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Net Children Go Mobile

A cross-national research project

3500
Face to face in home questionnaires, self-completed for sensitive issues.

9-16
Age of children (internet users) interviewed

Children aged 9 to 16

55 Focus groups (N=219)

107 Interviews (N=108)

Parents, teachers, youth workers

40 Focus groups (N=180)

44 Interviews (N=50)

The Net Children Go Mobile project aims to study the changing conditions of internet access and use, and whether it poses greater, fewer or newer risks to children.

START

November 2012
Project approval & kick-off

January 2013
Design of quantitative & qualitative research

May 2013
Quantitative data collection starts

September 2013
Qualitative fieldwork starts

October 2013
First report on initial findings

Nov 2013 - Sept 2014
3 Network reports
2 Country reports
1 Thematic report

October 2014
Report on qualitative data

November 2014
Final report & Policy Recommendations

FINISH

Countries & Universities involved

Denmark
IT University of Copenhagen
72%
84%

Portugal
Universidade Nova de Lisboa
35%
34%

Italy
Università Cattolica del Sacro Cuore
42%
45%

Belgium
Katholeike Universiteit Leuven
28%
35%

Romania
Institute of Sociology Romanian Academy
21%
26%

Germany
Hans Bredow Institute

UK
London School of Economics and Political Science
56%
58%

Spain
Universidad del Pais Basco

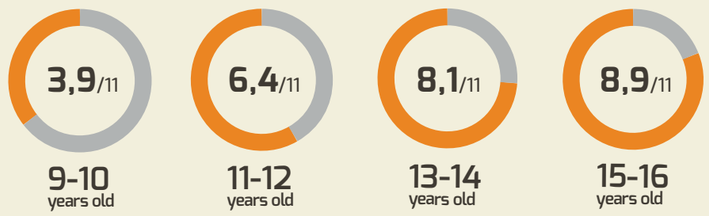
Ireland
Dublin Institute of Technology
35%
40%

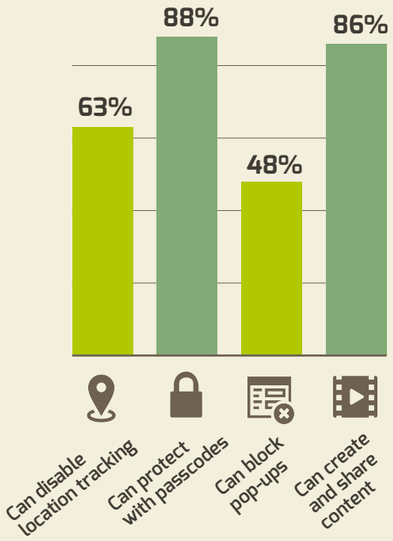
% of children who	All children
Use a smartphone	41%
Own a smartphone	46%

At first I didn't even want one! I got it for Christmas, and then my parents said: 'Now you need a new phone, because everyone else has a touch phone'. At first I thought: 'what should I use that for, I have my old phone? But then I became fond of it.
Girl, 11-13, Denmark

Children skills and abilities

How many smartphone specific skills do children believe they have?





Online risks and harms

Bullying & Cyberbullying *
How many children experienced bullying or were cyberbullied?
23%
12%
17% Felt 'very' or 'a bit' upset

Meeting new people
How many are in contact with someone met online? How many met it also offline?
26%
12%
3% Felt 'very' or 'a bit' upset

Sexual images
How many children have seen sexual images (both on and offline)?
28%
13% Felt 'very' or 'a bit' upset

Sexting (only 11+ year old)
How many children received sexual messages?
11%
5% Felt 'very' or 'a bit' upset

* Bullying (23%) refers to face to face or cyber-bullying overall; cyberbuylling (12%) refers to any form of mean conduct online or via mobile communication

It's free. (...) And you can't really create groups on text messages, so I think that's why [with WhatsApp] you might message more. So if you want to tell about your birthday party, instead of sending it individually, and paying a lot on the text message, on the group you could send it one time for free and everyone would know about it on the group. - Boy, 11-13, UK

Well, how much do I use it? I use it... basically I always have the smartphone in my hand.
Girl, 15, Italy

It's a very stupid idea that they write and can see that I saw the message, and this is the most annoying:
to write someone and to get "seen at.." and not to be answered.
Girl, 15, Romania

72% Of children feel the need to be always available to family and friends.**

81% Of children feel more connected to friends thanks to their smartphones.**

** Children say that is 'very' or a 'bit' true.

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