

Online risks for children and adolescents in Europe: The developmental perspective

This presentation will introduce the online risks for European children and adolescents and take into account the developmental perspective. The presented results will be based on the data of the EU Kids Online project, which carried out research on children's and adolescents' technology usage in 2017-19 in 19 European countries. A representative sample of a minimum of 1,000 children, aged 9 to 17, was collected in each country. The prevalence of the selected online risks will be described in the context of the child and adolescent development. Special attention will be given to four related topics: cyberbullying; cyberhate; exposure to sexual images; and excessive internet use. The differences in the online risks and the related individual and social factors will be analysed. The cross-cultural differences and specifics among countries in online risky behaviour of children and adolescents will be presented.

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