An activity book designed for young digital citizens

All Aboard for DigiTown! is a learning path for 9 to 12 year old digital citizens. The stories, exercises and activities were created by the European Council for Digital Good[1] at their summer workshop in 2019 in Athens, building on a framework put together by the Insight team through a study of the primary school curricula of several different EU countries. The opening section provides a clear outline of the topics and skills contained in each chapter.

Because **All Aboard** aligns with existing primary education curricula, it can be easily integrated by teachers into their learning programmes, rather than becoming yet another add-on for them to struggle with. This 72-page publication would easily fill a full year's programme towards the end of elementary school, at the crucial moment when children begin preparing to move into secondary education. The fifty or so exercises and activities and dozen stories guide children through the 10 domains that Council of Europe experts have defined as spanning the types of activities we do or need to know about as digital citizens:

Being online - Access and Inclusion; Learning and Creativity; Media and Information Literacy
Well-being online - Ethics and Empathy; Health and Well-being; ePresence and Communications
Rights online - Active Participation; Rights/Responsibilities; Privacy and Security; Consumer Awareness

All Aboard links closely to the digital citizenship model developed by the Council of Europe[2]. It also responds to a specific educational need since, in November 2019, a Recommendation was adopted by Ministers in 47 countries to promote and integrate digital citizenship in education. The EU has followed up with a Declaration to make digital citizenship a priority for policy makers as they strive to adapt learning to the reality of today's digital environment. Several Ministries of Education are interested in endorsing the publication for use in their primary schools.

All Aboard for DigiTown! will be published under the Creative Commons (non-commercial) licence. It will be published in May 2020, and shortly later become available in other languages.

Looking for further information, or interested in supporting the publication of All Aboard?
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1 The European Council for Digital Good comprises eighteen young people aged 14 to 22, from 8 different EU countries. Learn more at www.insight2act.net.

2 Council of Europe (Richardson, Milovidov), 2019. **Digital Citizenship Education Handbook**, available at https://rm.coe.int/digital-citizenship-education-handbook/168093586f, hard copy available at https://book.coe.int/en/human-rights-democratic-citizenship-and-interculturalism/7851-digital-citizenship-education-handbook.html.

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