

# Young Europeans have their say



## General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR)

Privacy, personal data, parental consent and the youth perspective

"Rather than standing or speaking for children, we need to stand with children speaking for themselves. ... Ewe need to I build environments and policies for our collective future."

Sandra Meucci, social justice advocate

The General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR)\* protects privacy and personal data rights of European Union citizens and clearly defines data protection responsibilities of information service providers. It also obliges them to obtain the permission of a parent or legal guardian before personal data of children under the default threshold age of 16 years can be processed.

This age can be lowered by national governments to a minimum of 13 years.

As young people are often the most avid users and early adopters of online technology, their opinion on online rights and responsibilities, as well as on the way they believe the GDPR may affect their online lives, should count.

The goal of the **Have your say** programme is twofold: encourage youth across Europe to share their ideas, concerns and expectations, and ensure that their voice is heard by the powers that be.

The following pages offer readers insight into some of the ideas expressed in well over a thousand memes, posters, sticky notes and mind maps they sent us...

\*http://www.privacy-regulation.eu/en/

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The voice of young people from Croatia, Cyprus, Greece, the Netherlands, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Slovakia, Spain.

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### We know our rights!

It used to be believed that the parent had unlimited claims on the child and rights over him. In a truer view of the matter, we are coming to see that the rights are on the side of the child and the duties on the side of the parent.

William G. Sumner, 19th century social scientist

Freedom of expression is the best thing about the Internet.

We are aware of the dangers on the Internet, and we know that rights come with responsibilities.

Give us a chance to show we are mature enough and can behave online responsibly. (Slovakia)

The Internet is a servant to our everyday life. (Croatia)

The key is education, not prohibition. (Cyprus)



I have the right to online privacy.

(Poland)



The possibility for each human to be on the Internet is a right.

(Greece)



Did you know?
The child has the Right to speak out.
(Croatia)

Are parents and teachers aware of children's rights? Can't they do more to help protect them for all children?

Why can't the authorities create clear, concise laws that respect our rights and protect us better from discrimination, abuse, and harmful content, contact and conduct on the Internet? Parents must communicate with children, but give them freedom. (Romania)



Article 4 – Implementation of rights: The State must do all it can to Implement the rights contained in the Convention. Article 28 – Education: The child has a right to education, and the State's duty is to ensure that school discipline is consistent with children's rights and dignity.

(Croatia)

Article 8 – Preservation of identity: The State has an obligation to protect and, if necessary, re-establish basic aspects of the child's identity.

Give us a chance to speak up and utter our opinion. (Slovakia)

PORQUESOU CRIANÇA

They don't want to hear me just because I'm a child. (Portugal)

(Romania) There are 4 ways you can make the Internet safer, and be respectful of children's rights:

- guide us to act online so that we are not subject to any sorts of threats;
- establish and apply measures to prevent cyberbullying, identify it as soon as it begins and prevent it from developing;
  - prevent illegal drug sales on the Internet, not just for children;
- monitor social networking posts to prevent any dangers we could be exposed to.



It is the right of the children to create content on the Internet. (Greece)



Everyone deserves privacy, even young people. (The Netherlands)



When my parents give me freedom of thought. (Portugal)

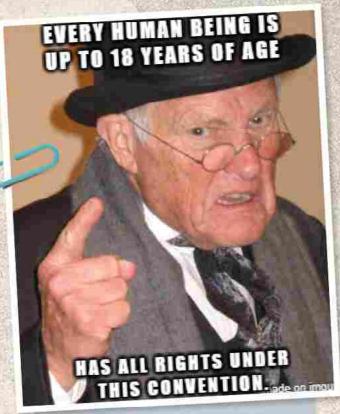


When they tell me that I don't have the right to freedom of expression. (Greece)



(Portugal)





Every human being up to 18 years of age has all rights under this Convention. (Croatia)

Article 18 Your parents must educate you, trying to do what's best for you. (Portugal)

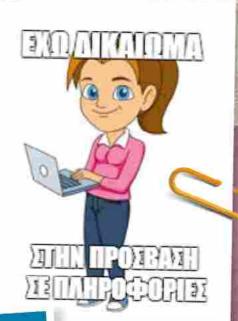
1 have the Right to access information. (Cyprus)





KINDEREN **ONDER DE 16 JAAR HEBBEN OOK RECHT OP** PRIVACY.

