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Project description

KID ACTIONS (Kick-off preventIng and responDing to children and AdolesCent cyberbullying through innovative mOnitoring and educatioNal technologieS) funded under the European Rights, Equality and Citizenship Programme (REC) is a two-year project that aims to address cyberbullying among children and adolescents through interactive education and gamification within formal and non-formal learning settings at the EU level.

The project supports teachers, educators, and youth workers in fostering effectiveness and efficiency in education about risks and effects of cyberbullying, raising awareness among secondary school students and youth centres, and encouraging reporting by victims and bystanders.

Moreover, KID_ACTIONS empowers 11-19 years old young people and key educational stakeholders from the public and private sector and civil society, through innovative digital and non-digital educational tools aimed to prevent and combat cyberbullying.

This goal will be achieved through the **KID_ACTIONS Digital Education Platform** and **Educational Toolkits** which combine and advance the social media monitoring and virtual coaching systems developed under CREEP project (EIT Digital 2018-2019) with narrative-based learning and gameful education, as well as tailored educational toolkits.

The Platform and toolkits are being co-created and experimented by above 1,000 children and adolescents with their educators across 10 European countries.

Consortium

Fondazione Bruno Kessler (FBK) – Italy (Coordinator)

Provincia Autonoma di Trento (PAT) - Italy

Amnesty International Sezione Italiana Onlus (AMN) - Italy

Youth for Exchange and Understanding (YEU) - Belgium

European Schoolnet (EUN) - Belgium

Event Description

December 2022 marks the end of the KID_ACTIONS project, which is why on 22 November 2022 we are organising the second edition of **KID_ACTIONS EU Policy, Research and Practitioners Forum** which will take place at the *Representation of the European Region Tyrol - South Tyrol – Trentino in Brussels (Belgium)*. The second edition of the forum will bring together key policy makers, researchers, industry partners and practitioners working on securing a safer and more empowering digital environment for children and young people. The forum will take a dialogic form in which key outcomes, findings and tools of the project will be presented. Participants will have the opportunity to engage in interactive sessions during which they are able to provide input and share best practices.

We aim to engage with **youth representatives, policy makers from the European, national and local level, civil society, education experts, and industry representatives**. The forum serves as the final event of the KID_ACTIONS project and will provide opportunity to a variety of stakeholders to learn about the project's findings and key outcomes.

Practical information:

For onsite participation

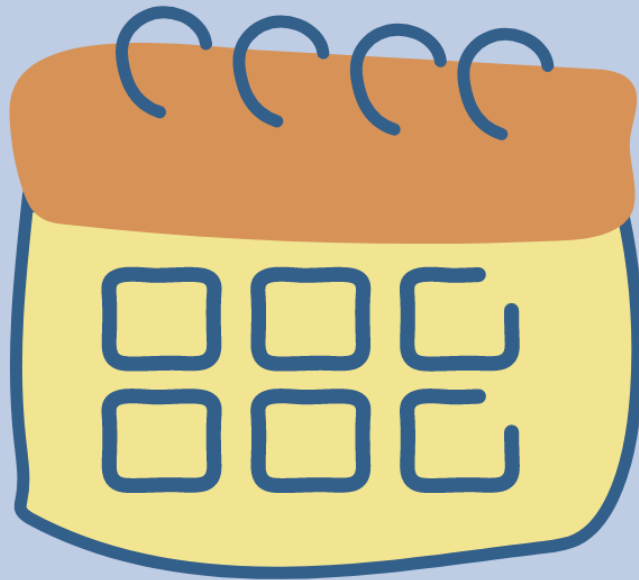
The event will take place at the premises of [Representation of the European Region Tyrol - South Tyrol – Trentino in Brussels \(Belgium\)](#).

For online participation

The link to join the virtual room will be shared through the email address inserted during registration.

English will be the working language for the event.

