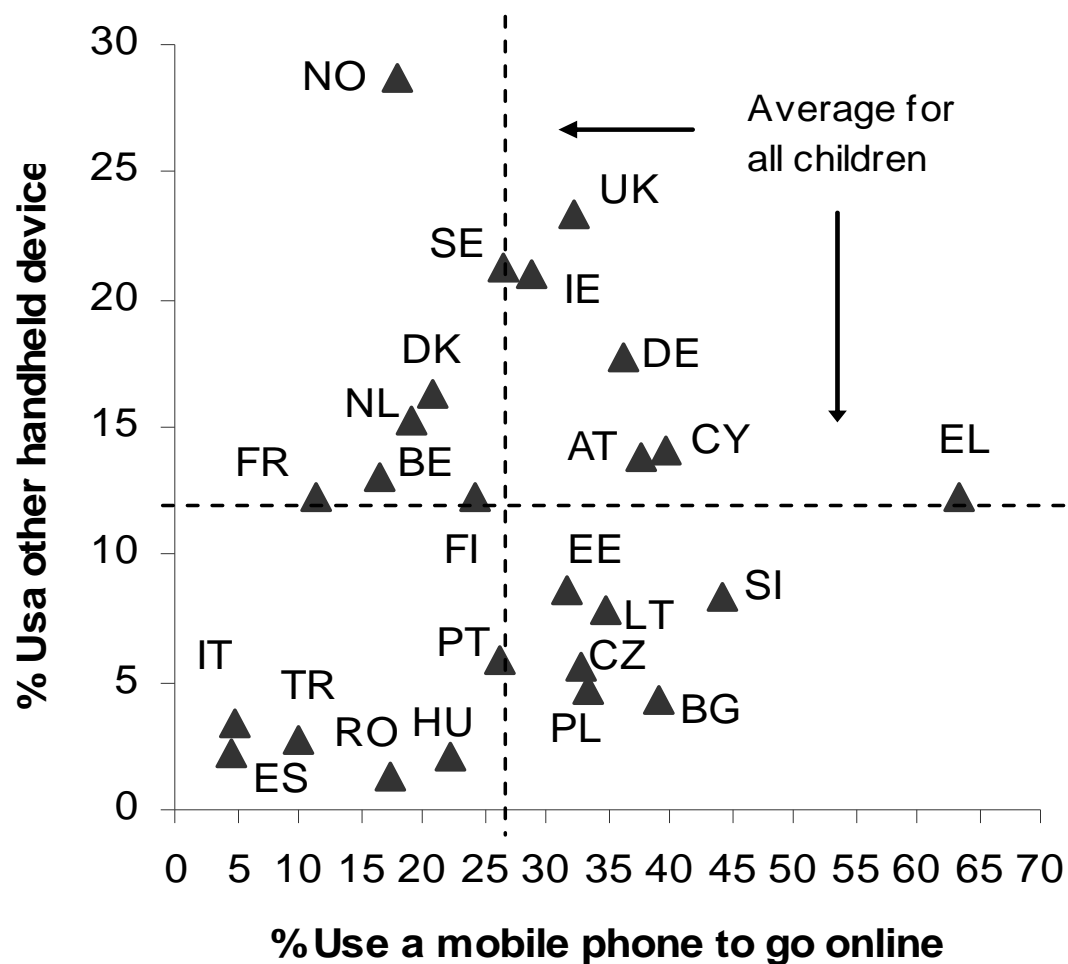


Figure 1. Use of handheld device to go online by use of mobile phones to go online

Mobile access and risks



	Sexual images	Being bullied	Meeting strangers	Sexual messages (only 11+)
Intercept	0,15	0,05	0,32	0,08
Uses mobile phone to go online	1,50	1,17	1,46	1,52
Uses other handheld device to go online	2,04	1,70	2,07	2,39

Table 7. Coefficients for different logistic regression models of the log odds of a child having experienced four different risks by type of mobile access

Mobile access and risks



		Sexual images	Being bullied	Meeting strangers	Sexual messages (only 11+)
Intercept		0,05	0,04	0,11	0,02
Uses mobile phone to go online		1,14	n.s.	1,09	n.s.
Uses other handheld device to go online		1,31	1,35	1,19	1,42
Girls		0,63	1,55	n.s.	0,83
Age		1,34	1,10	1,33	1,55
Child uses the internet daily		1,88	1,97	2,58	2,20
No access at home		0,79	n.s.	n.s.	n.s.
At home but not in own bedroom		0,84	0,80	0,81	0,83

Table 8. Coefficients for different logistic regression models of the log odds of a child having experienced four different risks by type of mobile access, controlling for time spent online, gender, age, daily use, type of access at home and country

In conclusion



- **Slightly increased time spent online and number of activities**
 - Supplementary use or most often
 - Always on, always online access (depending on connection, money, quality)
- **Age, gender, country specific issues, kind of access, time spent moderate average picture**
- **Online access from other handheld device is more significant than online access from mobile phone**
 - Smart phones provides same online services on smaller screen = more internet
- **Access to internet is more important than the platform (?)**
- **Use in general (SNS, access to content, contacts) seems to be most important to exposure to risk and the actual harm done.**



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