Children under 16 also have the right to privacy. O (The Netherlands)



**ARTIGO 18** 

OS TEUS PAIS DEVEM EDUCAR-TI PROGURANDO FAZER O QUE E MELHOR

NÃO DEIXEM AS NOSSAS MÃOS DIGITAIS ATADAS



#RGPD #DIREITOSDACRIANÇA

#RGPDDÁATUAOPINIÃO!

Don't Leave us with our digital hands tied. (Portugal)



You have all those rights regardless of your race, language, or religion. It does not matter what country you were born in, if you have some sort of handicap, if you are rich or poor. (Portugal)



Give me my-rights back noooww! Otherwise ther will be a consequence!!! (Croatia)



I have the right to protect my image.
(Poland)



Article 28

You have the right to education.

Basic education must be free and you should not drop out of school.

(Portugal)



I have the right to be myself. (Poland)



I have a right to online privacy.
(Poland)

## Speaking out about Internet challenges

For society to attempt to solve its desperate problems without the full participation of even very young people is imbecile.

Alvin Toffler, writer and futurist

#### The trouble with parents...

How will you prevent children from filling out a different age?
You don't. And suppose parents will not find something a good idea, then the children will sneak around and do it anyway.

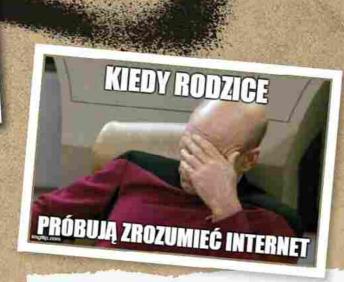
(The Netherlands)



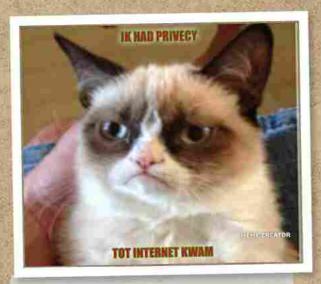
When from now on you will enter Facebook with a fake age. (Greece)



(Croatia)



When parents try to understand the Internet. (Poland)



I had privacy until the Internet arrived.

(The Netherlands)



I must admit that...
I am against the age limit.
Because my parents are not always home to ask them for permission.
(The Netherlands)



Asking for permission until 16!?
Say whattt!!!!!?
(The Netherlands)

IK BEN TEGEN DE
LEEFTIJDSGRENS
OMDAT HET
IRRITANT IS OM
DE HELE TIJD
TOESTEMMING TE
VRAGEN!!!

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I'm against any age limit because it's annoying having to ask permission all the time. (The Netherlands)



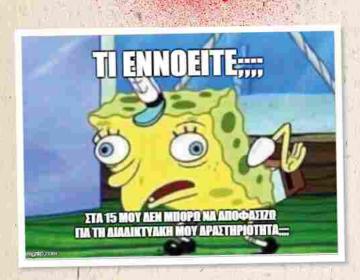
I am 15 and have legally Instagram. Do I have to delete it now? (Cyprus)



We don't agree... because, for example, your parents get an email they might not read. Then all of a sudden your app will be deleted. We want it to be age 13!!

(The Netherlands)

Autonomy: earned or learned? People tell us to be more creative and be entrepreneurs. But what will happen to our sites and businesses until we reach age 16?



What do you mean????

At 15 | cannot decide for my online activity????? (Cyprus)



My profiles, my decisions! (Poland)



When I've got 2000 followers and they take away my Instagram account. (Spain)



At the age of 13
you already function properly!
Give us a chance to prove it!!
(The Netherlands)



My data. My business. (Poland)





Dear God don't take my Internet. (Portugal)



You can't simply take away our rights to access the Information Society.

