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WHAT IS THE PROBLEM?

- Commercial sexual exploitation and abuse of children on the internet suspected to be a multi-million dollar enterprise
- Estimated 2,500-3,000 commercial child abuse websites in existence (IWF, 2007)
- Estimated 250-300 sites operating at any one time (IWF, 2007)
- Age of child victims has lowered significantly – severity of abuse risen considerably (CEOP, 2009)
- 16.4% rise in child abuse image reports from the same period in 2006 (IWF, 2007)

OBJECTIVE OF THE EFC

To bring together all stakeholders involved in the fight against the commercial sale and distribution of child abuse images *to*:

- identify, locate and safeguard victims
- identify, locate and arrest offenders
- identify, trace and seize assets of offenders
- facilitate properly coordinated law enforcement investigations
- disrupt illegal activity
- educate and inform key stakeholders to better detect illegal activity

STEERING GROUP OF EFC

- Child Exploitation Online Protection Centre (UK)
- Europol
- Italian National Postal and Communication Police
- Visa Europe/MasterCard/PayPal
- Microsoft
- INHOPE/Missing Children Europe
- *ICMEC/Allen & Overy (advisory members)*

WORKING GROUPS OF THE EFC

- European Law Enforcement
- Payment Systems Monitoring and Detection
- Data Sharing and Global Integration
- Criminal and Civil Legal Aspects working group
- Prevention and Awareness Raising working group

EXPECTED RESULTS OF THE EFC

- Bring offenders to justice
- Reduce incidence and availability of child abuse images on the internet
- Seize and confiscate criminal proceeds
- Enhance cooperation between law enforcement, private sector and third sector
- Disseminate intelligence on offenders
- Enhance ability of stakeholders to detect and act against abuse of their systems

WHAT DO WE NEED?

- Strength of the EFC lies in its unique and collaborative partnership approach

- Need key stakeholders on board to truly make this work
  - Financial Industry
  - Law Enforcement
  - Internet Service providers, Web hosting providers, Registrars
  - Non-Governmental Organisations

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