**Cybercrime and hate speech:   
How to make the internet a safe place for everyone?**

**Thursday October 3rd, 14h - 15.30h**

Every 39 seconds, a hacker attacks a computer connected to the internet. While everyone can be a victim of cyberattacks and online hate speech, people with intellectual disabilities are particularly vulnerable.

To address this issue, [Inclusion Europe](http://inclusion-europe.eu/), together with partners from Belgium, Czechia, Macedonia, Poland and Portugal, set up the [Be.safe project](http://besafe-project.eu/en/project/), which aims to:

* raise awareness of people with intellectual disabilities on dangers they might encounter online
* give teachers/educators the tools to support people with intellectual disabilities
* establish cooperation with police forces in tackling online crime faced by users with intellectual disabilities

During the past two years, the be.safe project has developed tools to better protect victims from internet crime, providing them support through:

* a database with safety rules
* case studies with insights from psychologists and the police
* material for training teachers
* material for training people with intellectual disabilities
* tools for police

As the project comes to an end in 2019, the final event brings together organisations and institutions active in the fight against cybercrime and online hate speech: the European Economic and Social Committee, the European Commission, Victim Support Europe and Unia. This discussion will reflect more broadly on the phenomenon of cybercrime and the actions undertaken to address it. It will also explore ways to take more vulnerable internet users into account.

**Agenda**

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| 14:00 | Welcome and opening of the event  EESC representative |
| 14:20 | **Cybercrime: What did we learn through Be.safe?**  Inclusion Europe  Self-advocates from Papillons Blancs de Dunkerque |
| 14:45 | Questions and answers |
| Related image14:55 Image result for european parliament logo | **Fight against online hate speech**  Eliza Vozemberg-Vrionidi, MEP (Video)  Astrid Eichstädt, Unia |
| 15:10 | **Support victims of cybercrime**  Ruth Shrimpling, Victim Support Europe |
| 15:20 | Questions and answers |
| 15:30 | **Closing remarks**  EESC/Inclusion Europe |

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