# New Forms of Child Sexual Abuse

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### **Agenda**

Online or Offline?

**Terminology** 

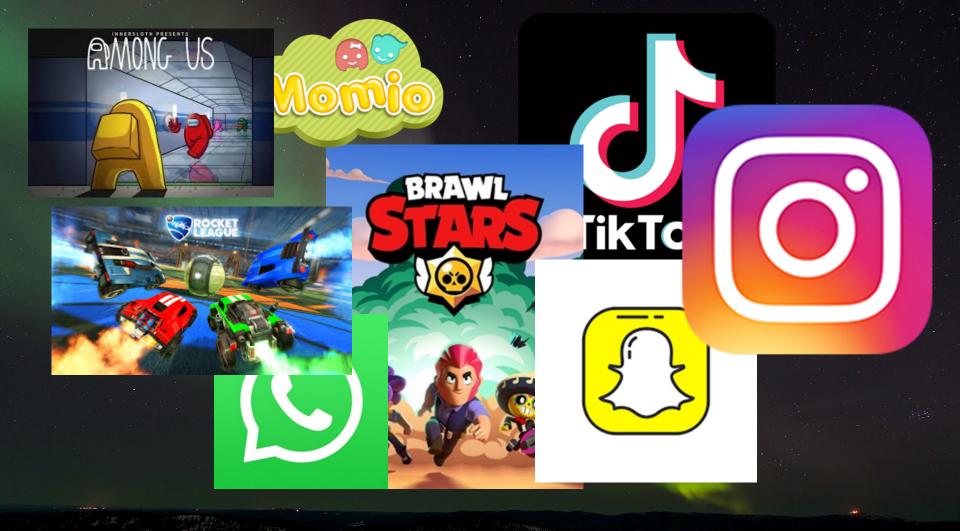
New Forms of Online Child Sexual Abuse and How Are We Combatting Against it?

"Child sexual exploitation refers to the sexual abuse of a person below the age of 18, as well as to the production of images of such abuse and the sharing of those images online.



Online child sexual exploitation is a constantly evolving phenomenon and is shaped by developments in technology."

https://www.europol.europa.eu/crime-areas-and-statistics/crime-areas/child-sexual-exploitation



"Us as parents, we are trying to control the screen time of our children, but to the generation Z the whole idea of screen time is ridiculous.

There is no screentime: only time."

Sunnuntai | Sosiaalinen media

### Tiktokin tanssiva vallankumous

Z-sukupolvi aikoo pelastaa maailman, jonka boomerit ovat ajaneet tuhon partaalle, kirjoittaa Jaakko Lyytinen kolumnissaan.



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#### Jaakko Lyytinen HS

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Words we use, create the reality for our children.

CHILD PORN

## **CHILD SEXUAL EXPLOITATION**

**#Wordsmatter** 





#### **Luxembourg Guidelines**

The Terminology Guidelines is an initiative by 18 international partners to harmonize terms and definitions related to child protection.

https://ecpat.org/luxembourg-guidelines/

"Online child sexual abuse (OCSA) and online child sexual exploitation (OCSE) involve the use of information and communication technology as a means to sexually abuse and/or sexually exploit children."

- Interagency Working Group 2016

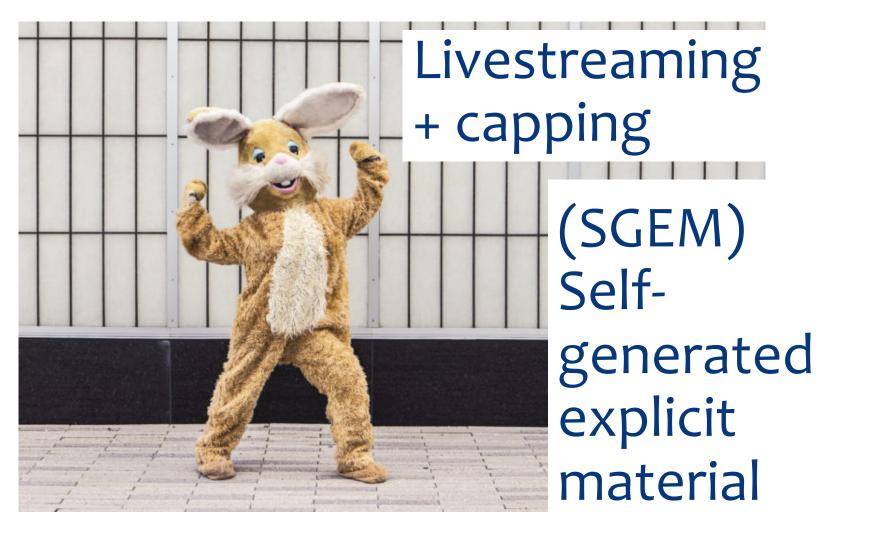
## Online CSA can be...

- 1. Sexting, grooming (text)
- 2. CSAM + dickpics (pictures)
- 3. Livestreaming + capping (live)





"Dick-pics" or Child Sexual Abuse?





