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CyberViolence is a project aimed against online violence. The main problem about cyber violence is lack of knowledge and awareness about the problem of cyberbullying among young people, youth workers, teachers and parents. Among the youth, the problem is the lack of awareness of online threats, the lack of opportunities and the ability to respond to cyberbullying. Among the youth workers and teachers the problem is the lack of tools and methodologies for working with this topic, education and prevention. Among parents, there is no awareness of the problem and the ability to recognize the first signs of being a victim of cyberbullying. The project has a few main objectives, among which there are:

• Inform through new and innovative approaches (new scenarios for youth workshops, thematic comics, competitions, testing of these products, implementation and promotion of dissemination of results)
• Help in preventing cyberbullying, developing and providing a handbook and other resources for teachers;
• Increase knowledge about online threats, the consequences of online activities and the mental and emotional aspects of cyberbullying;
• Promote cross border cooperation in education and cyber violence prevention
The project is implemented by 4 organizations from 4 countries and has a transnational character, as the Internet has no borders and cyberviolence is an international problem that has to be solved at the international level:

- Institute of New Technologies Association (Poland) – leader of the project
- Crystal Clear Soft (Greece) – partner,
- DIRECT Association (Romania) – partner,
- CSP – INNOVAZIONE NELLE ICT S.C.A.R.L. (Italy) – partner,
This comic book is designed to stimulate discussion among young people, with their animators and teachers and in the family and is one of the tools designed and implemented by the CyberViolence project, together with a digital game, manuals, brochures to increase information and awareness of the issue of online violence.

The four stories, all related to episodes of cyberbullying through social media, have as protagonists the subjects who are usually involved in the phenomenon: the bully, the bulled, the public and families. Stories are inspired by different sources (books, manuals, projects) but they are all original and aim to start a discussion on the correct use of social media, on conflicts generated by misunderstandings, on the role of adults, on love and friendship, and also on that of authority.

The collaboration with the artist Alice Prisco, who gave characters of the stories personality and expressiveness, makes reading pleasant as well as certainly useful.
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The invisible boy

Friends today, tomorrow who knows

A show you can't miss

Stay out from my smartphone
The invisible boy

Frank's family was as happy as many others
A few years later, Frank's parents started arguing and the tension at home grew more and more.

In those moments, Frank felt himself invisible and alone.
He decided to persecute Jack, a mild classmate who seemed invisible in his eyes, like him.

Look what a loser!
He started to tease Jack in a malicious way on social networks, increasing his visibility.

Now everyone will know how much you are a loser, you will become famous!

What a nerd glasses, he is really bad
If I see him at school I pretend not to know him
The king of the losers
What's going on Jack? Something wrong?

Prof, I do not understand why Frank mocks me.

I know that Frank is having a bad time, I will organize a meeting, and you both can discuss and calm down.
I came here to talk to you and to know why you targeted me.

My parents argue continuously maybe they will divorce. I wanted you to feel bad like me, but I realized that I exaggerated against you.

You could talk about it with someone. I would have helped you overcome this moment of despair.

You're right, sorry.
Friends today, tomorrow who knows

Marta and Chiara were great friends, they shared everything, even the passwords of their social profiles.

Marta, we immediately share this selfie! SAY CHEESE!

CHEESE!!
Chiara was engaged with Marco, but he felt some feelings for Marta.

Marco, I love you so much!

Marco could no longer pretend and decided to tell the truth to Chiara.

Chiara I’m sorry but I don’t want to continue with you, I feel something for Marta.

WHAT?!?! You betrayed me with my best friend, how could you?

Chiara was so angry that she attacked Marta in front of their friends.

Marta, how could you do this to me?

But... what are you talking about?

Marco broke with me for you, Are you happy now? Our friendship is over!

I did not anything, please believe me.

Now it’s my turn to enjoy myself. I have her password, I will use her profile to make me laugh, I will give her a good lesson that she will NEVER forget!
ahaha.. She looks much better this way!

This is the face of someone who steals boyfriends

A nice friend to avoid

Who will be the author of this horrible photo montage? I’m ruined

After seeing that image Marta was desperate. She closed herself day after day, she didn’t want to eat and did not want to go to school anymore.

Marta, your meal is ready and it’s getting cold

I’m not hungry, mom

I cannot continue like this I’m desperate

Marta’s mother was very worried and decided to take action

Marta you are not the same, what happens?

That’s all? Do not worry, we will ask the social media to delete the profile, and if necessary we will ask for support to the postal police.

Someone violated my social profile, I do not have the courage to show me around.
A show you cannot miss

Every day Carlo was humiliated by his classmates

Let's give him a lesson

The fat guy arrives

AHAHA

wuss
Hey, you loser, you brought me that smartphone I ordered you to steal?

I do not have it, but I can give you my money, do not hurt me.

You'll regret not having brought me the phone!!!

Share the photo online, give him a lesson

Please stop, I pray you.

Facegram

300 likes
What are you guys doing?

Hey Prof! We are looking at a funny photo.

It’s not funny at all! Wait but that guy in the picture is Carlo, your classmate! This is terrible, I have to intervene!
What happened to Carlo is very bad. We must not humiliate, mock or beat others. I do not admit a similar behavior in this school. Now I would like to ask you something: why did not you intervene?

It makes me laugh a lot and I enjoy to see that they fight

It’s not my problem

I’m afraid that if I react then he hits me

I’m too weak my intervention wouldn’t have helped him

After talking to the boys, the professor organized a "special lesson"
The professor made his students understand the importance of helping others and not being a mere spectator by reflecting on positive and negative characters.

Look at these pictures, which one would you like to look like? What are the characteristics of a person helping others?

How do you feel when someone asks you for help?
Paul’s father suspected that his son used to exchanging erotic photos through his cell phone with his friends.

Paul, you’re always in front of that damn cell phone, can you explain what you’re doing so important? If you have nothing to hide give me access to your accounts so I see what you do when you are online!

But nothing special dad ... I’m playing online.

However, you cannot please see my messages that I exchange with my friends. It’s my privacy right!!!
I don't do anything of evil, my dear dad

Paul continued to hide the truth to his father and to exchange illegal material with his friends.

Paul, watch this. It is the photo that I wanted.

Listen Paul, I’m fed up. If you’re doing something of illegal, it’s my responsibility and I have to pay for this. Now we go to speak with the police so you can have clearer ideas.

But...you’re really annoying, I can’t have my privacy in this house.
Paul, the smartphone can easily be unlocked. Remember that keeping erotic photos of minors is a crime!

Ok, dad.. I give up, here is my phone

Hi Paul, I'm sending you other hot photos

The father's suspects were founded. Paul was not aware of committing a crime but unfortunately, this not avoided him some consequences.
Alice Prisco was born in 1989 in Turin. The Art expressed in all its forms is a real passion, supported by studies at the "Primo Liceo Artistico" of Turin. Since then she has periodically exhibited his paintings. In 2014 she arrives in the final during the seventeenth edition of "IoEspongo". Alice does not paint only on canvas, she expresses her creativity through digital murals and drawings, passing through the comics. Recently some illustrations appeared in the newspaper "Extra Torino". His passion gives life to a real personal world, a world of strong and brilliant colors, inspired by Van Gogh's painting, Japanese art and Pop Art.