

## SAMNIC MOOC

*SAMNIC is a transnational project, funded under the EU Erasmus+ Programme, to develop and implement a MOOC – a Massive Open Online Course – on the Safety Assessment and Management for New and Innovative Children's Products. The MOOC is targeted principally at industry (especially SMEs) and consumer organisations.*

*SAMNIC MOOC is an online free Internet course to which almost everyone can register; it has practically an unlimited number of participants.*

*The SAMNIC MOOC is expected to be ready in August 2016 and will be available in English, Spanish, French, Italian, Czech and Portuguese. It will be accessible through PCs, tablets and smartphones*

### >> Information events about project SAMNIC in Spain and the Czech Republic

#### Event in Ibi (Alicante)

Last 18<sup>th</sup> May an information event about European project SAMNIC was held at the facilities of the Technological Institute of Children's Products and Leisure (AIJU), in Ibi (Alicante), Spain.

This event aimed to present the new online, open and free training course which is being developed under project SAMNIC among vocational students, staff in companies, graduates and people seeking employment.

SAMNIC also intends to improve the employability of the different profiles in the fields of education, health, science, design, engineering and architecture, involved in children's safety.

The event, organised by the University of Alicante and AIJU, had the collaboration of the European Association for the Coordination of Consumer Representation in Standardisation (ANEC), from Belgium, The Czech Toy Association (SHH), from the Czech Republic, and the University of Padua (UniPd), from Italy.



From AIJU, we would like to thank the interest shown and the participation of all the people who attended the conference.

## Event in Prague

Last 20<sup>th</sup> April an information event about European project SAMNIC was held at the facilities of the Czech Association for Toy and Play (SHH) in Prague. The event was aimed primarily at technical staff in the industry and consumer associations, and aimed to spread the open and free online course which is being developed under project SAMNIC and continue the process of attracting potential validators for Czech version of the platform.

During the event, the speakers highlighted the advantages offered by this online tool to improve the skills of the organizations involved in children's products safety; some of the training contents developed under the project were shown. The presentations covered both the perspective of the industry (SHH) and of the consumer (ANEC); among others subjects, the concept of 'MOOC' was discussed and how to take benefit from online learning, as well as the role of standards in children's products safety, the value of safety for the industry, the hazards in children's products and how the application of methodologies of risk assessment can improve the safety of products.



To close the event, the video presentation of the project was shown. Do you want to watch the video?

Visit <https://youtu.be/5b5XY0yG1KA> and come to know the course and the SAMNIC teaching team.

The event was organised by the Czech Association for Toy and Play (SHH) and had the collaboration of all the partners of the project.

## >>Fifth meeting of project SAMNIC

Last 19<sup>th</sup> April, the follow-up meeting of project SAMNIC was held at the facilities of the Czech Association for Toy and Play (SHH), in Prague. The meeting, organised by this institution, aimed mainly to complete the development of the platform where the training materials composing the MOOC will be integrated (videos, tests, reading material and activities).



The platform of the course is currently being developed by the partners of the European project SAMNIC, but pre-registration is now open to become part of the potential group of users that will participate in the pilot phase of SAMNIC MOOC before being launched.

Do you want to be one of the first to take the course? Visit the website of SAMNIC, [www.samnicmooc.com](http://www.samnicmooc.com), register now and be part of the SAMNIC community!

## >>FAQ ABOUT MOOC SAMNIC

### The course

#### >is it totally for free?

SAMNIC MOOC is a course 100% for free for everybody.

#### >what do I need to take this course?

You can take the course using your computer, tablet or smartphone. You just need access to the Internet!

#### >what does SAMNIC MOOC offer?

SAMNIC MOOC offers a global vision about children's products safety. This course is perfect as a first approach towards children's products safety, as it will give you a broad perspective of all the aspects to take into account when we talk about products used by children, no matter if you are a designer, engineer, architect, purchasing manager, distributor, quality technician or if you work in the public administration (consumption) or if you are in charge of the playground areas of your town or city. Besides, the platform developed will give you the chance to get in contact and exchange knowledge with other people involved in child safety. Thanks to SAMNIC MOOC, you will be part of a multidisciplinary network of professionals.

#### >what am I going to learn?

After the course, among other things, you will be able to assess the risks associated to the design of your product, detect the most important risks and propose measures to reduce the risk; you will know how to search for and choose the applicable safety standards for your product and you will learn the key aspects of children (motor skills, cognitive development...) to bear in mind when designing products.

## >what is the timetable?

SAMNIC MOOC has no timetables, you can learn whenever and wherever you want. It will be available 24 hours a day, 365 days a year.

## >when does it start?

The platform of the course is currently being developed by the partners of the project, but we are creating the potential group of users in Spain, Belgium, Italy, the Czech Republic and Portugal that will be able to participate in the pilot phase of SAMNIC MOOC before being launched. To this end, you can pre-register on [www.samnicmooc.com](http://www.samnicmooc.com).

The course will be available for all users at the end of October 2016.

## >will I get a certificate when the course ends?

When the course is over, you will be able to download your digital certificate for free. SAMNIC MOOC offers customised paths depending on your interests. For example, if you are a quality technician or a designer in a toy company, you will have a customised route adapted to your needs, or for other professional profiles in the same way. All these routes have their own certificate.

The consortium of the SAMNIC project, coordinated by AIJU, is formed by the Czech Association for Toy and Play, SHH (the Czech Republic); the University of Alicante, UA (Spain); the European Association for Coordination of Consumer Representation in Standardisation, ANEC (Belgium), and the Università Degli Studi Di Padova, UniPd, (Italy).