

BIK Youth Panel 2026 - Call for participation

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Safer Internet Forum (SIF) 2026 will take place on Thursday, 3 December 2026 at the Cardo Hotel, in Brussels (Belgium). As in the previous years, a BIK Youth Panel will be established for SIF 2026. The BIK Youth Panel is convened to empower a group of young people to delve deeper into current trends and issues related to online safety, voice their opinions and views on such topics, and represent their peers at the European level. Due to the SIF youth-led approach, the BIK Youth Panel has a significant role in planning and delivering the event.

Youth nominations

In line with the requirements of the BIK initiative, the BIK Youth Panel aims to include one young person from each country. Where SICs do not have a national youth panel or are unable to send a youth representative for other reasons, EUN will supplement the number by inviting additional youth from other European countries. Therefore, we are inviting Insafe network members to nominate **up to two young people** to take part in the BIK Youth Panel. Please note that the participation of the second young person is not guaranteed and will be considered on a first come, first served basis.

If you wish to nominate young people to the BIK Youth Panel 2026, contact Chiara Antonelli (chiara.antonelli@eun.org) **by Tuesday, 1 September 2026 EOB**.

Please note that EUN will fully arrange and cover the costs of travel, accommodation and meals for all accepted youth participants. For chaperones, please note that all arrangements and costs need to be made and covered by the SIC.

Youth profile

When nominating young people from the national youth panel, youth coordinators should take into account the following criteria:

- Youngsters should be between 12-18 years old.

- Newcomers are welcome and their nomination is encouraged.
- Confident speaking English and interested to meet and exchange with other young people from around Europe and beyond.
- Be outspoken and willing to speak in public.
- Interested in online safety and internet governance topics.
- Happy to create and produce content/resources (e.g. video) to be showcased at the Safer Internet Forum.
- Willing to commit to a series of online preparatory meetings (approx. 6 sessions) from September to November 2026. The meetings will take place in the evening once every other week.
- Able to take time off school to join us for three days in Brussels (1-3 December 2026).
- Motivated and willing to have a great time!

To ensure a diverse and inclusive youth panel, we encourage SIC colleagues to reach out to EUN (Chiara Antonelli - chiara.antonelli@eun.org) in case a youngster needs specific assistance. We are happy to explore together and support any special needs or vulnerabilities.

Online and onsite preparation

For SIF 2026, young people nominated for the BIK Youth Panel 2026 will first attend preparatory meetings online, happening from September to November 2026. Afterwards, they will convene for 1.5 days of onsite preparation (Tuesday and Wednesday, 1-2 December 2026), and thus, are expected to arrive in Brussels on the morning of Tuesday, 1 December 2026 at the latest.

As in previous years, online preparatory meetings with the BIK Youth Panel 2026 will be held on Big Blue Button. All meetings will take place during the evening, between 18:00 and 20:00 CEST/CET.

Online meetings schedule

The online preparatory meetings will take place on the following dates:

- Tuesday, 29 September
- Monday, 5 October
- Wednesday, 14 October
- Thursday, 22 October
- Wednesday, 28 October
- Wednesday, 4 November
- Monday, 16 November
- Monday, 23 November

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