

The multiannual Community programme on protecting children using the Internet and other communication technologies (Safer Internet 2009 – 2013 programme)

The European Commission's Safer Internet programmes, which have been running since 1997, are a pan-European initiative which aims at making the Internet and the use of communication technologies a safer place for children and young people. The **overall objective is**

“to promote a safer use of the internet and other online technologies, particularly by children, and to fight illegal and harmful content ranging from child abusive images to racism”.

Safer Internet 2009-2013 has a budget of €55 million. Encompassing recent communication services from the web 2.0, such as social networking, the new programme will fight not only illegal content but also harmful conduct such as grooming and bullying. A new action will aim to build up the knowledge base.

Safer Internet 2009-2013 co-funds projects to:

- Increase public awareness;
- Provide the public with a network of contact points for reporting illegal and harmful content and conduct, in particular on child sexual abuse material, grooming and cyber bullying;
- Foster self-regulatory initiatives in this field and involve children in creating a safer online environment / promote multi-stakeholder events;
- Promote filtering / parental tools;
- Establish a knowledge base on new trends in the use of online technologies and their consequences for children's lives;
- Enhance international co-operation.

Ample information is available under:

http://ec.europa.eu/information_society/activities/sip/index_en.htm

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