(Portugal)



Having full access on the net only from age 16, is like needing to be 13 to ride a tricycle. (Portugal)



(Croatia)



#### The European reality

What happens when you travel to a country with a different age restriction?

Είχα την εντύπωση πως όλα τα παιδιά μοιραζόμαστε τα ίδια δικαιώματα.... Ο Κανονισμός αυτός άλλα μας λέει όμως.....



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I had the impression that all kids share the same rights... but this Regulation tells us other things... (Cyprus)





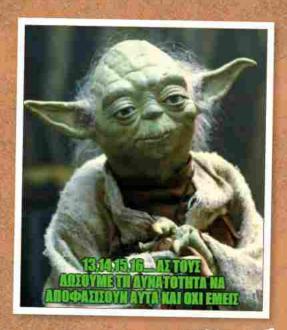
"FB after 16!!!!!"
"Excuse me????? What did you say???"
"Did you ask us at all???"
(Cyprus)



#### **13 FOR ALL**



**TOGETHER WE STAND** 



13, 14, 15, 16... Let's give them the possibility to decide for themselves, not us for them. (Cyprus)



We don't want any age limits!!!
(The Netherlands)



Changes are not always for the better. And you know it! (Spain)

## EDUCATION for ALL!

Instead of removing social network rights from those under 16, we can educate the children better so that they can use social networks in a better way. (Spain)

#### digiQ ATTER # EMILTRIGHTS WE DON'T ACCEPT EVERYONE WE DON'T SEND SNAPS TO TECHE WE ON INSTAGRANT ON INSTAGRAM LIVESTREAMS WE DON'T SHAKE TOSTS HARRASTIENT FACEBOOK ACCEPTING QUESTIONS THAT DOES N'T INCLUDE PERSONAL FRIEND REQUEST INFORMATION ABOUT US, OUR FAMILY OR PEOPLE THAT WE LAKE ABOUT I WE DON'T TEXT TO RANDOM

(Slovakia)

TEMOS O DIREITO À EDUCAÇÃO GRATUITA E AO LAZER INFANTIL MAS NÃO NOS DEIXAM ACEDERA INTERNET SEM CONSENTIMENTO

We have the right to free education and to child leisure, but we're not allowed to access the Internet without consent. (Portugal)

I am against the new age law. I think that young people should be allowed to have their own privacy. But at younger ages up until 10 years old. it will be necessary that parents check up on their children. because youngsters search for weird movie clips and websites. (The Netherlands)

PEOPLE

HE DON'T ACCEPT STRAILSER'S



NE TEROST HEAN JULET GUESTION THAY HARASS SOMEONE

### Stepping into the future

Age considers; youth ventures.

Rabindranath Tagore, poet, musician, philosopher



- I have the right to explore the
- possibilities of the Internet, as
- I have the right to be informed
- about its dangers... (Cyprus)



Your selfies will show up on the Internet but will never disappear from the Internet.

(Portugal)

## ON SELFIES

Selfies can help you boost your self-esteem. But they prevent people from seeing you as you really are; they just see what you pretend to be. They can have negative repercussions.

(Spain)

One out of two children post selfies which reveal their physical location.
(Greece)



Your face when you discover on the Internet a selfie you took several years ago. (Portugal)



I sent him a selfie that should have been just for him. Now my photo is all over the Internet.
(Portugal)



When somebody creates

a fake profile with my picture!

(Greece)

"We have to protect people's privacy
when they publish selfies!"

"Censor their faces!"

"Show the selfies to friends only."

"How about not publishing selfies?"

