



## The Lanzarote Committee approach to automated detection of CSAM

Ensuring the best interest of the child  
in an holistic context

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## **Council of Europe Convention on the protection of children against sexual exploitation and sexual abuse**

- Requires States to offer a holistic response to sexual violence against children, through the “4 Ps approach”: Prevention, Protection, Prosecution and Promotion of national and international cooperation.
- All 47 States of the Council of Europe and Tunisia.



# Council of Europe Convention on the protection of children against sexual exploitation and sexual abuse

- Lanzarote Committee-  
Comittee of the Parties :

1. [Monitoring the Convention implementation](#)

Currently focus is on child sexual abuse and exploitation facilitated by ICTs

→in light of the spike in circulation of CSAM

→ including based on child self generated sexual material

2. [Developing Parties' capacities](#) to ensure that children are protected against sexual abuse/exploitation at all times in all settings





## **The Committee's capacity building work on AD of CSAM**

September 2020 the Commission of the European Union put forth a proposal for a Regulation on a temporary derogation from certain provisions of Directive 2002/58/EC as regards the use of technologies by number-independent interpersonal communications service providers for the processing of personal and other data for the purpose of combatting child sexual abuse online:

**(this has meanwhile become R 2021/1232)**



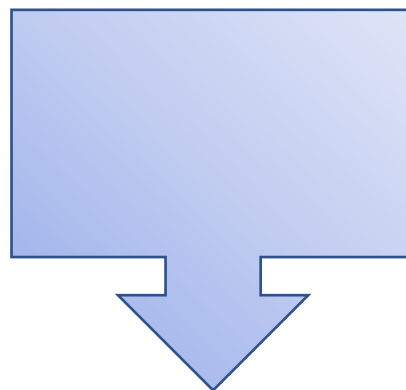
- We Protect Global Alliance, asked the Committee to take a stance on the debate triggered by the EU Com proposal
- First exchange of views amongst parties;
- Second exchange of views with the private sector/civil society (hotlines etc);
- Request for an experts' multidisciplinary report
- Sent to the EU Com as a first contribution in its preparation of a long term solution





# Ensuring the best interest of children while respecting all relevant Human Rights

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In October 21 LC held a first exchange of views on the 9 recommendations of this report

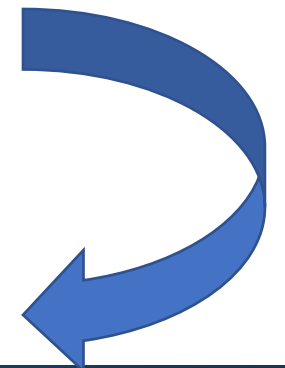


## **Recommendation 9 of the CoE experts' report**

Public interested-based framework grounded on the Lanzarote Convention, enabling service providers to automatically detect, remove, report and transfer OCSEA, under data protection and privacy conditions and safeguards described in the report



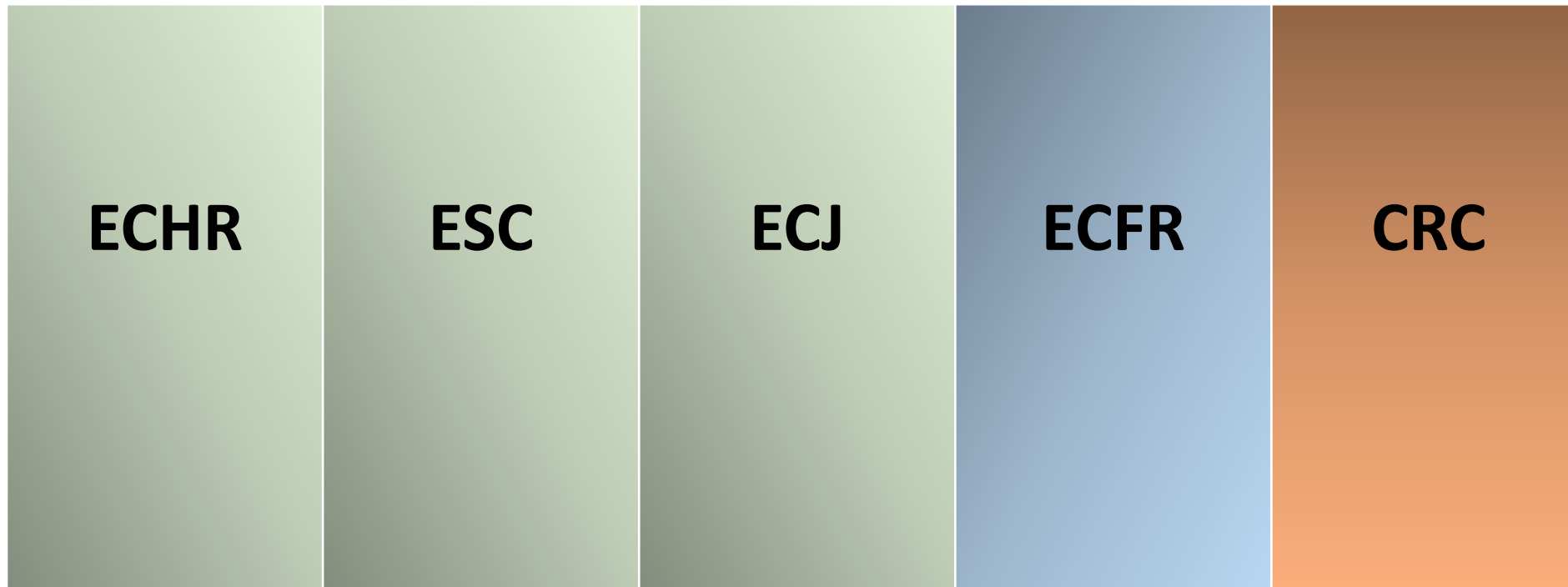
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## THE FUTURE

In a world in permanent evolution, in particular its technology, we need to have anchors:

Political will, Ethics, Accountability, Quality, Legitimacy, Security of data ...

What gaps have to still be fulfilled ?

The LC will continue exploring the possible concrete follow-up to Recommendation 9 also in light of this Workshop's suggestions.



# Thank you !

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