End Online Child Sexual Exploitation and Abuse @Europe
(ENDOCSEA@Europe)

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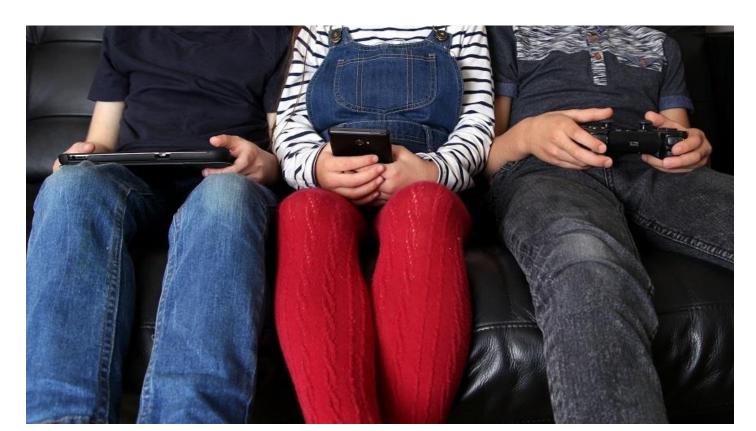
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Behind every CSAM image there is a real child being abused

Council of Europe project EndOCSEA@Europe implementation

Cybercrime Programme Office (C-PROC)

Children's Rights Division

Budapest Convention

Lanzarote Convention

Budapest Convention
COUNCIL OF EUROPE Convention on Cybercrime

- Entered into force in 2004
- Promotes national and international co-operation
- 68 signatures/65 ratifications – Global outreach

Relevant:

- *Article 9 – Offences related to child pornography*
- Instruments for investigation of OCSEA
- International cooperation / exchange of information

Lanzarote Convention
COUNCIL OF EUROPE CONVENTION ON THE PROTECTION OF CHILDREN AGAINST SEXUAL EXPLOITATION AND SEXUAL ABUSE

- Entered into force in 2010 and has been signed by all Council of Europe Member States, 46 official ratifications (+Armenia to deposit instrument).
- Open to accesion to non-Member States as well.
- Promotes national and international co-operation
- The Lanzarote Committee is the body established to monitor how the State parties to the Convention are effectively putting it into practice in legislation and policy – see monitoring rounds on ICT facilitated crimes and relevant opinions (on sexting, grooming) and questionnaires.

Comprehensive

✓ In terms of definition as it addresses child sexual abuse and sexual exploitation in all their forms including:

  ✓ sexual abuse within or outside of the family, child prostitution and pornography, solicitation (grooming) and corruption of children

✓ In terms of coverage:

  ✓ Prevention, Protection, Prosecution

Lanzarote Convention

Prevention

►►Children should be made aware of the risks of sexual exploitation and sexual abuse and should be empowered to protect themselves

►►Persons working in contact with children should be screened and trained

►►Intervention programmes or measures for sexual offenders (whether convicted or potential) should be regularly monitored

Protection

►►Reporting any suspicion of sexual exploitation or sexual abuse should be encouraged

►►Telephone and Internet helplines should be set up

►►Programmes should be established to support victims and their families

►►Therapeutic assistance and emergency psychological care should be provided

►►Child-friendly judicial proceedings for protecting the victim's safety, privacy, identity and image should be put in place. Importantly, the number of interviews with child victims should be limited; the interview should be carried out in a reassuring place, with professionals specifically trained for the purpose.

Lanzarote Convention

Prosecution

■The Lanzarote Convention sets out that the following specific acts must be criminalised in all States that are party to the Convention (Art 20-23):

Child sexual abuse
Child prostitution – Sexual exploitation through prostitution
Child pornography – Child sexual abuse material
Participation of a child in pornographic performances – Exploitation
of a child in sexual performances
Corruption of children
Solicitation of children for sexual purposes

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Expected results:

1. Improved **cooperation, policy and strategy** development at national and regional level
2. Enhanced knowledge, skills and capacities for effective and successful **investigation, prosecution and conviction** of OCSEA
3. Increased awareness and capacities to **prevent** OCSEA

Armenia Azerbaijan Ukraine	Albania Bosnia and Herzegovina Georgia Republic of Moldova Montenegro Serbia Turkey	47 Member States

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EndOCSEA@Europe pillars

Policy	Capacity Building	Prevention
➢ Strengthen governance structures ➢ Strengthen legislation and policies ➢ Multi-disciplinary co-operation	➢ Child-friendly procedures for victims ➢ Effective investigations and prosecutions ➢ Civil society co-operation	➢ Awareness raising ➢ Multi-stakeholder response

Multistakeholder approach

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results and resources

For professionals – to be validated

✓ **Gap analysis** of legislation, policy and practices on OCSEA in pilot countries (Ukraine, Armenia, Azerbaijan)

✓ **Review of OCSEA training** strategies and materials for prosecutors and judges in pilot countries.

✓ **Pilot Training Module on OCSEA for judges, prosecutors and law enforcement, focused on efficient investigations and a child rights approach throughout proceedings.**

Extended reports for stakeholders and experts

✓ The Comparative Review **of Mechanisms for Collective Action to Prevent and Combat Online Child Sexual Exploitation and Abuse – global analysis**

✓ The Baseline Mapping of 47 CoE **Member State Responses to Prevent and Combat Online Child Sexual Exploitation and Abuse**

Covid-19 related resources
Children's division

Dedicated webpage: https://www.coe.int/en/web/children/covid-19

Talking to Children about Covid-19	⌄
Parenting in times of Corona	⌄
Supporting teenagers during the period of confinement	⌄
Screen time during the crisis	⌄
Finding quality content for children online	⌄
E-learning: mission impossible or opportunity?	⌄
Children's online safety in times of social distancing	⌄
Children and violence: how to spot the signs and report?	⌄
Other interesting resources	⌄

Covid-19 related resources

Lanzarote Committee Statement on Covid-19

"[..] sexual offenders are taking advantage of this situation and more children are likely to be groomed online and become victims of sexual extorsion, cyber-bullying or other sexual exploitation facilitated by information and communication technologies. It is critical to raise-awareness also on such increased online risks."

"As we fight the COVID-19 pandemic, we should remember that violence against children is another pandemic that makes millions of victims. Let's fight together both."
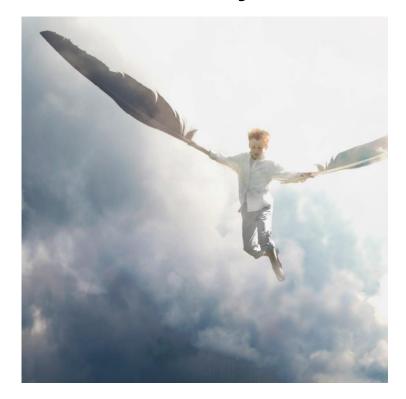
Thank you!