

The European Union's first dedicated NGO Alliance for Child Safety Online (**eNACSO**) launched its Digital Manifesto(1) on 14 November 2009 during the Internet Governance Forum(2) (IGF) in Egypt.

eNACSO was delighted to have Ms. Vivienne Reding (EU Commissioner for Information Society and Media) as a keynote speaker at the launch reception for the Digital Manifesto.

**'The global nature of the internet places a particular responsibility on international institutions and governments to take action at national and international level to ensure children are safe online '** says Dieter Carstensen, **eNACSO** Chair.

There is no doubt on the internet's potential to enrich the lives of children and young people, it is important to recognise that the internet has brought with it a number of unforeseen, unwanted and unintended consequences, some of which can put children and young people at risk of significant harm.

This manifesto presents eNACSO's recommendations to governments, industry and other stakeholders on how to create a safer online environment for children and young people. The Digital Manifesto will form part of eNACSO's 'Agenda for Action' document which will be launched in Brussels in May 2009.

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(1) [http://www.enacso.eu/images/stories/Documents/manifesto/enacso%20digital%20manifesto\\_final.pdf](http://www.enacso.eu/images/stories/Documents/manifesto/enacso%20digital%20manifesto_final.pdf)

(2) The Internet Governance Forum (IGF) is a multi-stakeholder forum for policy dialogue on issues of [Internet governance \[1\]](#) . The establishment of the IGF was formally announced by the United Nations Secretary-General in July 2006 and it was first convened in October / November 2006.