# Highlights from + Safer Internet Day 2024 +



On Tuesday, 6 February 2024, the 21st edition of Safer Internet Day took place under the continuing campaign slogan of Together for a better internet.

This annual celebration aims to raise awareness of the importance of both a safer and a better internet, where everyone is empowered to use technology responsibly, respectfully, critically and creatively.

Through a diverse array of actions, across Europe and the globe, the campaign reached a wide range of benefactors and stakeholders – children and young people, parents and caregivers, teachers, educators and social workers, as well as industry, decision-makers and politicians – with a call to action to encourage everyone to play their part in creating a better internet. Approximately 190 countries and territories marked the day.

## Safer Internet Day: a global celebration



Within Europe, <u>Safer Internet Centres</u> led the celebrations of the day. Further afield, <u>SIC+ programme participants</u> and Safer Internet Day Committees across the globe helped to raise awareness of safer and better internet messages. All participated with national and localised campaigns, events and activities, covering a range of topical issues like disinformation, safe gaming practices, and cyberbullying.

Find out more from the <u>country profile pages on the Safer Internet Day website</u>, or check out <u>various articles summarising the reach and impact of their actions</u>.

Alongside the country-based celebrations, organisational and industry supporters – many with a global presence – also joined the day. Read more about <u>supporter actions</u> on the Safer Internet <u>Day website</u>.

\* <u>Insafe and INHOPE</u> work together through a network of Safer Internet Centres across Europe, typically comprising an awareness centre, helpline, hotline and youth participation actions. Many Safer Internet Centres are co-funded by the European Union within the framework of the <u>European Commission's Better Internet for Kids (BIK+) strategy.</u>

### -- Safer Internet Day impact --

#### Safer Internet Day in the media

Articles appeared in both national and international media, right across the globe.

- In Europe, many key institutions and organisations marked the day with press releases and media announcements, including the <u>European Commission</u>, the <u>Council of Europe</u>, <u>ENISA</u> (the European Union Agency for Cybersecurity), <u>ERC</u> (the European Research Council) and <u>Europol</u>, to name just a few.
- In Oceania, Australia saw coverage from Mirage News, IT Wire, and Security Brief Australia featured discussions on the topic.
- Moving to Africa, Egypt's <u>Daily News Egypt</u> and <u>Ghana's Modern Ghana</u>, contributed to the discourse alongside Kenya's <u>CIO Africa</u> and <u>South Africa's ITWeb</u> and <u>The Citizen</u>.
- In Asia, significant coverage was observed in India through <u>The Times of India</u>, <u>Times Now</u>, <u>News9</u>, and <u>Deccan Herald</u>, as well as in Korea via <u>Business Korea</u>.



- The Middle East region featured discussions from the UAE with <u>Tahawul Tech</u> and <u>Zawya</u>.
- In South America, Brazil was represented by <u>dpl News</u>.
  - Meanwhile, across the Atlantic, the USA saw attention from platforms such as <u>Spiceworks</u>, <u>Trend Micro</u>, <u>Technical.ly</u>, and <u>WRAL TechWire</u>.





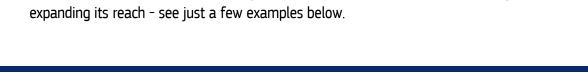




# Safer Internet Day online

- Throughout the campaign period, the <u>Safer Internet Day website</u> attracted approximately 3,500 daily visits, totalling around 111,500 visits and 283,500 page views. On the day of Safer Internet Day, the website experienced a significant surge in traffic, with nearly 39,000 unique visitors and over 55,000 page views.
- The campaign's hashtag, #SaferInternetDay, resonated widely across various online platforms including X (formerly Twitter), Facebook, YouTube, Instagram, and numerous websites, serving as a rallying point for promoting online safety.
   Posts, articles, and other media containing the hashtag gathered over 5,000 mentions and reached
- an impressive audience of more than 14 million profiles across multiple social media channels and the web on Safer Internet Day alone.

  One of the main features of Safer Internet Day is the support the campaign receives from



influential stakeholders online, driving a multiplier effect on social media and significantly

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Next year

Safer Internet Day 2025 will be marked by a global day of focus on Tuesday, 11 February 2025. Events and activities will take place across Europe and beyond throughout the whole month of February.

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