



Educational measures to prevent risks associated with child self-generated sexual images/videos

Mesures éducatives visant à prévenir les risques associés aux images et/ou vidéos à caractère sexuel autogénérées par les enfants



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Preventing risky behaviour by children: child self-generated sexual images and/or videos





Words matter - defining the Issue

Self-generated sexual content/material (images and videos) involving children

Digital material or content that is “*self-generated* (whether *illegal or not*, and whether *coerced or not*); *sexualised* (but leaving aside indecent, which may involve a more *subjective* value judgement); and *involving children.*” [Luxembourg Guidelines]

Child sexually suggestive or explicit images and/or videos generated, shared and received by children [Lanzarote Committee 2019]



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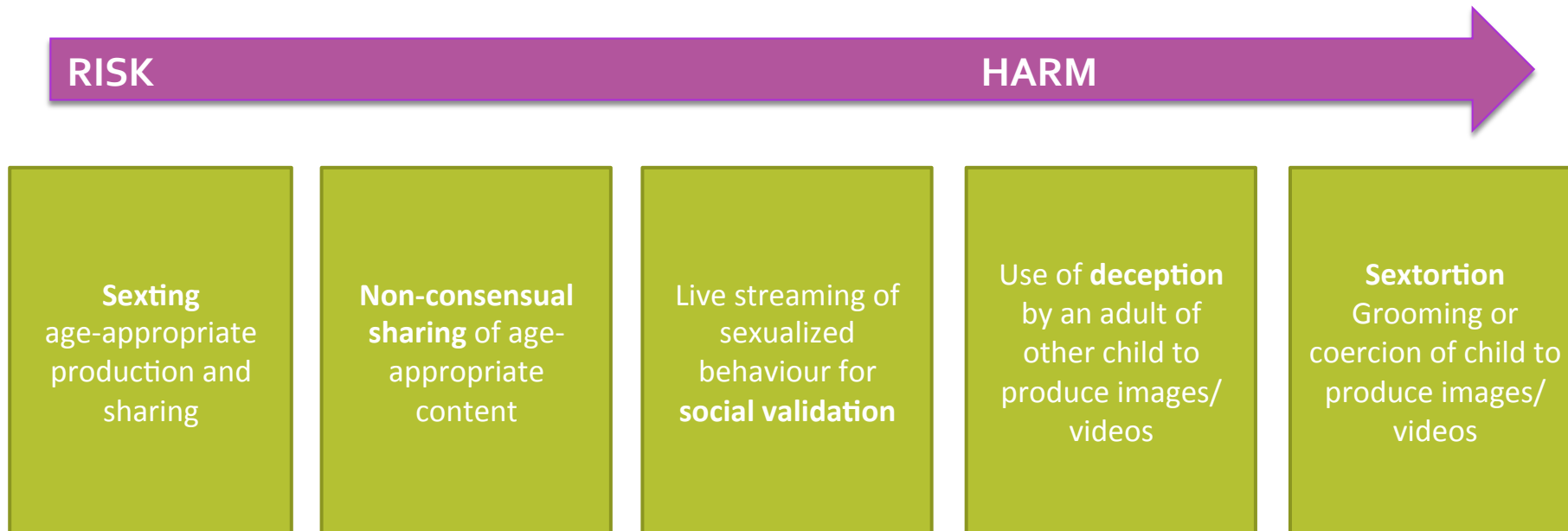


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Risk and Harm



Source: WePROTECT Global Alliance Global Threat Assessment 2019



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Risky Online Behaviour

- Increasing **normalisation** of sexualised photos and videos among many young people
- Limited supervision, variable **risk awareness** and capacity to manage risk
- **More time online** – e.g. COVID-19 - increases:
 - Likelihood of engaging in risky behaviour
 - Potential for escalation from risk to harm among peers and by offenders
- Influence of **offline risk and protective factors** on online behaviour
- **Parents and caregivers** lack time and/or knowledge
- More, better, faster **tech** and increased **access** to a wide range of platforms



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Challenges in Focus

- **Increasing prevalence in CSAM environments:** 29% (38,424) of 132,676 webpages in 2019*
- **Age and gender:** 76% girls aged 11-13; 13% girls aged 7-10*
- **Global:** Online harassment of girls mainly sexual- sending/requesting/receiving/stealing SGSC**
- Content **coerced and/or captured** from children on social media and live streaming platforms
- Used by **offenders** for sexual gratification, (further) grooming and sextortion
- **Legislation** has not kept pace with the changing threat from OCSEA, including SGSC
- Growing concerns over **criminalisation** of children and young people
- **Classification** challenges and lack of **regulation** complicate response by platforms
- Volume, classification and investigative challenges for **law enforcement, hotlines**

* IWF Annual Report 2019

** Free to be online?, Plan International 2020



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Lanzarote Committee Opinion

- 2015 Opinion: *“the requirements inherent to Article 23 of the Lanzarote Convention may not meet today’s and, more importantly, tomorrow’s challenges with regard to online grooming”*
- 2015 recommendations: extending criminalisation *“also to cases when the sexual abuse is not the result of a meeting in person, but is committed online”*
- 2019 Opinion on child sexually suggestive or explicit images and/or videos generated, shared and received by children



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What can be done?

- Encourage the implementation of **safety by design** principles to protect children on platforms
- Ensure effective **content moderation**/detection/removal mechanisms by platforms
- Enhance **legal frameworks** around SGSC and protect children from prosecution
- Educate, engage and empower **children and young people** to share their experiences and perspectives on issues e.g. sexuality and relationships, safety, privacy and civility
- Engage in **public awareness** and prevention e.g. Europol #SayNo campaign
- Encourage the media to engage in **balanced, ethical and informed reporting**



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