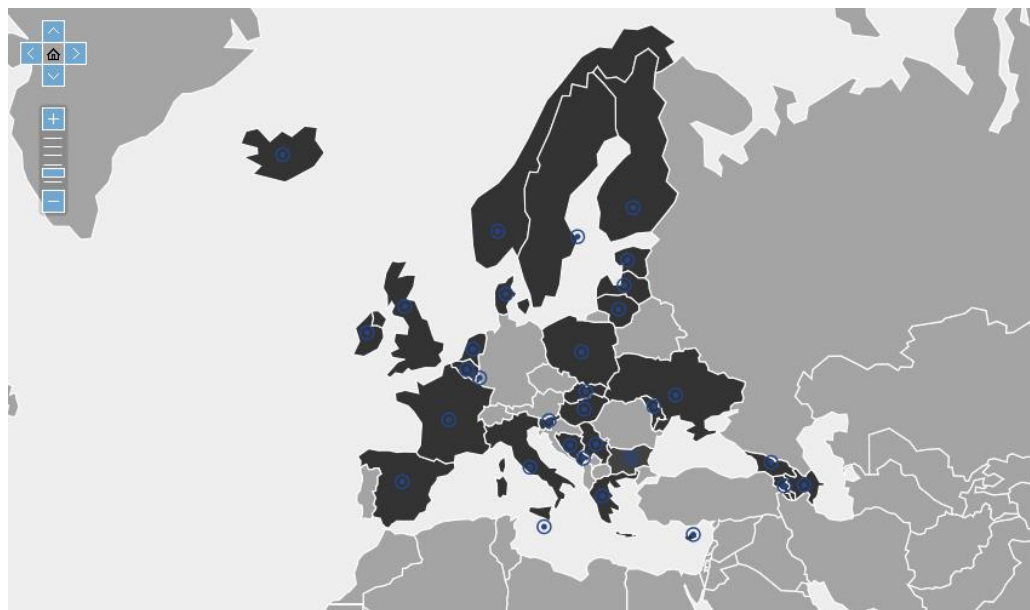


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*Italian Independent Authority for Children and
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The Italian Independent Authority for Children and Adolescents is a member of the European Network of Ombudspersons for Children (**ENOC**). By 2018, ENOC had grown to include **42 institutions** in 34 countries within the Council of Europe, 23 of which EU countries.



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ENOC

ENOC members **select each year one specific issue** that is affecting children's rights and requires special attention and careful consideration at Member States' and at European's levels.

The approach adopted by ENOC has the objective **to explore the issue at adult and children's levels** and to compare the findings.

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ENOC POSITION STATEMENTS

ENOC members issue, at the end of the Annual Conferences, a **position statement on the subject of the year**. The statements reflect ENOC members' experience but also young people's feedback on the issues selected.

In 2019 ENOC decided to focus on **Children's Rights in the Digital Environment**.

ENOC Recommendations:

- Require governments, business and industry to **respect and fully support children's rights in the digital environment**
- Ensure that **children's right to have a say** in actions and decisions that affect them in the digital environment is realized
- Ensure all children have **access** to the digital environment **without discrimination**
- **Protect** children's enjoyment of the internet, technology and social media free **from false information, harmful content or harmful technologies**
- Take all necessary steps to **protect children from bullying, violence, exploitation and abuse in all forms** in the digital world.

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ENOC Recommendations:

- Recognize that **children's right to education extends to the digital environment** and support **children's digital skills development**
- Provide **support to parents and carers** in their role as guardians of children's rights online **to ensure that children can benefit from the opportunities** afforded by the digital environment, **while reducing potential risks**
- Ensure **access to child friendly reporting, complaints and redress procedures** for children and young people, their parents and carers



For further details, please
see: www.enoc.eu

ENYA

Children's right to be heard and to participate, as enshrined in Article 12 of the UNCRC, is one of the most undermined right of the child and the one on which ENOC and ENOC members committed to focus extensively.

ENOC launched in 2010, with the support of the European Commission, **the European Network of Young Advisors – ENYA** - a child/young people participatory project supported by ENOC members.

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ENYA 2019

Young people from 18 countries/regions took part in the project.

ENYA country teams conducted several meetings or other activities with young people to explore the annual theme and collect their recommendations through: group discussions with relevant experts in the field, meeting with social media companies, arts and videos, etc.

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ENYA 2019

The Italian experience:

- Meeting with the Italian Independent Authority for Children and Adolescents
- Meeting with the project manager of the Safer Internet Centre – «Generazioni Connesse»
- Participation in workshops organized by Facebook
- Participation in one step of «*Vita da Social*» and meeting with the Postal Police
- Drafting of recommendations at national level



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ENYA FORUM

At the final stage of country activities, two elected young representatives per country/region, accompanied by ENYA Coordinators, participated in **the ENYA Forum on 25-26 June 2019 in Brussels.**



ENYA FORUM, Brussels

Presentation by Flavia

- Topic of the project: (**education; privacy; threats and opportunities; risks and challenges**)
- Presentation of activities carried out at **national level**
- Activities in Brussels (**international level**):
 - discussion about digital issues
 - creative workshops about children's views on the digital environment

