EU Safer Internet program

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The Safer Internet program

Overall aim

"to promote a safer use of the internet and other online technologies, particularly by children, and to fight illegal and harmful content ranging from child abusive images to racism".

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Actions

- **Hotlines**
- **Awareness-raising**
- **Filtering**
- **Self-regulation/multi-stakeholder events**
- **Increasing the knowledge base on children's use of technology**
- **International co-operation**

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Hotlines and awareness-raising

2 Europe-wide networks:

inhope.   Network of Hotlines to fight illegal content in 24 European countries (+ Asia, Australia, America)

ins@fe   Awareness Network in 25 European countries and Helplines to inform and empower children and parents

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Activities related to law enforcement
Hotlines

- **Hotlines co-operate with Law Enforcement**
- **Hotlines do pre-investigative tasks (assess the reported content - identify illegal content)**
- **Hotlines facilitate efficient Law Enforcement cross-border operations by signposting reports to the country of origin**
- **In 2007 the European members processed about 110,230 reports. 29,609 reports were forwarded to police agencies**

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Activities related to law enforcement
Peer-to-peer networks

- **Only few tools exist to help Law Enforcement in fighting p2p paedophile exchanges**
- **MAPAP (Measurement and Analysis of P2P activity Against Paedophile content) project:**
  - **design methods and tools to support Law Enforcement dealing with paedophile exchanges**
  - **provide accurate information on paedophile activity in currently running p2p systems**
  - **protect users from illegal content**

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Activities related to law enforcement
Tools to support police investigations

**Development of technological tools
which support police investigation, ex.:**

- **Facilitate analysis of evidence
  material on seized computers etc.**
- **Match victims, offenders or details of
  crime scenes in different pictures or
  videos**
- **Facilitate investigations in order to
  rescue the victims**

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Activities related to law enforcement
Co-operation with Interpol

**The Commission plans to award a grant
to Interpol for the further development
and maintaining of the International
Child Sexual Exploitation Image
Database (ICSEDB).**

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Activities related to law enforcement
Research into offenders and victims (1)

**Research in online-related sexual
abuse of children, in particular
online grooming.**

**The findings will help Law
Enforcement (and other target
groups) to understand the
paedophile activities better.**

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Activities related to law enforcement
Research into offenders and victims (2)

**POG (Understanding the Process of Online
Grooming and victim selection) project - the
largest study on online grooming in Europe:**

- **Describe behaviour of offenders and young
  people who are 'groomed'**
- **How is ICT used for online grooming?**
- **How are young people selected for abuse
  online?**
- **Support development of awareness and
  preventative initiatives**
- **Contribute to online sex offender risk
  assessment**

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Activities related to law enforcement
CIRCAMP police network

**A network to facilitate exchange of
information and best practice between Law
Enforcement agencies.**

Main issues:
**Cooperation between Law Enforcement
bodies and Internet Service Providers**
**Cooperation with the banking and credit card
sector when investigating in commercialised
child sexual abuse image dissemination**

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Activities related to law enforcement
Mobile Alliance

**The Mobile Alliance against child abuse
images, initiated by the Commission is an
agreement with leading European mobile
operators on protecting minors using mobile
phones.**

**It addresses the danger that broadband
networks are misused in the same way as
the Internet.**

**24 mobile operators and content providers
covering all 27 Member States and serving
96% of the EU mobile customers involved.**

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Activities related to law enforcement
Co-operation with the Russian Federation

The Russian side agrees that respective Law Enforcement agencies should closely cooperate in the field of cyber crime, including online child sexual abuse.

A multi-stakeholder Safer Internet conference is planned to be held in Russia.

2 Russian hotlines established in 2008.

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Filtering and parental tools

For example: the SIP-BENCH project
- Help parents and teachers in choosing filters
- Determine best practices in filtering
- Provide input to the filtering industry
- Track progress of the filtering solutions

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Self-regulation

Initiatives of the European Commission, e.g.:

European framework for safer mobile use by younger teenagers and children

Signed by leading mobile providers and content providers in Brussels on 6 February 2007, initiated by the Commission

Safer Social Networking Principles for the EU

Signed by 18 leading Social Networking companies in Luxembourg on 10 February 2009

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Multi-stakeholder events

For example:

**Safer Internet Forum
23-25 October 2009, in Luxembourg**

The Safer Internet Forum 2009 will focus on "Promoting Education on Internet Safety in Schools"

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Knowledge base on children's use of technology

For example: **The Eurobarometers**

Eurobarometer 2008: "Towards a Safer Use of the Internet for children in the EU - a parents' perspective "

Objective: to understand parents' perceptions of their children's Internet usage and potential risks they could face online

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The Safer Internet program
International co-operation
Safer Internet Day 2010, 9 February 2010

Signatories of the Safer Social Networking Principles for the EU

All interested organisations are invited to participate in the Safer Internet Day 2010! Non-EU countries are welcome!

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