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CYBERSAFE is a 2-year project funded by the European Union. Nine project partners in 8 European countries aim to develop, promote and disseminate innovative experiential as well as playful educational ICT tools that facilitate behavioural change among teenagers (12-18) on cyber violence against women and girls.

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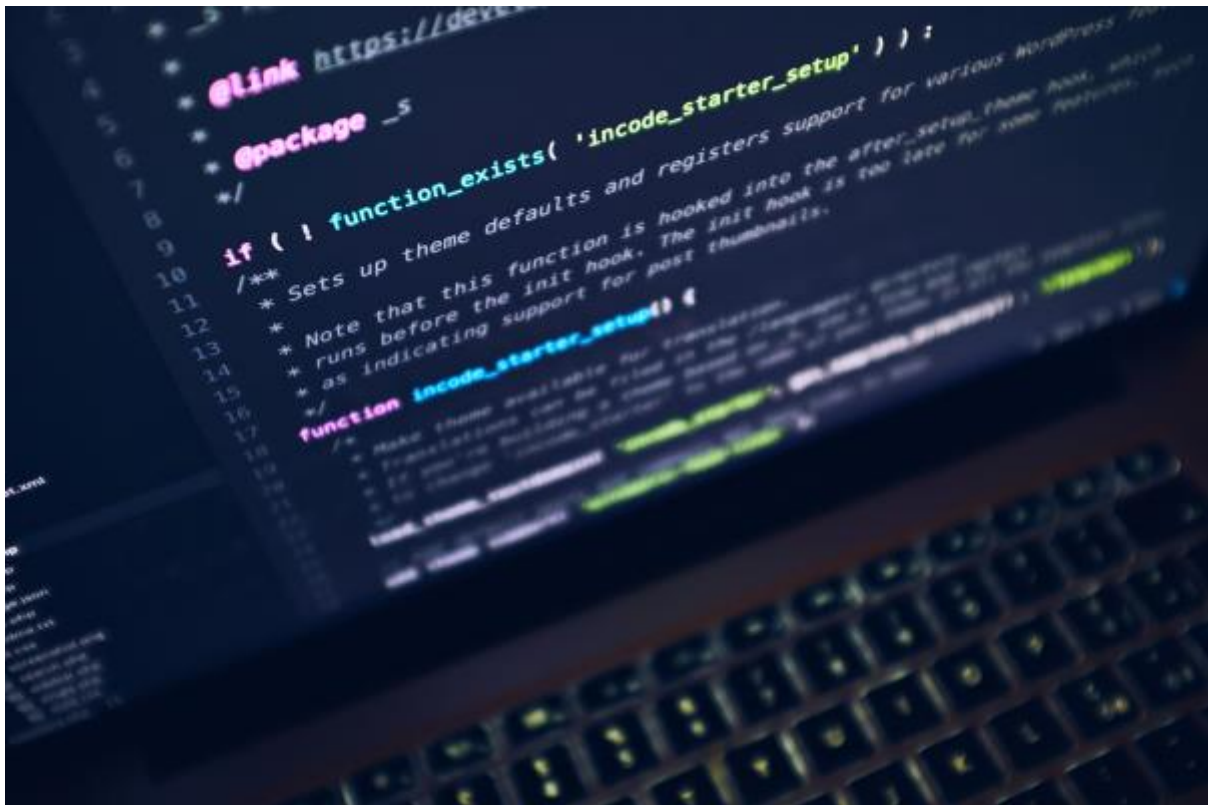
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CYBERSAFE kick-off takes place in Heraklion The 3-day kick-off meeting for the new EU project CYBERSAFE was held in Heraklion, Greece from February 11-13, 2019. The project aims to address cyber VAWG as a form of violence against women and girls while developing a gender sensitive

approach to prevent it. Project partners from 8 EU countries met to discuss the different outputs of the project, especially the serious video game which will prevent cyber violence against women & girls w/ playful ECT tools. The project partners agreed on the hashtags of CYBERSAFE which are [#cybersafespace](#) [#endcyberVAWG](#). There was also much discussion regarding the serious video game, as there were many aspects to be considered, such as what platform to use, how many levels the game would have, and whether the game should be created only for mobile phones. Transnational partners meetings give all project partners an opportunity to come together and discuss & plan the upcoming project outputs.

