CYBERSAFE Newsletter

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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WAVE 2020 Conference "Structural inequality: the root of the global pandemic of violence against women" and CYBERSAFE workshop

On October 8th, at the online WAVE 2020 conference "Structural inequality: the root of the global pandemic of violence against women" , several Cybersafe partners had the opportunity to present the project to a wide international audience in a workshop on different models of effectively tackling digital violence and abuse. The workshop was chaired by Pille Tsopp-Pagan of the Women's Support and Information Centre, Estonia.

International Child Development Initiatives' (ICDI's) Rutger van Oudenhoven & Mathijs Euwema and Martin Bärmann of Serious Games Interactive explained the ins and outs of the Toolkit and the Online Tool that were developed within the Cybersafe project. The audience was enthusiastic to learn about a simple,

Barbara Brečko of the University of Ljubljana–presented the project "Klick off! Let's stop cyberviolence against women and girls", which was a national awareness raising project (2017-2019) on which Cybersafe was further developed. During Klick off!, project manuals for school professionals, justice and police were developed as well as a curriculum for conducting workshops with youth.

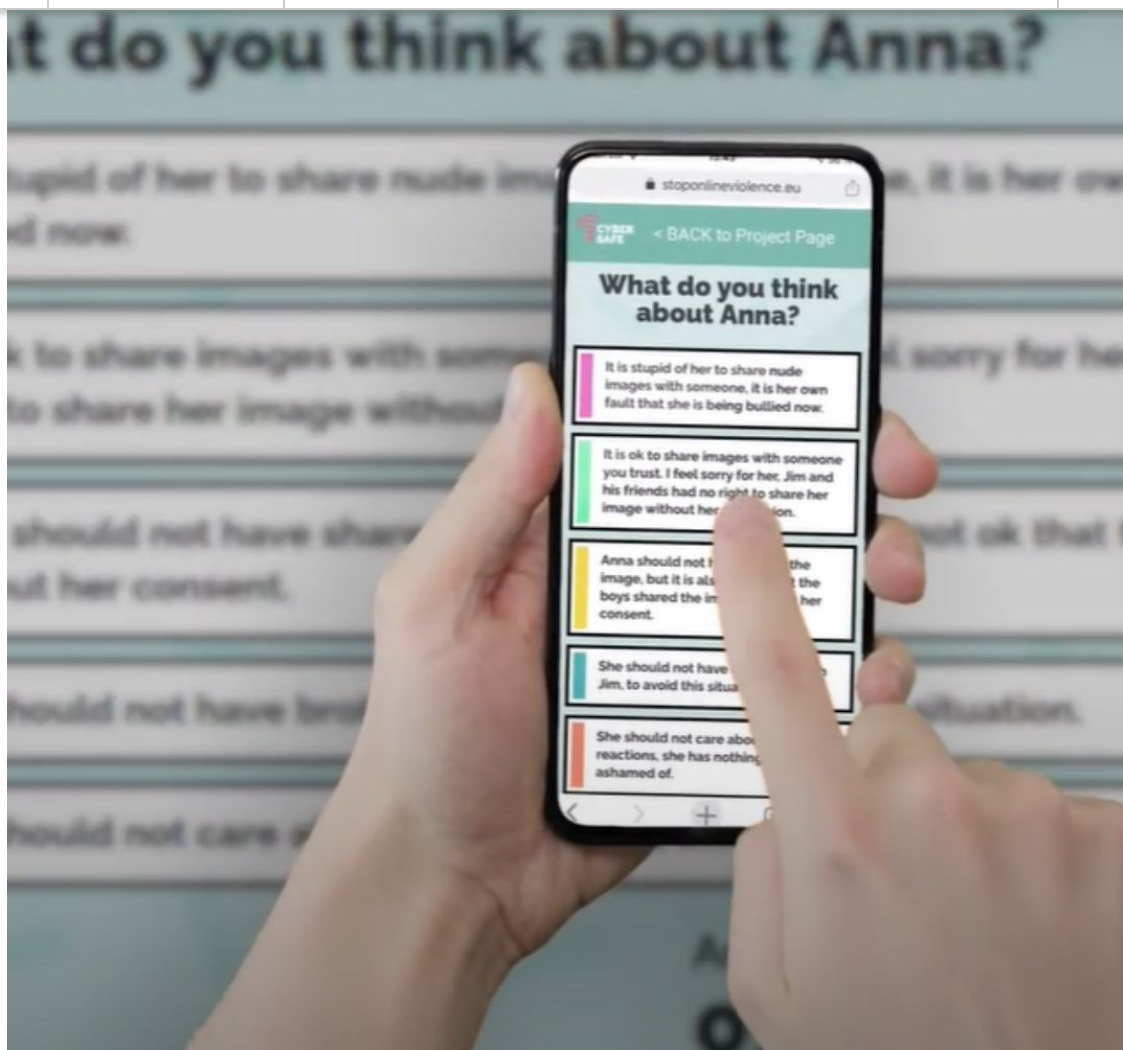**NO MORE English-speaking magazine of UWAH**

through raising awareness about some forms of violence which women are subjected to. One of the aims of this day is to highlight the scale and true nature of violence against women, issue that is often underreported. The second issue of the NO MORE English-speaking magazine of UWAH is dedicated to cyberviolence and its forms.

