

Private companies and ECPAT cooperate in the Code of Conduct for the Protection of children against sexual exploitation in travel and tourism



We protect
children from
sex tourism.



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The Code

The Code of Conduct for the Protection of Children from Sexual Exploitation in Travel and Tourism

started in 1998 by ECPAT and tour operators in Sweden



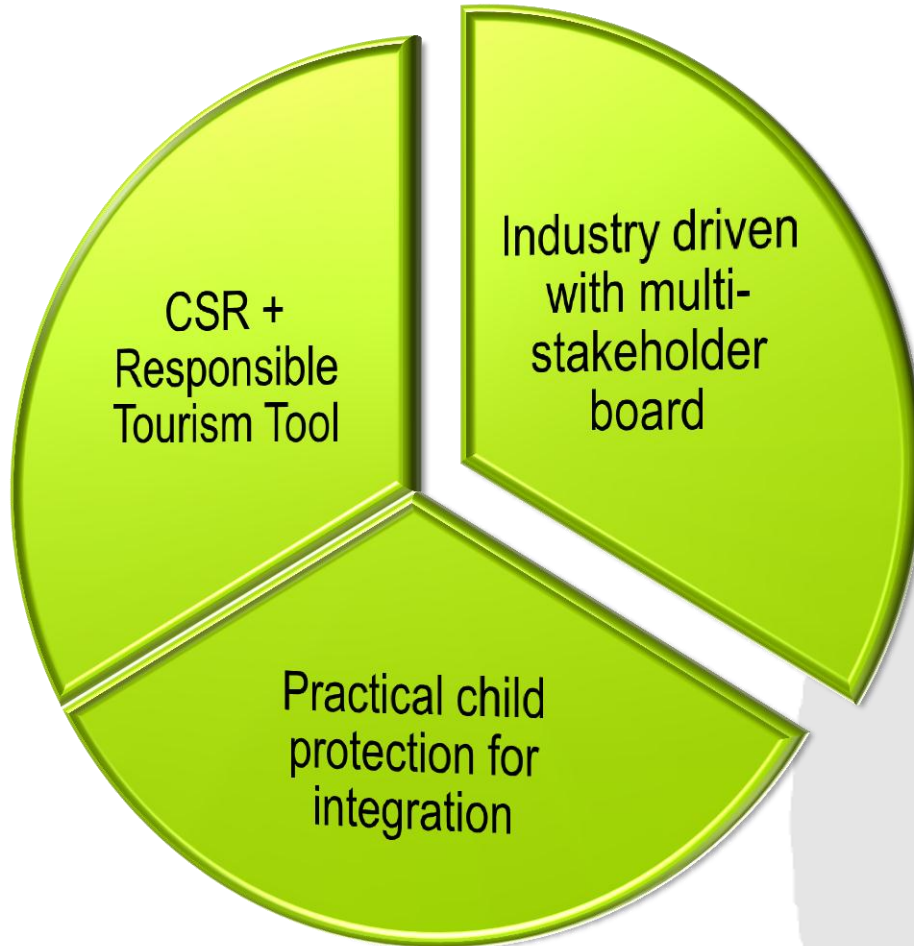
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1,305 Signatories, in 66 Countries
6,789 Trained Staff since March 2013



The Code of Conduct for the Protection of Children from Sexual Exploitation in Travel and Tourism



The Code is an international initiative to provide awareness, tools and support to the tourism industry to prevent the sexual exploitation of children.

International secretariat in Bangkok, supported by Swiss government, SECO

The Code helps companies integrate child protection into their daily operations

Local Code Representatives to support implementation of the Code in over 40 countries.

Child Protection is Part of Responsible Tourism



Roles of Tourism Professionals in Child Protection

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SAY: *child sexual exploitation is not acceptable in tourism*

2



DO: *raise awareness and conduct trainings*

3



ACT: *report cases to authorities*

Six Criteria of The Code

- 1. To establish a policy and procedures** against sexual exploitation of children;
- 2. To train employees** in children's rights, the prevention of sexual exploitation and how to report suspected cases;
- 3. To include a clause in contracts** throughout the value chain stating a common repudiation and zero tolerance policy of sexual exploitation of children;
- 4. To provide information to travelers** on children's rights, the prevention of sexual exploitation of children and how to report suspected cases;
- 5. To support, collaborate and engage stakeholders** in the prevention of sexual exploitation of children;
- 6. To report annually** on their implementation of Code related activities.