Agenda





9:30-10:00

Arrival and registration

10:00-10:20

Welcome words

Opening of the Forum and welcome speech from:

- *Gabriel Pedrini, Representation of the European Region Tyrol - South Tyrol - Trentino*
- *Sara Tonelli, KID_ACTIONS Project Coordinator, Fondazione Bruno Kessler (FBK)*

10:20-11:00

Opening presentation by a European helpline: Cyberbullying cases and counselling

Keynote address

- *Speaker: Deborah Vassallo, Service Area Leader at BeSmartOnline!/ Maltese helpline*

11:00-11:30

Coffee break

11:30-13:00

The KID_ACTIONS Digital Education Platform and Educational Toolkit

Presentation by *Alessio Palmero Aprosio, Fondazione Bruno Kessler (FBK)*, *Sara Tonelli, Fondazione Bruno Kessler (FBK)* and *Gareth Cort, European Schoolnet (EUN)*.
Followed by a panel discussion.

Panellists:

- *Nika Brdar, Youth representative, MC BIT Črnomelj, Slovenia*
- *Valbona Makovci, Youth worker and trainer, Germany*
- *Enrico Maria Piras, Fondazione Bruno Kessler (FBK), Italy*
- *Igor Jojkic, Trainer at Youth for Exchange and Understanding (YEU), Serbia*
- *Clara Spagnoletta, Teacher, High School "Rita Levi Montalcini", Molfetta Italy*
- *Luca, Student, High School "Rita Levi Montalcini", Molfetta Italy*

Chair: *Francesca Cesarotti, Amnesty Italy (AMN)*

13:00-14:00

Lunch break

14:00-15:30

The KID_ACTIONS policy recommendations

Presentation by *Veronica Donoso, European Schoolnet (EUN)*

Followed by a panel discussion:

Panellists:

- *João Pedro Martins, BIK Youth Ambassador, KID_ACTIONS Lab member, Portugal*
- *Celina Sørensen, Digital Child Safety Manager, LEGO Group, Denmark*
- *Bill Howe, StopHate, KID_ACTIONS Lab member, UK*
- *Charalambos Papacharalambous, EVS YEU, Cyprus*
- *David Ressegotti, Teacher, High School Lorenzo Guetti of Tione, Italy*

Chair: *Veronica Donoso, European Schoolnet (EUN)*

15:30-16:00

Coffee break

16:00-16:45

The future of cyberbullying: Lessons learned from the KID_ACTIONS project

Panellists:

- *Sara Tonelli, Fondazione Bruno Kessler (FBK), Italy*
- *Cinzia Largher, Autonomous Province of Trento (PAT), Italy*
- *Rita Marques, Youth for Exchange and Understanding (YEU), Belgium*
- *Francesca Cesarotti, Amnesty Italy (AMN), Italy*
- *Sabrina Vorbau, European Schoolnet (EUN), Belgium*

Chair: *Alessia Torre, Fondazione Bruno Kessler (FBK)*

16:45-17:00

Closing and farewell



Meet the Forum Speakers



Keynote speaker



Deborah
Vassallo

Deborah Vassallo

Project coordinator at BeSmartOnline! Malta

Deborah Vassallo graduated in Social Work in the year 2000. She has worked in the addiction field for four years with Aġenzija Sedqa. In 2011, she started working with Aġenzija Appogg as a Hotline/Helpline administrator within the Besmartonline! project. In 2019 she graduated with a Masters in Criminology at the University of Malta and her research focused on Child Sexual Abuse Material and prevention programmes addressing those who view illegal content online. In 2020 she was promoted as the project coordinator of the Maltese Safer Internet Centre.

Speakers



Nika
Brdar

Nika Brdar

Youth, participant of the KID_ACTIONS co-creation sessions

Nika comes from a small town in Slovenia called Metlika, she studies sociology at the Faculty of Social Sciences in Ljubljana and in her 'free' time she works with different local societies and organisations, such as MC BIT Črnomelj, through which she received a chance to participate in the KID_ACTIONS co-creation sessions.



Francesca
Cesarotti

Francesca Cesarotti

Senior Head of the Human Rights Education and Training Unit at Amnesty International Italy

Francesca is an experienced Senior Manager with a history of work in international organisations and non-profit sector, a human rights educator and facilitator with more than twenty years of experience and – most of all – a Human Rights activist.