It includes an interview with Ilaria Di Roberto, an Italian woman survivor of online violence, as well as the contribution of Meltini Fragkioudaki, psychologist of UWAH and member of the CYBERSAFE project team. Finally, it includes a thorough discussion with Elena Floriani, Communications & Research Officer, and Lina Piskernik, Digital & Social Media Coordinator of the WAVE Network. They presented their opinions and suggestions about how to tackle online violence and how the CYBERSAFE project could positively change the perception and life for many girls and adolescents.

NO MORE Magazine is the English-speaking magazine issued by UWAH and prepared by the European Solidarity Corps Volunteers that the organization hosts.

Read the NO MORE Magazine
here: https://www.yumpu.com/en/document/view/64950507/no-more-magazine-vol2

CYBERSAFE Toolkit and video teaser

We are happy to announce that the video teaser for the CYBERSAFE Toolkit has been released! It is now available with the subtitles in 7 languages - Dutch, Estonian, Greek, Italian, Danish, Slovenian, and German.

The CYBERSAFE Toolkit is intended for teachers or other professionals working with young people, who want to address online violence against women and girls. The toolkit helps to recognise signs of online violence, possible consequences and to understand how to prevent online violence.

The toolkit provides four workshops dealing with the topics of non-consensual sharing of sexual images, exploitation, coercion and threats, sexualised bullying, and unwanted sexualisation, an online tool that encourages discussion and role play and a guide with practical information.

Watch the video teaser: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BVkTgW1hozg

Article by Barbara Brečko and Nicholas Spetsidis about cyber violence and CYBERSAFE

Our Partners Barbara Brečko (University of Ljubljana) and Nicholas Spetsidis (UWAH) wrote an article for the Vienna Institute for International Dialogue and Cooperation about how the effects of COVID-19 on cyber violence against girls and women are still under-reported and under investigation.

During the lockdown and social distancing, the use of the internet has rapidly increased, and as a side-effect women and girls have been at a higher risk of online forms of violence. The article presents the challenges of the current situation and the rapid increase in online violence. The provision of digital tools such as the CYBERSAFE Toolkit can help to raise awareness and reducing the gender digital divide and therefore also cyber violence.

Read the article here: https://www.vidc.org/themen/gender/cyber-violence-against-women-and-girls-is-increasing-particularly-in-times-of-covid-19

First CYBERSAFE pilot workshops held in Italy, Estonia, and Greece

Despite serious constrictions due to the COVID-19 Pandemic, several CYBERSAFE partners were able to conduct workshops with youth to test the Toolkit and the online tool that was developed within this project.

These workshops already show that young people have a great interest in the topic of online sexual violence against girls. In the workshop, they worked with the online tool; using their mobile phones, the students were invited to give their opinion on online sexual violence and act out several roleplays. In this way, they learned to recognize online sexual violence, how to discuss it and open up about it.

The most successful and productive workshops were those held in person and when/if participants already knew each other. During the online sessions, held because of COVID-19 regulations, the interaction between participants and discussion about this difficult subject proved to be more difficult. All in all, the young participants appreciated the opportunity to discuss this important issue that often affects their lives.

The project partners agree to have learned a lot from this pilot process and are now ready to implement the project in schools throughout Europe.

The project partners' meeting

The project partners met online on November 6th for the fourth Steering Committee Meeting. The discussion focused on the overall status of the project and on the progress and next steps in three main areas. The first was the testing and finalisation of the Cybersafe Toolkit: the pre-testing in schools started, but the deadline needed to be extended due to the lockdown in some

was discussed by the partners, including the planning of the next activities and evaluation of their results. To conclude, the project's dissemination activities were also presented, including the first ideas for the final conference that will take place in May 2021.

Check Out CYBERSAFE Social Media!

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.

Follow us on:

- Facebook
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- Instagram

And check out our official hashtags: #cybersafespace #endcyberVAWG

Visit our website too: www.stoponlineviolence.eu

Intellectual 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 in the future from the official project website!

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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

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.

University *of Ljubljana*
Faculty *of Social Sciences*

founded in 1919. The University of Ljubljana is the central and largest educational institution in Slovenia. It is also the central and largest research institution in Slovenia with 30 percent of all registered researchers.

The Faculty of Social Sciences, established in 1961, is one of the largest of the University of Ljubljana's faculties. Research work at the Faculty of Social Sciences, is carried out in 20 research centres of the Social Sciences Research Institute in the context of the research programmes of fundamental, applied and postdoctoral projects as well as international projects, EU projects and marketing projects. Major clients of the Faculty's research are various ministries, non- commercial companies and other undertakings. The Faculty of Social Sciences can claim the longest tradition of social research and higher education teaching in Slovenia and is one of the largest social science faculties in Europe. In addition, it offers expert and advanced training and a wide range of practical knowledge for those who want to be and remain competitive in the market in the areas of communications, management, political science – including international relations and defence studies, sociology and cultural studies.

Retesalute is an Italian Public Body and its associates are 24 local municipalities within Lecco Province (Lombardy Region). Its mission is to realize social welfare activities and the management of social services to individuals and families, including educational interventions, aimed at promoting the psycho-social well-being of all citizens. Thanks to its proximity to people, Retesalute can identify the real needs of all vulnerable people such as older adults, disabled people, minors, migrants, young people, women victims of violence and carry out activities with the aim of safeguarding every individual's right to a decent standard of living. In order to meet the above-mentioned goal, Retesalute promotes the development of an integrated service network to optimize the efficiency of services and costs allowing all municipalities to

Services, Hospitals, Local Public Health Agency, Regional bodies, Court), the dissemination of information about social activities, the analysis of financial investments in the social sector and the quality evaluation of service delivery.

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