

MALTA – INNOVATIVE SAFETY PROJECTS FOR KIDS

EXAMPLES FROM THE REPOSITORY

Public/Private funded websites: ibrowsesafely.com.mt/en/; fsws.gov.mt/en/onlineabuse/Pages/welcome-online-abuse.aspx; besmartonline.org.mt/ (helps children, youths, parents and educators understand the basic principles and best practices for a safer online experience for children), kellimni.com (provides free anonymous, confidential support to young people, Partnership between Appogg, the Salesians of Don Bosco, Agenzija Zghazagh and SOS Malta; Service providers), Vioside.com, once-software.com/once/; **Apps:** **Fluency SIS, Funky Fruitiliscious**



App Fluency SIS

In Malta children are exposed to both English and Maltese language and access websites in both languages. Most educational and cultural projects would be co-funded by the European Union. The main project for raising awareness on the safe use of the internet is BeSmartOnline. However, Malta also has some private initiatives, e.g. Vodafone's Corporate Social Responsibility Section sponsoring digital parenting on a website and Facebook and training awareness for parents and children. Teachers are very often the main educators on the safe use of the internet by children. However, there are times when they create curiosity in the children and very often children are ahead of their teachers. There are several recommended projects (by Prof. Alexiei Dingli, Expert on Artificial Intelligence, Faculty of ICT, University of Malta): The Safe YouTube project: a cover is created on top of YouTube which makes use of Artificial Intelligence in order to filter out videos which are not adequate for young children. The Social Network for kids project: a social network is created in order to give students the opportunity to learn how to behave on such networks. The system will be monitored.