

„Intersection. Online Safe Zone” Factsheet



Background

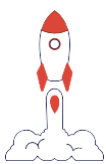
Over the last years, there has been a substantial increase of Internet usage by younger children. The statistics data show an average of **44%** of children aged **12 – 15** being present on social networks under the age of 10³. Their online engagement should be considered full of benefits, but also with a high exposure to risks associated to internet usage. As the lack of technical, critical and social skills may pose children at greater risks online, the need of education adapted to current trends and challenges is a must.

Children and young people have particular needs and vulnerabilities related to the use of Internet. Therefore, the educational system is one of the key actors sharing the responsibility to contribute to a safe Internet usage, full of opportunities for everyone in order to access knowledge, communicate, develop skills.

Our mission

INTERSECTION. Online Safe Zone aims to support the educational system in promoting the online safety of children and youth in order to keep them safe from online risks. We are striving to build a society where each educational institution is a „Online Safe Zone”. Thus, teachers are fully equipped with knowledge, skills and tools. Therefore, children and young people are critical thinkers and act responsibly in the online environment, enjoying positive online experiences.

Our specific objectives are:



To empower teachers to conduct activities about online safety for children and youth, by providing them informational, didactic resources and tools;



To encourage the involvement of teachers to promote online safety among children and youth;

To support schools with minimum standards to keep children and youths safe online.

Our approach

- Developing full-sets of materials for teachers, awareness raising and educative materials for pupils;
- Conducting capacity-building activities for teachers;
 - ☐ Thematic Conferences;
 - ☐ Online Safety Trainings (3 days);
 - ☐ Good Practices Workshops.
- Supporting and encouraging the involvement of teachers in online safety activities in schools;
- Delivering the national SID campaign as the official SID Committee in Moldova, being part of the international SID initiative, backed by the Better Internet for Kids line of work, coordinated by European Schoolnet on behalf of the European Commission.

¹ http://lastrada.md/pic/uploaded/Child_Safety_online_ENG.pdf

Results

Resources

Teachers of primary and gymnasium classes from all around the country have access to didactic materials by category of age on different topics of online safety.

[Didactic resources](#) (13 didactic scenarios, worksheets and materials necessary for the work with children).

[Informative resources](#) (a rubric regularly updated with answers to the most frequent questions of teachers).

Community of active teachers

Almost **700 teachers** from all the districts of the country have joined the community to be up-to-date with latest information about useful resources, practical tools, suggestions, principles to approach sensitive topics about online safety.

More than **180 teachers** from 30 districts of the country educate online safe behaviours of children in their schools, being active participants within the programme „Intersection. Online Safe Zone”.



50 teachers of primary and gymnasium classes (teachers of *Personal Development, Education for Media, Education for Society, Informatics and Digital Education*) trained in August 2019, had planned for the school year 2019 – 2020 lessons and activities to develop critical thinking of children for a responsible and positive use of Internet.

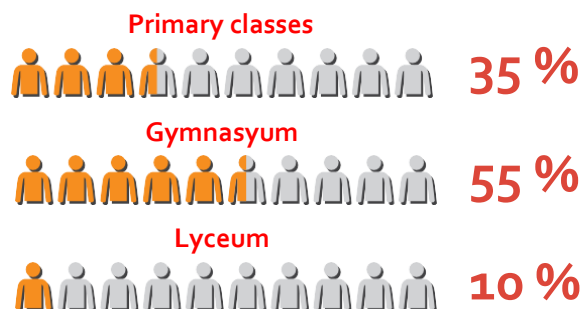
In the period September – December 2019, more than 50 % of trained teachers, had carried out interactive activities with children according the plan from August.



Activities of information, awareness and capacity building

Campaign Safer Internet Day (SID) 2019 had involved 17 teachers and 2300 students from 11 districts in the contest „Together for a better Internet“.

Students from different educational levels had participated in interactive activities on the topics: *ABC of online safety* (primary school children) and *Sexting* (gymnasium school children).



Most active schools

Chişinău (5 schools), Anenii NOI(1), NISPORENI(1), Drochia (3 schools), HânceŞTI(1), ORHEI(1), CanteMIR(1), SOROCA(1), CriuLENI(1), ReZINA(1), DonduŞENI(1)

- ✓ Workshop of discussions and sharing of good practices about activities with children – **39** involved teachers.
- ✓ Three-day trainings to build practical abilities of teachers to work with children during the whole school year – **50** involved teachers.
- ✓ Seminars and demonstration lessons for teachers – **110** involved teachers.
- ✓ Productive collaborations – **20** teachers participants in project „Future Lab“ became members of the community „Intersection. Online Safe Zone“.

