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Background

The International Conference "Keeping Children and Young People Safe Online" gathers annually experts from all over Europe and beyond to discuss both the biggest safety threats on the internet as well as the latest trends and possibilities for using new technologies by children and young people. The event is jointly organised by the Polish and German Safer Internet Centres (SICs) as well as International Telecommunication Union.

Thematic sessions are led by recognised international experts in the field of child protection. The conference programme includes, among others, issues related to online aggression, pornography and sexting as well as fake news. The agenda of the event will also cover topics linked to positive online content for children and youth. Moreover, the conference will provide an opportunity to learn about the results of the latest studies concerning online safety.

The event is mainly addressed to representatives of the education sector, NGOs, law enforcement agencies, and internet service and content providers.

Proposal

Within the framework of cooperation with ITU next editions of the conference are planned. In 2019 the 13th edition is going to take place in Copernicus Science Centre on 17-18 September 2019. The conference is open for all experts and members of ITU will be informed on possibility of registration.

