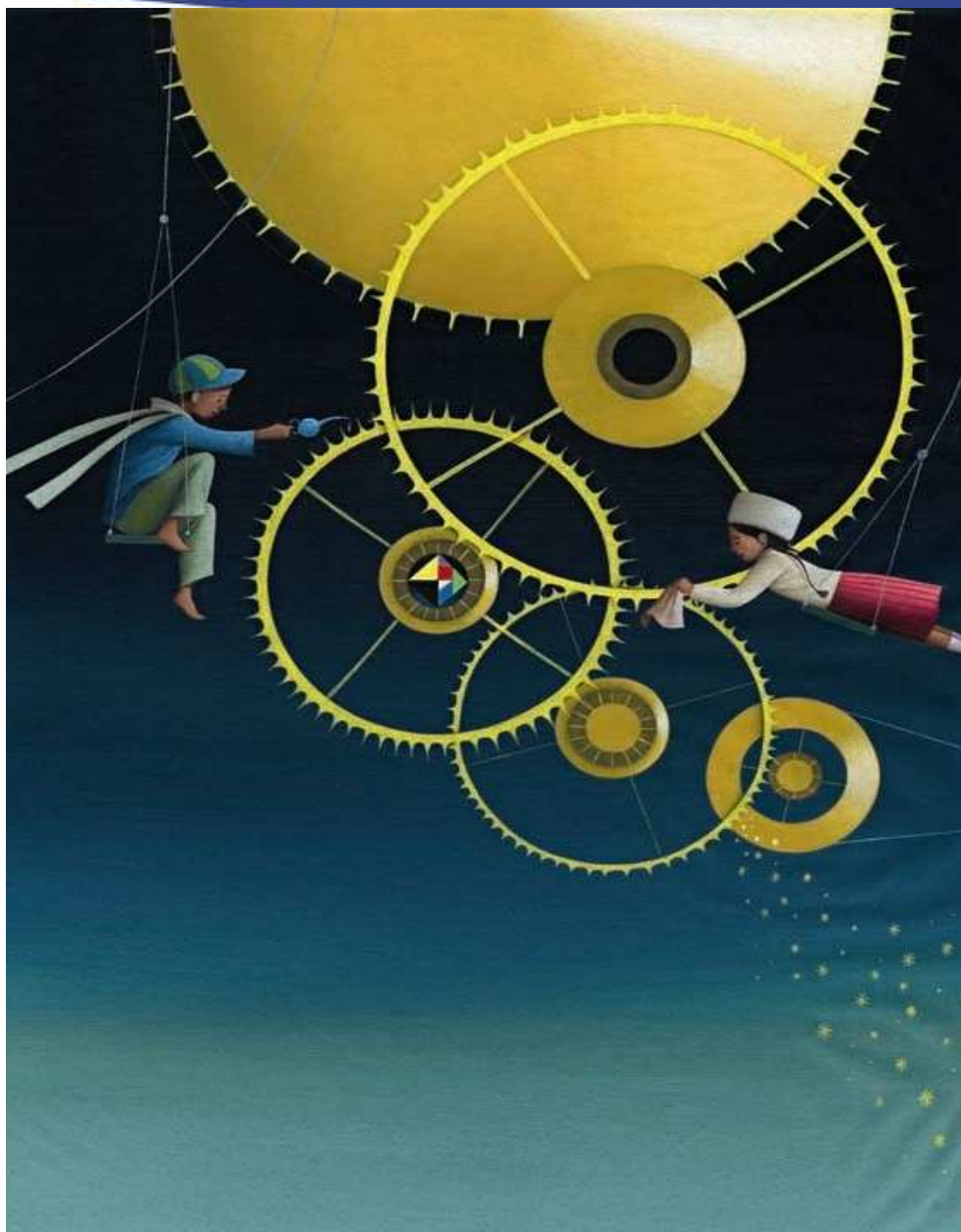


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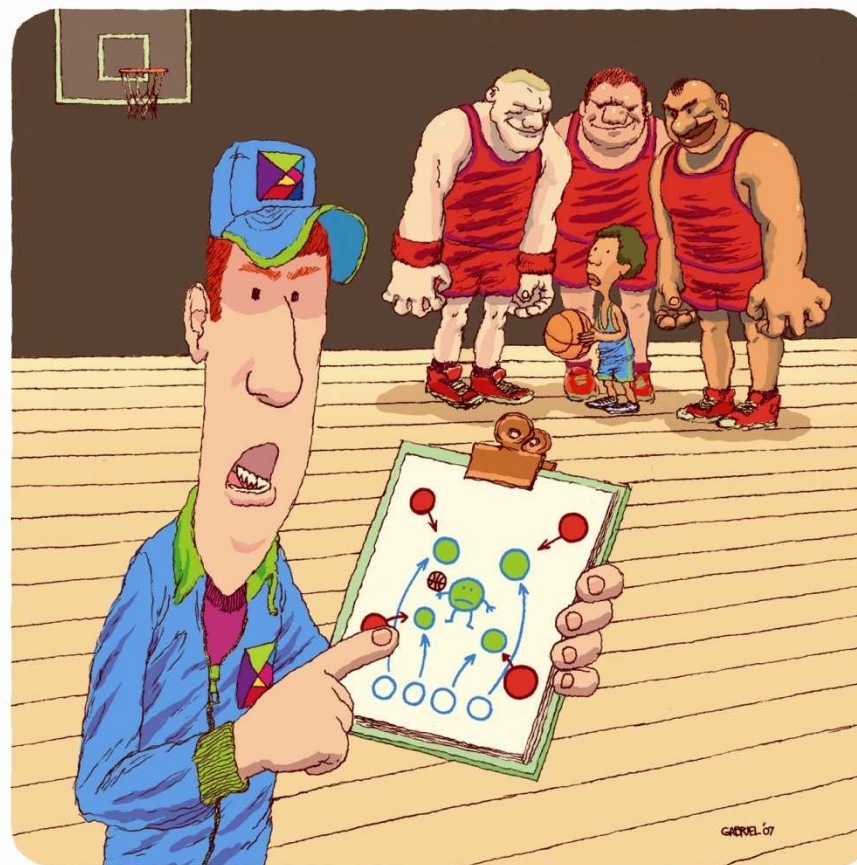
## Protecting children online - Council of Europe approach

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## Third CoE Summit mandate (2005)

- 1. Support the implementation of international standards**
- 2. Mainstream children's rights into all policies and activities**
- 3. Reinforce action against violence, in particular sexual violence**





## Focus in 2009-2011:



- Promotion of children's access to justice
- Elimination of all forms of violence against children
- Promotion of child participation and influence of children in society
- Safeguarding the rights of vulnerable children



## Methods of work

- **Combination of tools:**

- Standard setting
- Monitoring
- Policy development
- Awareness raising
- Technical assistance

Inter-Secretariat Task Force and  
Co-ordination Unit

- **Mobilisation of 4 actors:**

- Governments
- Parliaments
- Local authorities
- Civil society

Platform on the Rights of the Child





## Protecting children online:



- Child-rights based approach (UNCRC, ECHR, European Social Charter)
- Multidisciplinary approach
- From fragmented actions towards national integrated strategies on the rights of the child and elimination of violence against children



## ► Two clusters

- Empower children in the new information and communication environment
- Protect the dignity, security and privacy of children in the cyberspace





## ► Empowerment

### Learning about children's rights

- Theseus database - children-related case law of the European Court of Human Rights
- Children's rights manuals "Compass" and "Composito"
- "I have rights" initiative





