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### New report! Excessive Internet Use among European Children (Nov 2012)

By David Smahel, Ellen Helsper, Lelia Green, Veronika Kalmus, Lukas Blinka and Kjartan Ólafsson

**Excessive Internet Use** presents new findings and further analysis of the EU Kids Online 25 country survey regarding excessive use of the internet by children. While 29% of 11-16 year olds have experienced one or more of the five components associated with excessive internet use, very few (1%) can be said to show pathological levels of use.

Children who are most vulnerable to excessive internet use and its negative consequences are generally older, have emotional problems and exhibit high levels of sensation-seeking. Spending more time online might lead children who are already psychologically vulnerable to pathological levels of excessive use.

#### Recent conferences

**Internet Governance Forum:** Veronica Donoso is presenting our evidence for the CEO Coalition ([here](#)) and on vulnerable children. Online slides can be found [here](#).

**European Parliament's subcommittee on human rights:** See Sonia Livingstone's slides on children's rights online [here](#).

**Safer Internet Forum:** Read Sonia Livingstone's blog on parental tools [here](#).

**International Communication Association:** Listen to Sonia Livingstone's lecture [here](#).

**COST Conference on Cyberbullying:** Slides are [here](#).

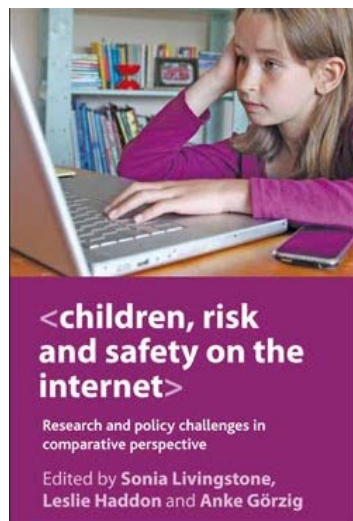
#### Recently released: National Perspectives (Oct 2012)

**National Perspectives** reports the comparative experiences of children across the countries participating in EU Kids Online, for the benefit of researchers, research users, and other stakeholders working to improve the internet for children.

The report includes new findings from the eight countries which joined the network since we conducted our major survey: Croatia, Iceland, Latvia, Luxembourg, Malta, Russia, Slovakia, Switzerland.

For each of 33 countries we present key statistics and country-specific commentary on children's internet access and use, activities and skills, risks and harm parental mediation and safety, and national policy implications.

#### New book! Our latest book was published on 18 July



Sonia Livingstone, Leslie Haddon, and Anke Görzig, A (eds) (2012) **Children, risk and safety online: Research and policy challenges in comparative perspective**, Bristol: Policy Press.

Chapter summaries are [here](#). You can buy it [here](#). Sonia Livingstone talks about the project in a podcast [here](#).

#### European Evidence Database:

Our online European Evidence Database will be updated soon – watch this space! If you know of recent research, please email us about it so that we can consider including it.

#### Further Information:

Visit our website to freely download all reports and project information. <http://www.eukidsonline.net/>

National information in all languages is [here](#).

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All our methodology, best practice guide, survey questionnaires and access to our dataset can be found [here](#).

Our 2011-12 Annual Report is [here](#).

For quick access to our most visited webpages, click below:

- <http://lse.ac.uk/EUKidsOnlineNews>
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- <http://lse.ac.uk/EUKidsOnlineDataMethods>
- <http://lse.ac.uk/EUKidsOnlineFinalReport>
- <http://lse.ac.uk/EUKidsOnlineFullFindings>

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