



iPROCEEDS-2

Project of the European Union and the Council of Europe on targeting crime proceeds on the Internet and securing electronic evidence in South East Europe and Turkey

Online child sexual exploitation and abuse in the context of the COVID-19 pandemic

Date and hour	28 May 2020 14h00 (Eastern European Summer Time: GMT +3 hours)
Speakers/ Programme	Virgil SPIRIDON, Head of Operations, Council of Europe Cybercrime Programme Office (C-PROC)-moderator; Ovidiu MĂJINĂ, Project Officer, Council of Europe C-PROC Office/Children's Rights Division; Cathal DELANEY, Europol, team leader of AP Twins (prevention and combating of all forms of criminality associated with the sexual exploitation and abuse of children); İbrahim ÖZDEMİR, Inspector, Cybercrime Department, Turkish National Police; Guillermo GALARZA, Director, International Law Enforcement Training & Technology International Centre for Missing & Exploited Children.
Language	The webinar will be held in English . No simultaneous interpretation will be provided.
Background	The Covid-19 pandemic impacts individuals and societies and therefore many areas rely more than ever on the technology. Criminals also see the opportunity to adapt to the changes that occur in society and in relation to their potential victims and, as the pandemic didn't disappear overnight, they also shifted their criminal activities to the online world. Children are also vulnerable to the increasing online threats being more present on the Internet given that also school classes are conducted remotely. According to Europol's Director, Catherine De Bolle, the European Union Agency for Law Enforcement Cooperation detected increased online activity by "those seeking child sexual abuse material" in these times of coronavirus pandemic. In this worrying context, law enforcement officials and the criminal justice sector plays a major role in investigating online child sexual exploitation and abuse (OCSEA) while having a coordinated approach in mind, being aware of all their possibilities/opportunities and knowing their counterparts in other countries or international organisations.
Objectives	This webinar aims at presenting the international standards on legislation and related support on operational cooperation and capacity building to be provided by international organizations to criminal justice authorities to properly address challenges on OCSEA.

	<p>It may also serve as an awareness raising session and an alarm signal in relation to the online dangers that lurk and might affect children worldwide.</p> <p>During the webinar participants are encouraged to share best practices and experiences on tackling OCSEA cases during the COVID-19 pandemic.</p>
Expected outcomes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Increase knowledge on the current threats of Online Child Sexual Exploitation and Abuse in the context of COVID-19 • Acquainted with the capacities required for criminal justice authorities to properly respond to this phenomenon • Learn more about the international tools available on operational cooperation and Law Enforcement training programs
Expected duration	2 hours
Participants	<p>Up to 300 participants can be accommodated.</p> <p>The webinar is deemed particularly useful for officials from national authorities and criminal justice sector (judiciary, prosecutors, law enforcement agencies, and other relevant officials) involved in preventing and countering this type of crime.</p> <p>Each registered participant will receive a confirmation email one day prior to the webinar with instructions on how to connect and rules of engagement.</p>
Registration	Only registrations submitted through the website will be confirmed.
Relevant resources	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Council of Europe, Budapest Convention • Council of Europe, Lanzarote Convention • Council of Europe, Cybercrime and COVID-19 • iPROCEEDS-2 Project • EndOCSEA@Europe Project • Europol COVID-19: Child sexual exploitation • Euroobserver: Worrying' increase in online child abuse • International Centre for Missing & Exploited Children (ICMEC): Child Sexual Abuse Material: Model Legislation & Global Review • Cybercrime Convention Committee (T-CY) : Mapping study on cyberviolence with recommendations adopted by the T-CY on 9 July 2018 • Cybercrime Convention Committee (T-CY) : Strengthening Cooperation between Law Enforcement and the Private Sector. Examples of how the Private Sector has blocked child pornographic sites

C-PROC related activities	<p>The webinar is carried out under the iPROCEEDS-2 project on further strengthening the capacity of authorities in project countries and areas to search, seize and confiscate cybercrime proceeds and prevent money laundering on the Internet and to secure electronic evidence.</p> <p>It is integrated in the framework of Result/Immediate outcome 7 with specified aim to enhance international cooperation and information sharing between cybercrime units, financial investigation units and financial intelligence units (FIUs) as well as between competent authorities for judicial cooperation.</p>
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