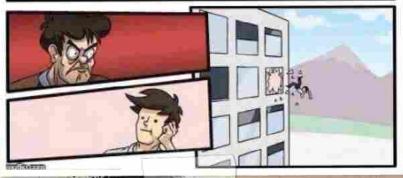
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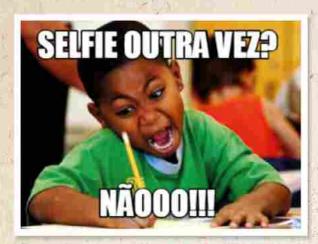


Watch out!
While you take a selfle you
don't know who's behind you...
(Portugal)









Selfie again? Noooo!!! (Portugal)



Selfie isn't everything (Poland)

## Watch out for drones!



Become a smart drone pilot! (Greece)



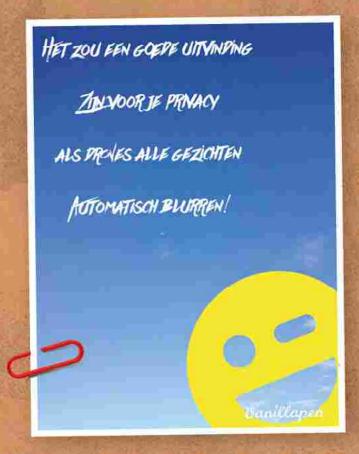
When my grandmother sees my pictures.
(Portugal)



Beware of selfies!!! Later on they can cause troubles. (Portugal)



Watch out! Drones can be used against people! (Poland)



It would be a good invention for your privacy if drones would automatically blur all faces!
(The Netherlands)



When you think you are alone But you are being watched!!! (Portugal)

(Greece)

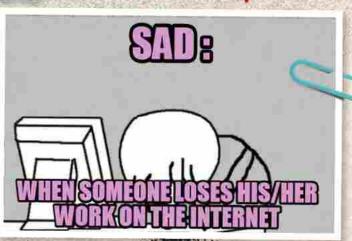
## More things to watch out for...



I've provided my personal data and now they are after me. (Portugal)



Don't cyberbully others. It's stupid.
(Portugal)





A paedophile talks to him then reports him for harassment. (Portugal)



You never know what's behind the mask. (Portugal)

### The GDPR - Conceptions and misconceptions

The activity of accessing online information protects us against new dangers that are created (lrene, 14)

The right to knowledge is affected (Alexandros, 14)

επηρεάζεται το δικαίωμα στην γνώση, Αλέξανδρος 14

Θα στερηθούμε την επικοινωνία με τους φίλους μας, Καλοτίνα 15

We will be deprived of communication with our friends (Kalotina, 15)

Η δραστηριότητα της αναζήτησης πληροφοριών θα μειωθεί και δε θα ξέρουμε τα τελευταία νέα που μας αφορούν, Γιάννης 15

The activity of searching for information will be reduced, and we will not know the latest information that concerns us (Yiannis, 15) η δραστηριότητα της διαδικτυακής ενημέρωσης, μας προστατεύει απο νέους κινδύνους που δημιουργούνται, Ειρήνη 14

Διαδικτυακές δραστηριότητες, εκπαιδευτικές και κοινωνικές ευκαιρίες που θα επηρεαστούν από τον Κανονισμό

Internet activities, educational and social opportunities which will be affected by the Regulation

ΕΠΗΡΕΑΖΕΤΑΙ Η ΨΥΧΑΓΩΓΙΑ ΜΑΣ ΠΧ YOUTUBE, Βακίνα 15

> Our entertainment is affected, e.g. youtube (Vakina, 15)

> > (GREECE)

We will not be able to share information, like a project we carry out, for example via email (Antonis – Kterina, 14)

Δεν θα μπορούμε να μοιραζόμαστε πληροφορίες όπως μια εργασία που κάνουμε πx με email, Αντώνης- Κτερίνα 14

> αποξένωση από τις παρέες των συνομηλίκων μου, π.χ οργάνωση μέσω viber ή face book, Ελένη 14

Alienation from the company of my peers, for example from peer groups in viber or facebook (Eleni, 14)

Η βοήθεια στη μάθηση θα περιοριστεί γιατί δεν θα μπορούμε να επισκεπτόμαστε διάφορες εκπαιδευτικές σελίδες, Νίκος 15

The support to learning will be limited, because we will not be able to visit various educational pages (Nikos, 15)

#### Time for action!

Young people should be at the forefront of global change and innovation.

