

## **Session II: Organised Groups and their new ways of communicating**

### **“Cybercrime”**

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### **Abstract**

#### **Internet Crime – What is it?**

Internet Crime comprises offences using the Internet as a medium to commit „classic offences“ or offences for which special Internet technologies are required in order to commit those crimes.

Offences in the Net cover a broad scope of criminal activity such as hacker attacks on bank data to fraud and child pornography as well as cyber mobbing.

#### **The Cyber Crime Strategy of the Federal Ministry of the Interior**

Security can be increased only if all stakeholders jointly strive for it. Thus, the fight against Internet Crime is a priority on all police levels:

It is a priority in the police stations on provincial level up to the cyber crime competence centre, short „C4“, which is the central coordination and reporting office on national level.

In fall 2011, 300 so called „Internetcops“ in all provinces, both on local and regional level, were trained especially in the field of property crime and were informed about the legal provisions, data protection, IT related subjects and learned about dangers and threats and the relevant approaches with the help of practical examples.

### Selected problems:

- „Happy slapping“: unprovoked attacks on others whose reactions are then recorded with a camera phone and sent to friends or uploaded on platforms.
- „Cyberbullying or cyber mobbing“: Other persons are harmed and discredited by rumours, mean e-mails, fake pictures or fake contributions to forums etc. so that they despair.
- Infringement of copy right: Downloads of music, movies, games, etc.
- Communication, chat in the Internet: Who is the opposite person?
- Information: violence, instructions on how to build a bomb, etc.

### „Kids on focus“

Information and prevention has to start at a very early age and is the only chance for our children to grow to become cautious and responsible adults who are aware of problems (keyword: media literacy). The key to prevention can only be the communication with the youth.

The project „Click & Check“ has been successfully carried out at police level in some of the provinces. In the course of this project specially trained police officers of the Regional Police Command inform teenagers at schools and try to develop their awareness of what is wrong by showing short video clips and they also try to convey knowledge about the legal provisions. In Upper Austria more than 900 adolescents were thus trained and informed in 2010 and 2011.

This project is to be extended to all provinces in Austria in 2012/2013. Specially trained Internet police officers will increasingly give lectures and discuss the subject in selected classes in schools and in the framework of workshops and events and will be the contact for possible problems.