

Digital Agenda

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Children and parents: being safer online

Young people and children are the most active group using the internet today: 73 % of people aged 16 to 24 regularly use advanced services to create and share online content, twice the EU average (35 %). 66% of all Europeans under 24 use the internet every day, compared to the EU average of 43 %. However, although these young people may feel totally at home online, they are still vulnerable to online threats.

The Digital Agenda will help parents and their children keep safe online. In particular, through the Safer Internet programme, all EU countries will be encouraged to set up hotlines for reporting offensive online content and offer teaching online safety in schools.

Providers of the online services that are most popular among the younger generations (e.g. social networks, mobile phone operators) will be asked to further develop self-regulatory measures regarding online safety for children by 2013.

Finally, the Digital Agenda proposes to reinforce cooperation at European and international levels to combat cybercrime (e.g. alert platforms online at national and EU levels to tackle sexual exploitation and dissemination of child sexual abuse material online) and other forms of cyber attacks, identity theft and spam.

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