Safer Internet BE SIC: Belgian Safer Internet Centre

The Safer Internet Centre in Belgium integrates awareness raising, hotline and helpline activities.

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B-SIC, Belgian Safer Internet Centre, is the result of a new integration of hotline, helpline and awareness node in 1 centre. The three components of the Safer Internet Centre will be run by 1 organisation, Child Focus. It goes without saying that it is an opportunity and a challenge for the organisation to find the necessary synergies and to strengthen each component of the Safer internet Centre in this project.

B-SIC will be centralised around 3 E's, the three basic principles: Educate, Empower and Enforce / Protect. The latter will be carried out through the fight against illegal content. B-SIC will continue to give people the possibility to report. A dedicated communication campaign shall seek to increase visibility of the hotline and to enhance public awareness and knowledge about the problems of child abuse images. Empowerment is the core of our activities: B-SIC will empower every target group to take up their responsibilities. To help them, B-SIC will develop specific tools to increase parents, teachers and young people's knowledge on how to stay safe and resilient on the internet. B-SIC strongly believes in educating our society's educators so they can educate children and young people. B-SIC rolls out this 'train-the-trainer'- approach on two levels. We will train trainers who can train parents / teachers who can train children.

B-SIC will establish a fully equipped helpline specialised in online safety. The helpline will be targeted to the main public in general and parents and children in particular. The helpline will take on all questions concerning the use and misuse of the internet and other information- and communication technologies. The communication campaign dedicated to seek visibility and the enhancement of public awareness, will focus on the three C-risks: harmful contact (grooming), harmful conduct (cyberbullying), harmful content for children. This helpline will be the first and only one in Belgium to target these questions.

B-SIC will continue to be guided by an Advisory Board, representing experts from Law Enforcement Agencies, ISP, industry, government, universities, NGO's. Its regular meetings will facilitate dialogue between all stakeholders. B-SIC will continue to work with a Youth Forum to contribute to the design of awareness raising activities. Furthermore, B-SIC will also set up a Teachers forum to contribute to the tools developed for teachers.

By remaining an active member of INSAFE and INHOPE, by assisting in their functioning and by developing and sharing best practices, the European perspective will be safeguarded. BINSI will also continue to cooperate with other actions under the Safer Internet Program.

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