



Opportunities and risks of digitalisation for girls and boys

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Why?



Objectives

- Understand digital lives of girls and boys
- Support opportunities digitalisation offers
- Mitigate risks digitalisation brings along
- Promote gender equality among youth
- Bring gender to the centre of research & policies on youth and digitalisation

Focus: to understand

- how digital technologies could be safer for girls and boys?
- how digital technologies promote gender equality through youth social and political participation?

Focus

- Online participation of girls and boys in social and political life
- Gender-based cyber violence
- Objectives of the Beijing Platform for Action

What we need to know

- **access** to digital technologies by different groups of girls and boys (gender and intersectional perspective);
- different **risks and opportunities** for girls and boys;
- **digital spaces** as gendered spaces reflecting social hierarchies;
- forms of **online social and political participation**
- use of **digital technologies for gender equality** and social inclusion;
- **digital literacy** to recognize gender stereotypes, cyber harassment and violence; to avoid and counter these practices; to know when and where to seek support if needed.

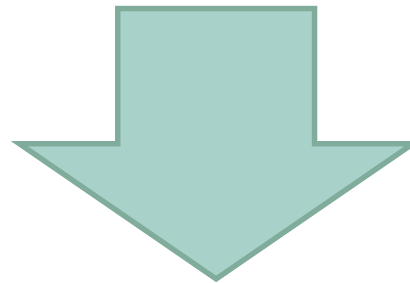
How?

Literature and data review

Qualitative research: focus groups discussions with girls and boys (15-18) in 10 countries

Experts' interviews in 10 countries

Policy review



Research findings

Policy recommendations

New indicators on BPfA for the Girl child

Your input

Are you aware of any legal act, policy initiative or programme to

Promote gender equality among youth via digital technologies

- ✓ EU level
- ✓ National or regional level

Your input

Are you aware of any legal act, policy initiative or programme to

Foster online participation of girls and boys in social and political life

- ✓ EU level
- ✓ National or regional level

Your input

Are you aware of any legal act, policy initiative or programme to

*Mitigate risks of digital technologies
(e.g cyber violence, harassment or
sexting)*

- ✓ EU level
- ✓ National or regional level



Thank you

