

# LIFE ONLINE THROUGH CHILDREN'S EYES

- FINDINGS FROM CHILDREN'S ADVISORY PANEL

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## 700 CHILDREN'S VOICES

To understand the children's perspectives



16 schools



32 workshops



641 kids



61 kids interviewed





## **CREATIVITY AND WILD OPTIMISM**

- emotion-reading robots
- **!** time-machines
- "skill pills"
- finding friends
- boosting self-esteem
- attacking loneliness
- sharing ideas
- **!** learning new hobbies



#### EMBRACING THE OPPORTUNITIES OF LIFE ONLINE

"In real life a lot of things define you: your clothes, body language, height, size, weight, manner of speaking. But on the internet you feel free and equal. And anonymous – you can do whatever you want."

Boy, 15



#### MATURITY AND RESILIENCE

"Wikipedia is not always true. Everyone can write. You need to check more places to see if it is true."

*Girl, 11* 



#### MATURITY AND RESILIENCE

"You never know who is who on the internet. Everyone could be anyone. So you have to be careful to not forget this." Boy, 15



#### MATURITY AND RESILIENCE

"We have a nude photo of a boy that he sent to a friend. We would never share that! It can ruin his life." Girl, 14



#### GOOD CONNECTIVITY FOR SOCIAL INCLUSION

"I would be impressed if everyone could have equally strong internet. When we play games [online] sometimes the internet fails for some of my friends. Then they are thrown out of the game or the Skype call breaks." Boy, 12



#### **ROLE OF ADULTS ONLINE**

"It is important to have rules so that everyone behaves and can feel safe. Bullying can really hurt you." Girl, 11



## REFLECTION OF THE RESULTS

- Challenge in every country: children need innovation skills and co-creation skills
   also gain the confidence to make mistakes and fail.
- We need to listen and learn: children can find solutions to identified problems of digital culture – and adults can really benefit from it.
- Finding the opportunities, enabling the change: Digiboom-campaign in Finland.







### **NEXT STEPS**

- Findings available for multistakeholder dialogue, including the ICT Coalition
- Internal discussion to define our role
  - Policies?
  - Communication activities?
  - Specific services?
  - Collaboration?







