

THREAT ASSESSMENT IN BULLYING BEHAVIOR (TABBY)

The project aimed to conduct action research with secondary school students who use the internet to identify their perception of risk as well as the types of cyberbullying they might suffer or perform, and to implement and assess an intervention against cyber-bullying. This intervention was based on educating students by providing them with age-appropriate guidelines, an interactive self-assessment tool of risky internet behaviour (the TABBY checklist) and videos on related themes of cyber-victimization.

1. INITIATING ORGANIZATION(S), PARTICIPATING COUNTRIES

An Internet Daphne project comprising the Department of Psychology of the Second University of Naples, Italy (coordinator), University of Cyprus, the Aristotle University of Thessaloniki, Greece, Chiamamilano, Italy and the ESZTER Foundation for Supporting of Those Suffered Sexual Violence, Hungary.

2. THEORETICAL APPROACH

N/A

3. PROGRAM DURATION

2012-2013

4. COMPONENTS AND PRACTICAL INFORMATION

Students in the experimental group participated in an intervention based on the TABBY method implemented by their teachers. The intervention included the completion of the TABBY questionnaire by students in class and the presentation of the TABBY videos followed by a discussion on the negative consequences of cyberbullying as well as on proper internet use and certain actions against cyber-victimization. The teachers who implemented the intervention had been trained by the Greek research team in a nine-hour seminar.

5. PROGRAM PARTICIPANTS

50 teachers, school counselors, instructors and principals, as well as 16 students per country in their final year at school who served as coaches, mediators or mentors to other peers having troubles and being threatened, spied upon or stalked via the Internet.

6. ASSESSMENT

There was a decrease in involvement on cyber-victimization. Although there was some slight improvement in the experimental group's behaviour toward safer internet choices, there was room for improvement.

7. FURTHER READING AND CONTACT INFORMATION

www.tabby.eu