**Gareth
Cort**

Gareth Cort

In-house online safety consultant for European Schoolnet

Gareth works on a number of projects as part of the Digital Citizenship team, including the development of the KID_ACTIONS educational toolkit. He also provides consultancy for the UK Safer Internet Centre, as well as delivering education and awareness sessions to youth and adults on safe, healthy and positive internet use. Gareth holds a Bachelor's degree in Psychology and is a qualified primary school teacher.



**Veronica
Donoso**

Verónica Donoso

PhD in Social Sciences, Research Associate, University of Leuven (KU Leuven), independent consultant specialised in digital literacy, online safety and education

Verónica is an independent consultant specialised in digital literacy, online safety and education with more than 18 years of experience on research and policy work. Through her career Verónica has advised several organisations including the United Nations, the European Commission, The European Advertising Standards Alliance, London School of Economics, University of Leicester and European Schoolnet, among others. Before becoming an independent consultant, Verónica was INHOPE's Executive Director. INHOPE is the leading global network combatting online Child Sexual Abuse Material.

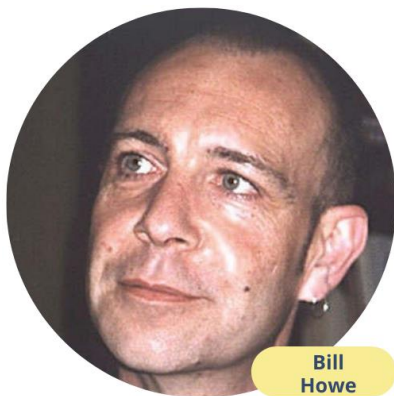


**Igor
Jojkic**

Igor Jojkic

Freelance consultant in learning and development projects

Igor Jojkic has extensive experience of more than 15 years in providing and designing technical and mentor support to youth organizations, networks and other CSOs in the field of non-violent communication, social inclusion and human rights protection through various non-formal approaches. Currently, as a freelance consultant supports various civil platforms and business entities in their learning and development projects.



Bill
Howe

Bill Howe

Helpline Operator at Stop Hate UK

Bill has had a long career in the delivery, development and management of specialist advice and support services in a variety of statutory and third sector settings. After joining Stop Hate UK in 2015, Bill has been extensively engaged, both in the delivery of front-line services and, over the last 7 years, has had the privilege of taking a lead role in the development and delivery of a number of projects largely concerned with understanding and responding to manifestations of 'online hate'.



Valbona
Makovci

Valbona Makovci

NGO "e'du: Dedicated to Education"

Valbona Makovci holds a BA Degree with first-grade honours in International Relations and Diplomacy from the American College of Thessaloniki and is currently pursuing her Master degree in International Education Management at the University of Ludwigsburg Germany and Helwan University in Cairo. Previously she has worked in the development and civil society sector with a focus on education in numerous organizations and international development agencies operating in Kosovo some of which include the Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ), Save the Children, OSCE Kosovo, USAID and Peer Educators Network (PEN) local NGO which focuses on youth empowerment and social inclusion of marginalized groups in Kosovo. Having quite an extensive experience in international projects and collaboration, she has established the NGO "e'du: Dedicated to Education"; whereas, at the moment she is doing a job-shadowing at the German Federal Institute for Vocational Education and Training (BiBB) as part of her studies.



Enrico
Maria Piras

Enrico Maria Piras

Adjunct professor at University of Verona and Senior Researcher at Fondazione Bruno Kessler

Enrico obtained his Ph.D. in Information Systems and Organization at University of Trento. His research focuses on the design and evaluation of remote monitoring technologies and applications. His main research interests are related to the organizational and interpersonal adjustment related to the adoption of ICTs in the medical practice, with particular regard to patient-provider interactions. His research spans over a decade resulting in over 60 publications in international journals and conferences. He has coordinated the requirement gathering phase in European projects aiming at exploiting AI tools to support prevention.



**João
Martins**

Joao Martins

Data scientist at Jumia

João holds a Master's in Informatics Engineering from the University of Coimbra, specialising in Intelligent Systems. He has an active role in online safety, digital literacy discussions, and best practices, being a Better Internet for Kids Youth Ambassador since 2012. João collaborates at the national and international levels to roll out initiatives and resources that contribute to a better internet. He is an active member of several youth groups in the Internet Governance field like the Youth IGF Movement and EURid Youth Committee and

participates in youth programs of CoE, ICANN, and ITU.



