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ACTION PLAN AGAINST CYBERBULLYING

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The EU's Action Plan is stepping up actions to tackle cyberbullying and make the online world safer and better for children and young people.

Cyberbullying is the main reason for contacting Safer internet centres

1 in 6
Adolescents report they were bullied online

1 in 8
Admit to participating in online bullying

OUR PLAN TO HELP

COORDINATED PROTECTION

PREVENTION THROUGH AWARENESS AND EMPOWERMENT

AN EASY REPORTING AND SUPPORT APP

The Action plan introduces a common understanding of cyberbullying:

'behaviour carried out through digital technologies, with the primary intention or the effect of recurrently or continuously humiliating, socially excluding, abusing, harassing or harming in particular children or young people'

CREATING AN EASY REPORTING AND SUPPORT APP

Support the roll out across Member States of an accessible online safety app

PREVENTION THROUGH AWARENESS AND EMPOWERMENT

Address cyberbullying in the update of guidelines for teachers and educators on tackling disinformation and promoting digital literacy

Strengthen citizenship education in schools through an EU citizenship competence framework and guidelines

COORDINATED PROTECTION

Strengthen the focus on tackling cyberbullying in the review of the DSA guidelines on the protection of minors

Implement AI Act provisions on prohibited practices and labeling AI content, which are related to cyberbullying

Address cyberbullying on video sharing platforms in the evaluation and review of the Audiovisual Media Services Directive

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