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Dear reader,

If you have read our previous Newsletter, then you might know that ACBC project want to introduce young people to the phenomenon of cyberbullying and raise awareness about the related impact and consequences. Cyberbullying is repeated verbal or psychological harassment; it is particularly prevalent among children and young people and may be spread via email, mobile phones or web services.

In this newsletter we would like to present you the progress we have been making.

Partners meeting



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The **ACBC.COM: Address Cyberbullying By Creating a Conscious Online Community** Erasmus+ Project meeting took place in Larissa, Greece on 26th February 2020. The ACBC partnership met for the fourth time in order to progress with the different tasks allocated to partners. The main topics discussed revolved around our work on the anti-cyberbullying partnerships, the serious game and its accompanying user guide.

ACBC Regional Partnerships - Blueprint

The ACBC project partners have established regional cooperation and networking structures in the following regions: Friesland (in the Netherlands), Harghita County (in Romania), Lisbon District region with Sintra and Montijo Aveiro District (in Portugal), Vilnius including various other cities and rural localities (in Lithuania), Thessaly (central Greece, including the Sporades islands) and Birmingham area in UK.

Two regional partnership meetings have been organised in each country where participants presented their programs, activities in the field, offered reciprocal assistance and support and presented their specific plans for the upcoming months. These meetings have brought together schools, youth centres and other educational organisations, NGOs, education support services and parent boards who have an interest in media education, media awareness, online safety and positive media use in education and youth programmes.



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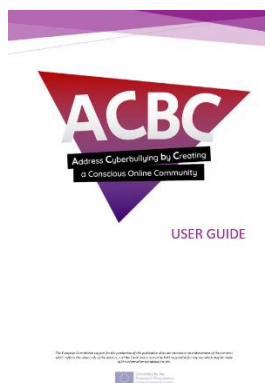
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ACBC User Guide



The ACBC Serious Game will be accompanied with a hands-on and practical guidebook describing step-by-step how to implement the ACBC Serious Game. The User Guide will describe the ACBC Serious Game and its rationale in depth and illustrates how to use all online and offline support materials in practice. Partners have already prepared a draft version of the Guide. The User Guide, it will be tested in practice, during the piloting phase at students, teachers and other youth organisations.

ACBC Serious Game

The ACBC Serious Game for young people will be a serious game, contributing to an online conscious community in order to prevent cyberbullying and create online awareness for young people. It will engage young people to recognise, understand and prevent cyberbullying and think about their and others online presence and its impact. During the 4th meeting, partners tested the first version and contributed in order to design and develop a useful game for students and teachers.



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On the 11th of February 2020, the initiators of the Safe Internet project in collaboration with the social innovator community ChangeMakersON, celebrated the SAFER INTERNET DAY in Lithuania in a completely different way! More than 200 participants from all over the country took part in the CYBERteens Safer Internet Ideas Sprint. 19 Selected teams generated ideas, created tools that would allow to combat injustices in cyberspace, prevent bullying, eliminate inappropriate content. The teams were presented with 6 thematic challenges. Most of the participating teams have taken the ACBC challenge to reduce cyberbullying and the Window to the Future challenge to educate people about protecting their privacy online were the ones most attending. Throughout the event, participants together with the help of experts from different fields applied creative design knowledge to develop their ideas and created innovation concepts from the web gadgets to educational escape rooms. The winning idea was called 'The Web' team having an idea to reduce cyberbullying. They will participate in the three-day ChangeMakersON hackathon this year and the international ChangeMakersOn camp, where the idea will be brought to its final stage. Congratulations!

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Join our community and spread the word!

We are online at <http://acbc-project.eu/> and we have our community at Facebook:

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/ACBCproject/>

ACBC is a project being developed by 8 partners from Romania, UK, The Netherlands, Lithuania, Greece and Portugal.



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