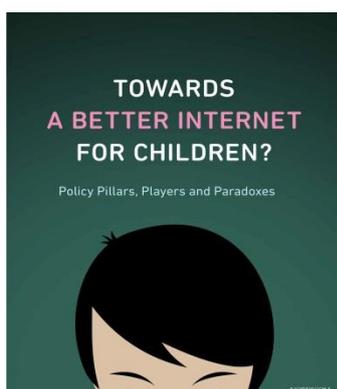




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## EU Kids Online seeks to enhance knowledge of European children's use, risk and safety online

### Released this week

- [Experiences with sexual content](#). This report brings together findings from EU Kids Online and Net Children Go Mobile. It shows that cultural differences, national policies and the public debate on children's experiences with sexual content all frame the way in which children themselves talk about sexual content. Thus what is regarded as 'sexual' differs across cultures. Policy makers should take this into account when deliberating about how to manage children's potentially harmful online experiences.
- [Measuring parental internet mediation](#). This report is for those designing surveys. It tests the EU Kids Online questionnaire for reliability in several languages, and it then proposes minor modifications to improve the measures in future research.
- [EU Kids Online in Latvia](#). This new national report documents children's risks and opportunities online in Latvia. Following the EU Kids Online methodology, it reveals that 18% of children experienced something online that has bothered them in some way in the past year. This is higher than the EU average (12%), and is even more frequent among girls (20%), 13-16 year olds (19% - 21%) and those living in Riga (23%) or other cities (27%).

### Upcoming next week

This has been a busy period for the network as we reach the end of EU Kids Online III. **Watch out for the release of our final report, EU Kids Online: Findings, methods and recommendations in time for the Safer Internet Forum in Brussels.**

- This report will be interactive rather than printed, so you'll find it at [www.eukidsonline.net](http://www.eukidsonline.net) from 4<sup>th</sup> November.
- It will include links to all our updated findings and thematic reports from 2011-2014, providing a single resource for all our work.
- This includes our video wall (where you can hear from our researchers in multiple languages), our YouTube playlist (where researchers introduce our key reports), our European Evidence Database of 1500+ studies, and our research toolkit (newly released, for researchers and research users).

## Recently announced

- [Online on the mobile](#). This short report integrates findings from EU Kids Online and Net Children Go Mobile to provide an up-to-date account of the risks linked to children's smartphone use. It shows that 28% of European children aged nine to 12, and 60% of 13 to 16 year-olds, are now connecting to the internet via smartphones. Smartphone use is linked to more encounters with online risk, and risk exposure is increasing most quickly among 9-10 year olds. Parents and children see personal, portable media such as smartphones as 'private' and so are less likely to pry into their children's smartphone use, and children are more likely to resent it when they do.
- [Children's changing online experiences in a longitudinal perspective](#) – an analytic reflection on social and technological change. This report shows that internet diffusion is linked to specific patterns of uses and experiences. Longitudinal findings question any assumption of a linear process by which children might become increasingly skilled and resilient in their use of online media.
- [European Evidence Database](#) - now extended and updated to contain information about 1500 studies relating to children's internet use in Europe; entries are categorised by country, date of fieldwork, ages of children studied, main findings, methodology and more; you can search on multiple keywords to find studies of interest to you, along with English-language summaries of studies published in other languages.
- [Review](#) of the European Evidence Database: reviews

the 1500 studies in the database, 400 of which are new. The review reveals key research gaps – in use of the internet by very young children, the potential and actual benefits of internet use, how children react to risk experiences and the evaluation of safety practices or tools designed to support them.

- At the [Day of General Discussion](#) on digital media and children's rights held by the UN Committee on the Rights of the Child, Sonia Livingstone presented this [speech](#). You can read EU Kids Online's submission to the committee [here](#).
- EU Kids Online hosted a [panel](#) at the [Internet Governance Forum](#) 2014 on 'Researching children's rights in a global, digital age'.
- [Final recommendations for policy](#): This report brings together all EU Kids Online policy guidance and evidence-based recommendations in a single resource for policymakers. It outlines over 30 actions that children and young people, parents, educators, governments, awareness-raising and the media, as well as industry providers can take to make the internet a better and safer place for children.
- [Report](#): Meaning of online problematic situations: results of a qualitative investigation in nine European countries. See [Press release](#): children are influenced by sensationalist media. The report reveals a diverse set of ways in which children try to cope with online risk of harm.

## Further information

Our next report will be on children's mobile opportunities and risks. Then, the EU Kids Online network is soon to deliver its final report – in time for the Safer Internet Forum in Brussels in early November.

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