**Rita
Marques**

Rita Marques

Projects and Policy Officer at YEU International

Rita is a Projects and Policy Officer at YEU International. Originally from Portugal, Rita studied International Relations in Lisbon and did her MSc in International Security and Law, at the University of Southern Denmark. Driven by a passion for international law, human rights, equality, social inclusion and justice, Rita also researches human rights violations in Africa. Rita has been working in YEU since March 2021, and has been involved in the KID_ACTIONS Project since the start of her journey in the organisation.



**Alessio
Palmero Aprosio**

Alessio Palmero Aprosio

Adjunct professor of Advanced Web Programming at the Department of Cognitive Science, University of Trento.

Alessio works on the text simplification and hate speech recognition. Previously he used to work as a freelance programmer, when he learnt to program in big web projects. After the PhD dissertation, Alessio worked for Machine Linking, an innovative startup in Trento. His research focuses on Semantic Web and Big Data.



Charalambos
Papacharalambous

Charalambos Papacharalambous

Youth worker & independent researcher on topics of gender-based violence and femi(ni)cides.

In 2014 after finishing two years of obligatory military service, he started his studies at the University of Cyprus in the department of Educational Sciences. His primary school teacher training focused on the inclusion of children with disabilities, art and self-expression, and on Environmental Sciences. In 2018 after graduating as a primary school teacher, he enrolled in the interdisciplinary program MA in Gender studies at the same department and University. His Master's thesis investigates media discourses and silences around the first case of serial femi(ni)cides in Cyprus and the community of migrant female workers. Since August 2022, Charalambos is the ESC officer at YEU CYPRUS and the director of the ESC project Cap the Gap which aims to cover the gap of under-representation of marginalized youth in society.



David
Ressegotti

David Ressegotti

Humanities teacher, Istituto Superiore Guetti, Tione di Trento

David works as a teacher since 2012, acquiring experience with students of a broad range of ages, from 11 to 19 years old. During these years, he has often been appointed as the school's referent for Technological Innovation, Civics, and/or School Orientation. He holds a Master's in Italianistics and Literary Criticism (University of Trento).



Celina Sieg
Sørensen

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Digital Child Safety Manager, LEGO Group

Celina Sieg Sørensen has spent her entire career working in the intersection between technology and policy with a focus on online safety, rights and wellbeing. In her current role at the LEGO Group her work is to create policies that align with LEGO's values, business objectives, new legislative requirements and industry best practise. She creates policies that serve to strengthen the LEGO groups position as an industry leader on online safety issues, liberate employees to drive innovation and most importantly keep children playing, safe and well. Her career started at META where she worked on complex issues around user safety, moderation at scale and content policy implementation.



Sara
Tonelli

Sara Tonelli

Senior Researcher, Head of the Digital Humanities research group at Fondazione Bruno Kessler

Sara holds a PhD in Language Sciences from Università Ca' Foscari in Venice. She has been involved in several national and European projects dealing with historical archives, event and temporal information extraction and political stance detection and, more recently, with social media monitoring and hate speech detection. Her research interests are highly interdisciplinary, trying to apply and adapt advanced text

analysis approaches to social sciences and historical investigation.



Sabrina
Vorbau

Sabrina Vorbau

Project Manager, Digital Citizenship Team, European Schoolnet

Sabrina Vorbau is Project Manager at European Schoolnet and has been a member of its Digital Citizenship Team since 2014. She manages a number of European Commission (EC) funded projects in the area of online safety and media literacy, such as CO:RE – Children Online: Research and Evidence, KID_ACTIONS, and Facts4All – Schools as community hubs against disinformation and the European Film Factory. In addition, Sabrina coordinates the youth activities and annual

pan-European Youth Panel as part of the Better Internet for Kids (BIK) project. As part of her work in the Digital Citizenship Team, Sabrina also represents the team in expert meetings and international conferences in the field of children's rights and internet governance. Prior to joining EUN, she worked at the European Agency for Fundamental Rights in Vienna.



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