

Name of the organisation:

Movimento Italiano Genitori (MOIGE), ITALY

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MOIGE is present in 37 Italian provinces involving more than 35,000 parents.

It is recognised by the Italian government as a social promotion non profit association.

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Questionnaire 1

Cross media rating and classification

With the current trend towards platform and media convergence, the opportunity and feasibility of cross media rating systems need to be discussed. In its recent Communication on the protection of consumers, in particular minors, in respect of the use of video games¹, the Commission welcomes and supports further efforts to achieve a self-regulatory and co-regulatory cross media, pan European age rating system.

One session of the Safer Internet Forum 2008 (25-26 September) will be dedicated to this topic. In order to collect facts and views on this issue, the European Commission launches a public consultation with the following questions:

1. Of which media rating systems are you aware in your country. Has there been an attempt to implement a cross-media rating system? If yes, what are the positive outcomes of it and its success factors? If no, what could be used as a starting point towards a cross media rating system?

- **Pegi: videogame;**
- **Parental Control (different colours used to indicate the movie and program contents): TV;**
- **Censorship (movies prohibited to different age rates): cinema**

2. What are the main obstacles moving towards a pan-European cross media rating system?

- **the missing of a specific European institution;**
- **cultural differences;**
- **industries' interests**

¹ http://ec.europa.eu/avpolicy/reg/minors/video/index_en.htm

3. What role should the different stakeholders play (industry, public bodies, etc.), towards implementing a pan-European cross media rating system?

- industry: to build a real dialogue with the civil society (including with the parents associations); to improve a better rating system; to support specific information campaigns; to control that each industry uses the system in a correct way

- public bodies: to control the rating system criteria and the actual system implementation

- civil society: to collaborate with institutions, public bodies and industries in order to find the better media rating system and to improve awareness among all the people

4. Are you aware of relevant research, pilot projects, or national cross media rating initiatives? If published online, please provide us with the relevant URL.

n/a

Questionnaire 2

Age Verification

Various systems are used by internet, content and service providers, and mobile operators to verify the age of their users, and provide appropriate services linked to that age (e.g. access to adult content, access to social networking communities for adult only or above a certain age like 13).

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1. Which age verification systems are you aware of? In which domains are they being used?

n/a

2. Do you think that these systems are efficient? If yes, please state why. If no, why do you think they are unsatisfactory?

No, because on the web it often is only a made-by-self declaration

3. Are you aware of legal requirements in your country for providers of online services to verify the age of their visitors/customers?

n/a

5. Are you aware of relevant research, pilot projects or national initiatives towards age verification on the internet? If published online, please provide us with the relevant URL.

www.davide.it

Questionnaire 3

Online Social Networking

Online social networking is a communication service typical of the “second generation” online world sometimes referred to as Web 2.0. Social networking sites (SNSs) are inclusive, participatory services which embody these principles fully. Users can place themselves in a social space of their own choice, engaging with others on their own terms whatever their physical or material circumstances. The popularity of SNSs, and the many opportunities for social interaction which they offer, must count as one of the most striking and potentially powerful benefits of the Internet.

SNSs are especially popular with young people, who represent the majority of users on many sites. Minors have been born into the digital age and are well equipped to grasp the opportunities which social networking offers. This raises safety issues which the Commission wants to explore in the next Safer Internet Forum (25-26 September). In order to collect facts and views on this topic, the European Commission launches a public consultation with the following questions:

1. What risks are minors most likely to encounter on SNSs?

Pedophilia

Are you aware of relevant research or statistics? If published online please provide us with the relevant URL.

www.poliziadistato.it

2. What controls, if any, should be available to parents over their children's SNS accounts? Should parents be allowed to cancel accounts or change profiles of their children?

n/a

3. Which tools are the most appropriate to protect minors when using SNSs? What further steps should SNS providers take to reduce the risks to minors on their sites?

We hope the improvement of the white list system

4. What should Member States do in order to improve the safe use of SNSs by minors? (E.g. legislation, co-regulation, awareness activities, introduction of the subject into the educational curricula, etc).

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