

Creating an equitable Information Society

Empowering citizens through broadband internet

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More opportunities than ever!

- ☯ Information
 - ❖ unreliability
 - ❖ unidentifiable sources
- ☯ User-generated content
 - ❖ downloadability
 - ❖ copyright
- ☯ Contacts
 - ❖ grooming





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Web safety warning for children

More than half of children in the UK using the internet have had an "unwanted experience", a poll suggests.



The study says more needs to be done to protect young people

The NSPCC found 50.4% of 2,053 children had experienced problems such as bullying, being threatened or sexually harassed while online.

It is concerned about the popularity of social networking sites such as Bebo or MySpace, which it says 52% of children aged 11-16 use once a day.

NSPCC chief executive Dame Mary Marsh said: "Children face real threats."



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Bullied Australian in A\$1m payout

An Australian teenager has won record damages after a court found that his school "grossly failed" in its duty to protect him from a school bully.

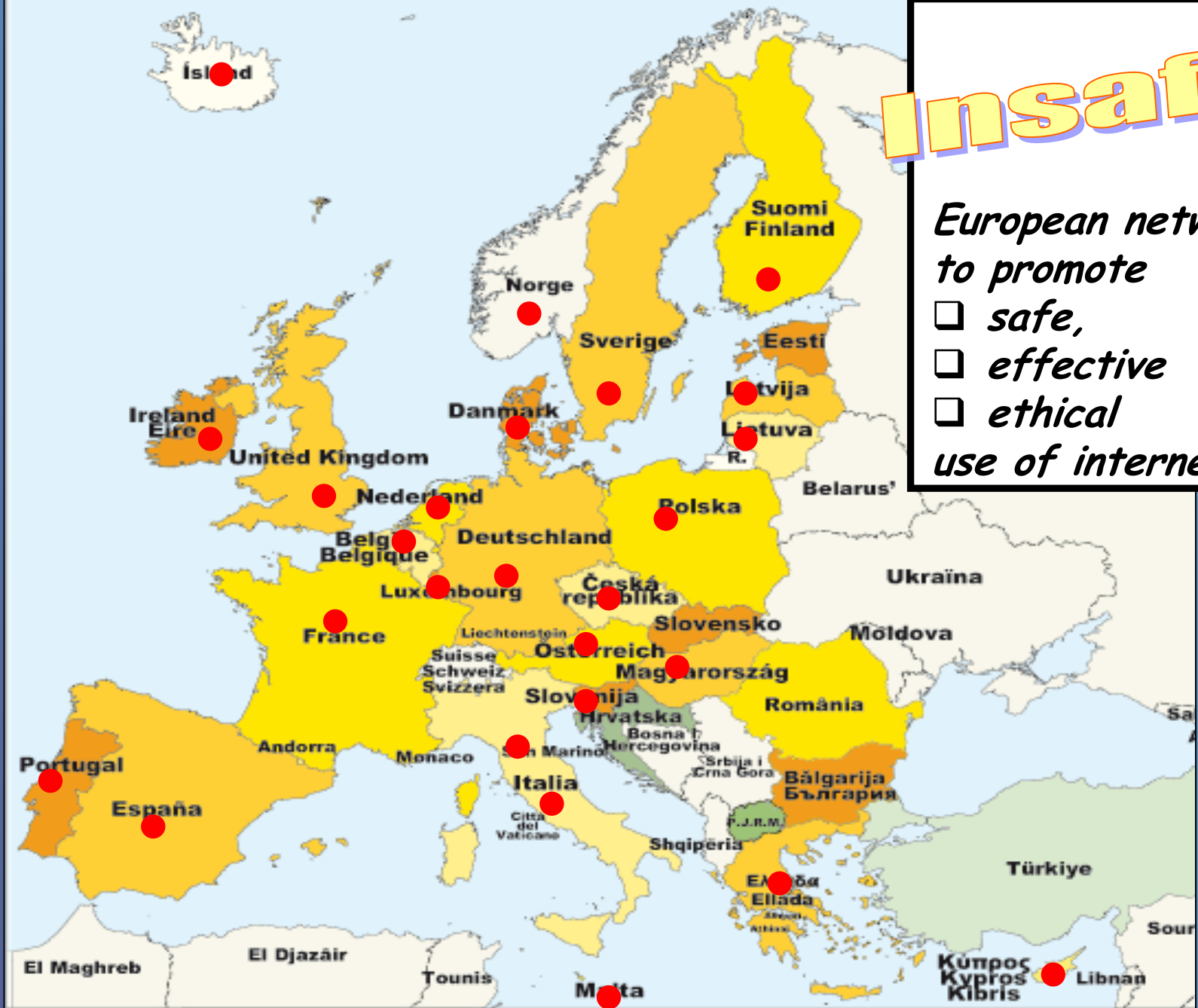


Prime Minister John Howard has announced new powers for teachers

Benjamin Cox, now 18, was regularly teased and beaten from the age of five by an older pupil, leaving him with psychiatric problems, a court heard.

He was awarded A\$213,000 (US\$177,000, £90,000) plus a lifetime income that is likely to take his payout beyond \$1m.

Australia's PM has made plans to give teachers more power to tackle bullying.



Insafe

European network
to promote

- safe,
- effective
- ethical

use of internet

Insafe's actions

- Awareness raising - Safer Internet Day, national & international events
- Knowledge building - surveys, competitions for schools, exchange of best practice...
- Knowledge sharing - training seminars, conferences, publications, newsletter



Cooperation with industry

- ✓ Awareness raising - broadening access in a safe environment, corporate responsibility partnerships, safe-use policy & tools, visible participation (e.g. blogathon)
- ✓ Knowledge building - security future-proofing, impact assessment to build timely campaigns, enhancing user skills, teacher training initiatives (e.g. Ireland)
- ✓ Knowledge sharing - active advisory role, training seminars, publications, newsletter

Internet is what we make of it!

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