IGF 2017 Reporting COE Flash Session on Internet Literacy Handbook

- Session Title: Council of Europe: Launching the Internet Literacy Handbook for children and grown-ups

- Date: 20 December 2017

- Time: 16.40

- Session Organizer: Gisella Gori   (Council of Europe)

- Chair/Moderator: Ambassador Corina Călugăru, Thematic Co-ordinator on Information Policy (TC-INF), Committee of Ministers, Council of Europe

- Rapporteur/Notetaker: Gisella Gori (Council of Europe)

- List of Speakers and their institutional affiliations:
Janice Richardson, creator of Safer Internet Day and Senior consultant on children's rights, education and awareness (Insight)
Elizabeth Milovidov (Consultant and Coach on Digital Parenting)
Martin Schmalzried, Senior Policy Officer, COFACE (Confederation of Family Organizations in the EU)

- Key Issues raised (1 sentence per issue):
The Internet Literacy Handbook is a tool for children, parents, teachers and policy makers to be able to make the most of Internet and prepare future generations to use the Internet safely and confidently by being aware of opportunities and risks. The following issues were raised: digital citizenship, digital parenting, cybercrime, virtual reality, artificial intelligence.

- If there were presentations during the session, please provide a 1-paragraph summary for each presentation:
The goal of the session was the presentation of the Internet Literacy Handbook and in particular the issues above. After some introductory remarks by J. Richardson on the background to the Handbook and its revision, the presentation was articulated in an interactive quiz on the issues, completed by short explanations by all speakers.

- Please describe the Discussions that took place during the workshop session (3 paragraphs):
Given the quiz format, there was interaction all along the flash session. Participants were very active on the different topics and appreciated the way the Handbook was explained. Prizes (chocolate) were distributed at the end to the most active participants.

- Please describe any Participant suggestions regarding the way forward/ potential next steps /key takeaways (3 paragraphs):
Participants were very interested in the revised version of the Council of Europe Internet Literacy Handbook. Many knew the previous versions and were eager to use the new one, for which great appreciation was expressed. Several asked permission for its use (there is no need as it is a tool that the Council of Europe put at disposal on its website) and inquired about its translation in different languages (currently it exists only in EN and FR). The format of the session (the quiz) was also highly appreciated.

Gender Reporting

- Estimate the overall number of the participants present at the session: 60

- Estimate the overall number of women present at the session: half

- To what extent did the session discuss gender equality and/or women's empowerment? The discussion was gender neutral

- If the session addressed issues related to gender equality and/or women's empowerment, please provide a brief summary of the discussion: N/A