Check out CYBERSAFE Social Media



CYBER SAFE
Promoting safe online behavior through digital literacy and awareness campaigns

The risk of suicide attempt is 2.3 times higher for a victim of cyber harassment compared to non-victims.

WAVE



20% of young women (18-29) in the EU have experienced cyber sexual harassment.



77% of women who have experienced cyber harassment have also experienced at least one form of sexual or/ and physical violence from an intimate partner.



In Europe, 1 in 10 women have experienced some kind of cyber violence since the age of 15.



#EndCyberViolence
#CYBERSAFE



Thank you for signing up for the CYBERSAFE newsletter which is sent twice a year; once in May and in November. If you would like to get more frequent updates on what the partners are up to and what the project's outputs are, then please follow our social media accounts.

All project outputs are free of charge and will be downloadable in the 8 project languages: Danish, Dutch, English, Estonian, German, Greek, Italian, and Slovenian.

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And check out our official hashtags: [#cybersafespace](#) [#endcyberVAWG](#)

We also have a facebook page for teenagers! Please invite your teenage stakeholders to like the page [Cybersafe Space!](#)

Future Project Outputs



The CYBERSAFE project will create several outputs over the 2-year project period. Below is a short description of the outputs which you can look forward to downloading for free in the future from the official project website, which will be live in autumn of 2019!

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- **Report on cyber violence against women and girls** which will describe the existing landscape and key findings on the needs & attitudes of teenagers towards this issue
- **Educational Prevention Programme for teenagers on the topic of cyber violence against women and girls** which will entail: a **Serious Online Game** promoting behavioural change among teenagers on the topic of cyber violence against women and girls **Educational Intervention guidelines** that provide relevant information & activity tools aiming at the prevention of cyber violence against women and girls among teenagers
- **1-day Pilot Interventions** will be held in learning settings which will promote a participatory approach where students, through experiential learning activities, will participate in role-playing, sociodrama, simulations, and development of animations. After the evaluation of the interventions, **replication guidelines** will be published in English.

Introducing Project Partners



CYBERSAFE has 9 project partners from 8 European countries, working together on preventing cyber violence against women and girls. Below, two of those partners take the opportunity to introduce themselves.

Nexus NI



Nexus NI is a Northern Ireland wide charity that specialises in providing counselling to adult survivors of sexual violence and abuse for almost 35 years. In addition, we have a thriving education team who deliver a range of training on internet safety, sexual abuse awareness, child sexual exploitation and other relevant topics to young people and professionals working with young people. Nexus is particularly delighted to be a part of the European cybersafe team where we hope to share our own knowledge and experience and learn from our European partners. Currently Nexus is delivering a similar cybersafety project in Belfast. This project focuses on raising awareness of the potential dangers of the online world as well as giving young people the skills and confidence to report online abuse and seek appropriate help. We at Nexus hope that there will be many transferable learnings from both cybersafe projects. In August 2019, as part of the Cybersafe European Project, Nexus NI will be hosting a series of Focus Groups with teenagers to explore their attitudes toward cyber violence against women and girls. We are excited to be a part of such a contemporary and timely project and look forward to incorporating the learning to our own staff and colleagues.

[International Child Development Initiatives \(ICDI\)](#)



[International Child Development Initiatives \(ICDI\)](#) is a knowledge organization in psychosocial development of children and young people growing up in difficult circumstances based in the

Netherlands. ICDI believes in the power of children and young people, supporting their rights and addressing the underlying causes for the problems they face. For over 25 years, ICDI has stimulated transfer and exchange of knowledge and practice among child and youth care professionals and other people who play a role in the daily lives of children and young people. Due to this many children were able to grow up more safe and healthier. Within the CYBERSAFE project, ICDI is responsible for the development of the evidence-based Educational Prevention Programme for teenagers. This programme will include serious game and educational intervention guidelines that will contribute to the prevention of cyber violence against girls and the promotion of healthy relationships and gender equality online. ICDI will use its experience from implementing projects aimed at preventing cyberbullying at schools, creating safe spaces for girls and building protection mechanisms where they are lacking. ICDI staff consists of experienced trainers, researchers and project managers. ICDI's Sarah de Vos, also involved in this project, brings in valuable experience after previously working for five years for the Dutch hotline and helpline that prevents and combats online child sexual abuse.

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