

# OVER 150 CHILDREN CELEBRATE SAFER INTERNET DAY AT EUROPOL

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Working together with young people is one of the best ways to stop them from falling victim to crimes like sexual extortion and coercion, cyberbullying, grooming and sexting, online fraud, counterfeit goods and identity theft. Protecting new generations in a cyber world full of threats is a top priority for law enforcement all over Europe.

Europol wanted to hear how our children use the internet, so on international Safer Internet Day we invited over 150 students to our headquarters. Pupils came from international and Dutch schools in and around The Hague to celebrate the [third European Youth Day](#) at Europol. This year's theme was 'Together for a better internet'.

On offer was a whole range of activities, presentations and masterclasses with Europol experts and highly experienced cyber professionals. Pupils also took part in workshops and hands-on interactive experiences where they could jump into a police officer's shoes and follow clues or help two forensic cyber specialists crack a case. Pupils could make the most of our cyber escape room where they had to find a suspect, and a CSI experience where pupils played the part of a cyber squad to help cyber forensic specialists solve an investigation.

For this event, Europol worked together with different partners such as Dutch Safer Internet Centre, Dutch Helpline (Expertisebureau Online Kindermisbruik), Dutch High Tech Crime Unit, The Hague police, Twente University, Hack in the Class, Cybersafety4u, LFE management & events, Palo Alto Networks and KPN.

Two years ago, Europol's [European Cybercrime Centre \(EC3\)](#) launched the European Youth Day at Europol, an innovative project to amplify the voices of children in the area of online safety. Two key dates were highlighted: the adoption of the 1989 UN Convention on the Rights of the Child and the European Day of the Protection of [Children Against Sexual Exploitation and Sexual Abuse](#).

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