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ENYA PARTICIPATION IN THE ENOC CONFERENCE

One young participant per country/region (who participated in the Brussels Forum) attended the **ENOC 23rd Annual Conference on Children's rights in the digital environment** taking place in **Belfast, on 25-27 September 2019**



ENYA PARTICIPATION IN THE ENOC CONFERENCE, Belfast

Presentation by Matteo

- Presentation of **activities carried out in Belfast:**
 - **opportunity to meet YPs and Ombudspersons**
 - **opportunity to share opinions and experiences on digital environment**
 - **opportunity to be heard and to participate**
 - **drafting of common recommendations**



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ENYA RECOMMENDATIONS

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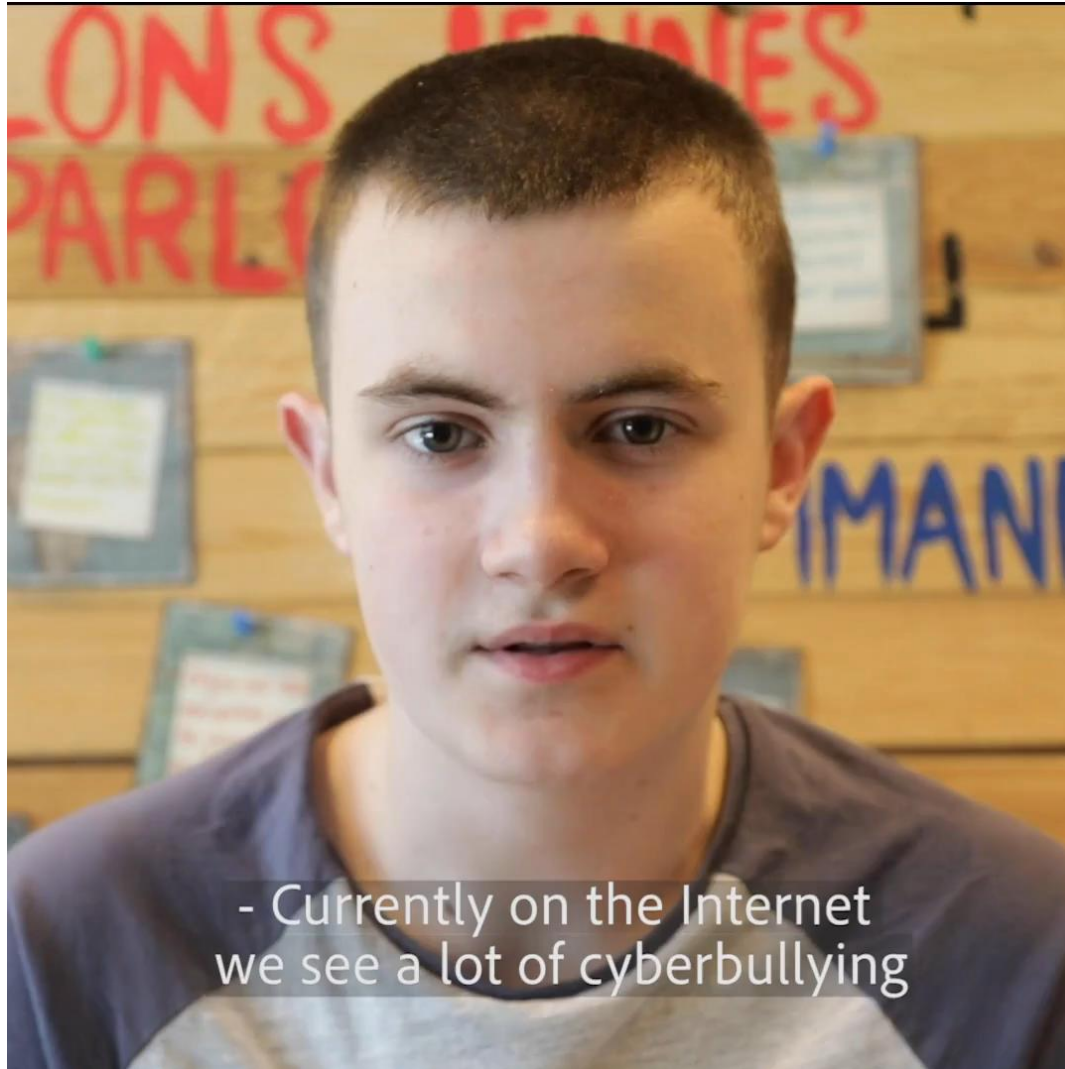
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ENYA RECOMMENDATIONS

1. **PRIVACY:** education for children and parents/guardians; consent; responsibility by (social) media companies
2. **EDUCATION:** equal access; education for teachers/educators; provision of critical thinking skills; implementation of different sources of information; promotion of sexual education involving digital environment
3. **RISKS & CHALLENGES:** trained person children trust; support to both the victim and the perpetrator; education in the topic of sexting, hate speech and so on; peer support; *ad hoc* app to spot fake news
4. **PARTICIPATION & OPPORTUNITIES:** accessibility of digital environment to all children with particular attention to the vulnerable ones; general app to protect the privacy; involvement and participation of children; support to interact in a positive way with digital media

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- Currently on the Internet
we see a lot of cyberbullying