## ► Empowerment

**Media education** - promote active, critical and discerning use of the media by children

- **PACE recommendation on Media Education (2000)**
- **“Education for Democratic Citizenship” programme**
- **“Pestalozzi” programme**







## ► Empowerment

### Internet safety skills

- Internet Literacy Handbook
- Online game "Through the Wild Web Woods" (available in 24 languages)
- Teachers Guide - 10 model lessons based on the "Wild Web Woods" game (available in 7 languages)





## ► Empowerment

### Child and youth participation

- **Congress of Local and Regional Authorities recommendation on “Electronic democracy and deliberative consultation on urban projects” (2008)**
- **New CoE project on child and youth participation (2009-2011)**
- **CoE Forum for the Future of Democracy**





## ➤ Protection of dignity, security and privacy

### Combating violence in the media

- Committee of Ministers Recommendation on national integrated strategies for the protection of children from violence (2009)
- Committee of Ministers Recommendation on the Portrayal of violence in the electronic media (1997)





## ➤ Protection of dignity, security and privacy

### Strengthening security:

- ▶ 2001 Convention on Cybercrime
- ▶ 2005 Convention on Action against Trafficking in Human Beings
- ▶ 2007 Convention on the Protection of Children from Sexual Exploitation and Sexual Abuse
- ▶ end of 2010 – pan-European campaign to stop sexual violence against children





## ➤ Protection of dignity, security and privacy

### Raising awareness of service providers:

- ▶ 2008 Human Rights Guidelines for Internet Service Providers
- ▶ 2008 Human Rights Guidelines for online game providers



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