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Internet safety improving for children in the UK finds new report

• The UK tops the European rankings for use of filters on the internet-enabled devices that children use at home. Still, half of UK parents don't install filters, and this may leave their children unprotected.

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For the full report, *National Perspectives*, see http://www2.lse.ac.uk/media@lse/research/EUKidsOnline/EU%20Kids%20III/Reports/PerspectivesReport.pdf

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National Perspectives reports the comparative experiences of children across a range of indicators in the countries participating in EU Kids Online. Researchers, stakeholders and others can find a concise summary of children's internet usage, risk and harm experiences and parental approaches to mediation. The report is based on interviews with 25,000 children and parents across 25 European countries, plus additional research conducted in the eight countries that more recently joined the network.

Information about the project and survey:

- EU Kids Online aims to enhance knowledge of European children's and parents' experiences and practices regarding risky and safer use of the internet and new online technologies, and thereby to inform the promotion of a safer online environment for children. The project is funded by the EC Safer Internet Programme (SI-2010-TN-4201001).
- EU Kids Online conducted a face-to-face, in home survey of 25,000 9-16 year old internet users and their parents in 25 countries, using a stratified random sample and self-completion methods for sensitive questions.
- Countries included in the survey are: Austria, Belgium, Bulgaria, Cyprus, the Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Ireland, Italy, Lithuania, the Netherlands, Norway, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, Turkey and the UK. In addition the project includes research teams from Croatia, Iceland, Latvia, Luxembourg, Malta, Russia, Slovakia and Switzerland.
- For more findings, reports and technical survey details, see <u>www.eukidsonline.net</u> or visit us on Facebook <u>http://www.facebook.com/pages/EU-Kids-Online/102320089891626</u>
- EU Kids Online will represent these findings at The Safer Internet Forum. The forum has been organised by the EC's Safer Internet Programme as an annual conference on safer internet issues since 2004. It brings together representatives of industry, law enforcement authorities, child welfare organisations and policy makers. The past editions of the Safer Internet Forum have welcomed guests not only from Europe, but also from countries such as Australia, Brazil or the Russian Federation.