BSAFE Confident online

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Online scams and harassment: a European project wants to hear from adults in Brussels

BSAFE opens an anonymous 8–10 minute survey until 20 November 2026 and invites adults to short online discussion groups in November.

Brussels, 30 October 2026 — ARTIFESTO ASBL (Brussels) and BRAINSHOT (Athens) are launching **BSAFE – Be Confident Online**, an Erasmus+ project that will create free courses to help adults deal with scams, online harassment and privacy risks. Before writing the courses, the project wants to learn what adults really experience, in particular parents of pupils aged 12–15 (lower secondary school), people over 50, people who have moved to Belgium from another country and people looking for work.

According to the EU Agency for Fundamental Rights (FRA, May 2026), one in four people in the EU has been tricked online into transferring money or giving away personal data, and Belgium is among the five most affected countries. In 2024, phishing cost people in Belgium almost €49 million, according to Febelfin.

The answers will shape short, free courses that start from real situations: what worries adults, what they already do to protect themselves and what would really help them. All resources will be published as open access in 2027.

To take part, answer the anonymous survey (8–10 minutes, in English, French or Greek). People who want to go further can sign up for a short online discussion group (30–40 minutes). Teachers, trainers, psychologists and social workers are invited to a short interview of about 15 minutes through the same form.

Practical information

Survey	anonymous, 8–10 minutes, until 20 November 2026 **www.bsafeproject.eu/en/survey.html**
Sign-up	discussion groups and interviews **tally.so/r/jadeQJ**
Discussion groups	November 2026, online (video call), 30–40 minutes · Interviews: about 15 minutes
Languages	English, French, Greek · Free of charge

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About BSAFE

BSAFE – Be Confident Online: Building Resilience Against Harassment, Bullying and Scams is a 15-month European project (September 2026 – November 2027) that helps adults, especially parents, protect themselves and their families online. It produces free micro-courses, a Trainer Toolkit, podcasts and a self-test quiz in English, French and Greek, and runs workshops and train-the-trainer webinars in Belgium and Greece. BSAFE is run by ARTIFESTO ASBL (Brussels, coordinator) and BRAINSHOT (Athens) and is co-funded by the Erasmus+ programme of the European Union. All resources are free and open under a Creative Commons licence at www.bsafeproject.eu.

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