Kofi Anan, former UN Secretary-General, awarded 2001 Nobel Peace Prize

We want access to the Information Society.
The key is education.
(Greece)

Authorities have to consult children when they make important decisions for them.
(Romania)

The problem is the lack of education about social networks, not the age at which they are used.

(Spain)

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- We share our creativity online.
- Give us a chance to show it.
  - (Slovakia)



INTERNET JE DOBAR SLUGA I LOS GOSPODAR

INTERNET IS A GOOD SERVANT BUT A BAD MASTER

The Internet is a good servant but a bad master.
(Croatia)



Father...
The Internet has enormous potential.
Do you know that???

(Cyprus)



We need education, not prohibitions!!!
(Cyprus)



You need safety, not bodyguards. (Portugal)

## A few tips to finish



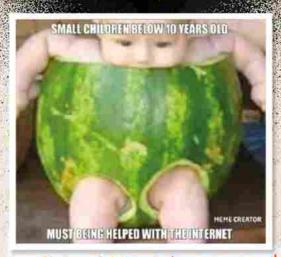
Take care of your privacy on the net.

Otherwise you'll be bitten.

(Portugal)



Prohibiting is not the solution! Education is the solution! (Portugal)



Small children below 10 years old must be helped with the Internet. (The Netherlands)



Your parents should help with dangerous 18+apps.
(The Netherlands)



Mommy don't worry, I won't use the cell phone again. (Spain)



Girls, I know I'm cute! But take it easy, respect my privacy. (Portugal)



Beware of what you share because...
... not everyone sees it from your perspective.
(Portugal)





Together we create
Internet without hate.
(Poland)

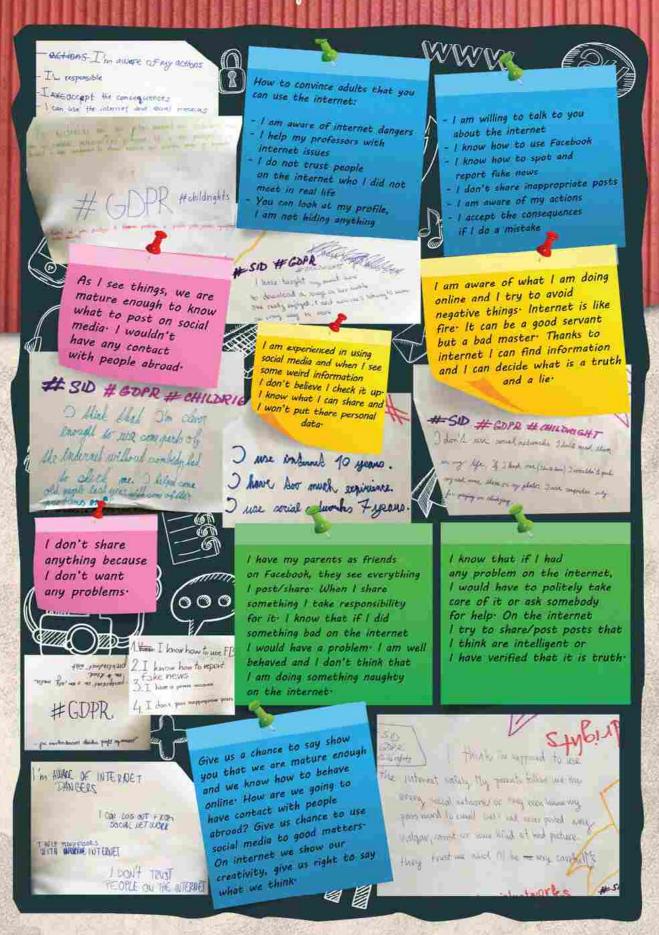


(The Netherlands)



For me the online world is more than just a web. (Poland)

## How children see themselves acting on the Internet. (From digiQ, Slovakia)



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