TOP MEMBERS OF THE CODE



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Code – ECPAT awareness Materials



ACCOR Hospitality



CHILD SEX TOURISM IS A CRIME



CHILDREN NEED OUR PROTECTION
To report child sexual exploitation: protect@ecpat.net

By implementing the framework of Accor's Sustainable Development Policy, our hotels contribute to the fight against child sex tourism alongside ECPAT International and its network.

We make our commitment official by being a member of the "Code of Conduct for the Protection of Children against Sexual Exploitation in Travel and Tourism", and implementing its criteria to protect children.



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"เด็กๆต้องการการคุ้มครอง"

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เราประกาศเจตนารมณ์อย่างเป็นทางการ โดยการเข้าร่วมเป็นสมาชิกของ "หลักการปฏิบัติที่เชื่อมโยงองค์ความรู้จากภาคการดูแลสุขภาพระหว่างประเทศในการเดินทางและการท่องเที่ยว" และปฏิบัติตามรายละเอียดที่ระบุไว้ในหลักการปฏิบัติที่เชื่อมโยงองค์ความรู้

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TRAVEL RESPONSIBLY AND HELP US PROTECT CHILDREN

Ramada Encore is proud to support The Code and ECPAT in protecting children and young people from sexual exploitation in travel and tourism. Please note that child sex tourism is a crime.

As our valued guest, if you should see suspicious activities or have concerns, please contact hotel management at your convenience or if you are traveling throughout Thailand, please report via anonymous e-hotline: protect@ecpat.net

Under Thai and international laws, engaging in sex services with anyone under the age of 18 is a crime – The child's consent is irrelevant.



I am a responsible traveler.

I deserve to know.



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Code – ECPAT awareness Materials

Awareness raising campaigns aimed at informing travelers about the issue and potential offenders about **applicable sanctions in destination Countries** and in their country of origin have been conducted by ECPAT member organizations since 2000 often in cooperation with private sector Code members.

Austria, France, Germany, Italy, Netherlands, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, UK.





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The governments , the police and tourism industry in Germany, Austria and Switzerland in cooperation with ECPAT and Terre des Hommes in autumn 2010 started an awareness raising campaign for the protection of children and young people with the title Nicht Wegsehen-Don't Look Away

In 2012 France and Luxembourg joined and in 2014 Italy, Netherlands, Sweden, Poland and Liechtenstein will follow

In the Netherlands the Ministry of Security and Justice, the border police, tourism industry in cooperation with ECPAT and Plan in autumn 2012 started an awareness raising campaign to report sexual abuse of children in travel and tourism at Schiphol and other major Dutch airports.

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ECPAT France coordinates a project with ECPAT partners in Austria, Germany, Luxembourg, Netherlands and Poland and with police and tourism partners in these countries.

And with associated ECPAT partners in Belgium, Bulgaria, Italy, Spain, Switzerland, Ukraine, UK.

The title of the project is Don't Look Away. The goal is to inform travelers and to ask them to report child sex tourism cases. The project is funded by the European Commissions EuropeAid program.



DON'T LOOK AWAY!

Achievements & Challenges



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Achievements

- Well equipped and highly motivated staff
- Positive influence in area of operation
- Winner of several international prizes

Challenges

- Limited progress in supply chain
- Limited engagement of local stakeholders
- Need for improvement in monitoring





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Recommendations

- Tourist receiving and tourist sending countries should have adequate legislation and law enforcement
- States should require tourism companies to address child protection
- Tourist receiving and tourist sending countries should require tourism companies operating in their territory to include child protection in their business principles
- Tourist receiving and tourist sending countries to promote tourism companies to participate in the Code
- Civil society in countries of origin and destination of child sex tourists should be enabled to work with the tourism sector to stop sexual exploitation of children in tourism and report cases.