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“BUILDING A CYBER RESILIENT SOCIETY. WHAT WE SHALL DO MORE FOR THE SAFETY OF CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE ONLINE?”

The international conference “Building a cyber resilient society. What we shall do more for the safety of children and young people online?” was organized on April 17, 2019 by Sofia Security Forum and the Embassy of the Kingdom of the Netherlands.

The aim of the conference was to discuss the security of young people online and to share good practices of Bulgaria and the Kingdom of the Netherlands in the sphere of cyber-security.



The conference is a real contribution to the development of a cyber-resilient societies on Bulgaria and the Netherlands and to the greater security of young people online. A

special survey was made by “Hestia” foundation to better understand the aptitudes of the young people for safer use of internet.

The conference was attended by the Mayor of Sofia Yordanka Fandakova, the deputy Chief of Mission of the Dutch Embassy, a Deputy Minister of Education and Science, etc.

Prominent Bulgarian and Dutch experts and politicians were among the participants. About 90 students, pupils, cyber-security experts, representatives of the government structures, NGOs and business took part in the event.



The program of the event is attached.

For the sustainability of the conference’s results, the survey on the knowledge and aptitudes of young people for safer work in the internet was printed in a separate book and distributed among different stakeholders, schools and NGOs.

P R O G R A M

Moderator of the event: Nadya Obretenova, Journalist, Bulgarian National TV

13.30 – Registration and coffee

14.00 – OPENING

HE Bea Ten Tusscher, Ambassador of the Kingdom of Netherlands

Ms. Yordanka Fandakova, Mayor of Sofia

Mr. Yordan Bozhilov, President of Sofia Security Forum

14.15 – 15.30 – First Panel. Cyber risks for children and the young people and new trends. Real risks and myths.

What are the main online risks for children and young people on the Internet? Do young people know how to protect themselves? How to cope with the new risks such as online radicalization and misinformation? Who is responsible for developing the needed digital and media literacy and skills of the children – family, school, government or society?

The speakers will present their analyses and best practice as a basis for discussion on how to better protect children and young people in digital environments and empower them to use the opportunities for learning, acquiring new skills and become digital citizens.

- Ms. Tanya Mikchaylova, Deputy Minister of Education and Science (confirmed)

- Georgi Apostolov, Safe Internet (confirmed)

- Erik Jan Koedijk, Communications Strategist Cyber Security, The Netherlands (confirmed)

15.30 – 15.45 – Coffee-break, Movie “Who is in front of me in the Internet?”

15.45 – 17.00 – Second Panel. From analyses to actions.

What should state, business, and civic organizations do to protect young people from the risks on the internet and to promote a new digital culture. The experience of the

Netherlands and Bulgaria in the field of Internet security policies will be shared. Participants will discuss working models and measures for ensuring young people's online safety.

- Erik Jan Koedijk, Communications Strategist Cyber Security, The Netherlands.
- Denitsa Drumeva, Hestia Foundation, Results from a cyber Security Awareness Survey (confirmed)
- Mr. Yovor Kolev, Chairman, National Cyber Security Office, Ministry of Interior (confirmed)
- Mary-Jo de Leeuw, Director, Cybersecurity Advocacy (ISC)², the Netherlands (confirmed)
- Krasimir Simonski, Deputy Chairman, e-Government State Agency (confirmed).