## The scale and complexity of child sexual exploitation and abuse online are increasing

### 60,000

The <u>US National Center for Missing and Exploited Children</u> processes on average 60,000 reports of child sexual abuse online every day

#### 77%

The Internet Watch Foundation <sup>™</sup> saw a 77% rise in child 'selfgenerated' sexual material from 2019 to 2020

#### 1 in 3

1 in 3 (34%) of respondents to our <u>Economist Impact global survey</u> were asked to do something sexually explicit online they were uncomfortable with during childhood

#### 18%

18% in our global survey of 18-20 years old reported experiencing a sexually explicit image of themselves being shared by a peer without consent

COVID-19 has had a huge impact on children and their online exposure

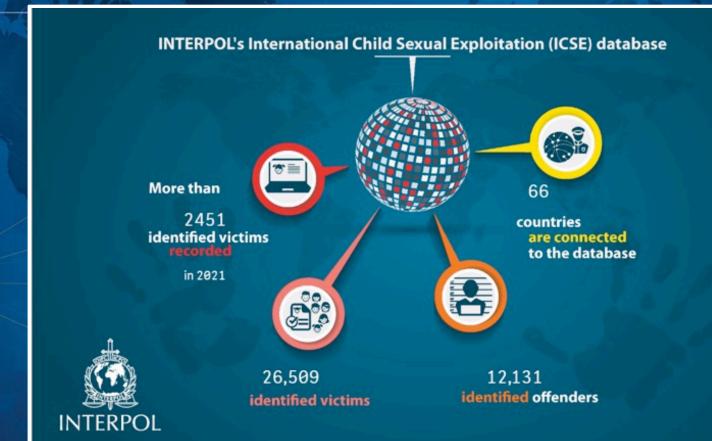


The priority of our Crimes Against Children unit is to:

- identify and rescue young victims of sexual abuse;
- block access to child sexual abuse material;
- prevent sex offenders from travelling abroad to abuse children or escape justice.



#### 194 MEMBER COUNTRIES CONNECTED THROUGH A SECURE NETWORK



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## steps to identifying victims of

### child sexual abuse





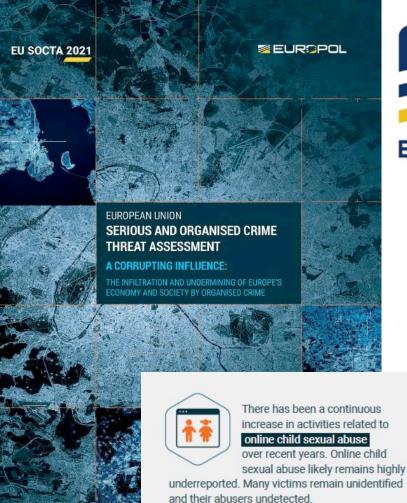
#### Analysis project AP Twins

Supports the prevention and combating of all forms of criminality associated with the sexual exploitation and abuse of children.

The creation and distribution of child abuse material through all kinds of online environments, and

Other online criminal behavior involving children such as grooming, self-generated indecent material, sexual extortion and live distant child abuse.









### Child sexual abuse material

3.1 The production and dissemination of child

3.2 The production of self-generated material is a key threat

- 3.3 Cases involving live distant child abuse (LDCA continue to increase
- 3.4 Peer-to-peer (P2P) file sharing networks remain important channels for the distribution of CSAM
- 3.5 The Dark Web persists as an importan platform for the exchange of CSAM
- 3.6 OSAM for profit continues to be a growin threat



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ITERNET ORGANISED CRIME THREAT ASSESSMENT 2021

# Fighting CSAM since 1999.

**Our Mission** 



The mission of INHOPE is to support the network of hotlines in combating online Child Sexual Abuse Material (CSAM).

In a borderless digital world CSAM has global consequences and as CSAM increases so do our efforts and those of our partners to combat it. Our Vision



INHOPE's vision is a world free of Child Sexual Abuse Material online.

Does your organisation align with INHOPE's vision? If yes, then learn more about our partnerships.

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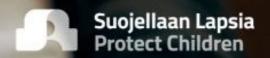
CSAM trend of 2021: self-generated content

**Our Network** 



A key topic of discussion in 2021 was self-generated content as INHOPE member hotlines saw a huge increase in reports of this nature. Self-generated content or child sexual abuse material (self-generated CSAM) is sexually explicit images or videos created, transmitted, or exchanged by minors under the age of 18. In cases of abuse this is often linked to coercion by offenders.

INHOPE is made up of hotlines around the world that operate in all EU member states, Russia, South Africa, North & South America, Asia, Australia and New Zealand. We support hotlines and their partner organisations through training, best practices, quality assurance and staff welfare.



# OF CHILD SEXUAL ABUSERS

REINFORCING AND RATIONALISING OFFENDING BEHAVIOUR

REDIRECTION REPORT

Peer-Support of Child Sexual Abusers in Darknet Online Communities

Dr. Salla Huikuri

Contact between CSAM Users as a Risk Factor for Contacting Children Online

Tegan Insoll

#### **EU** level actions



July 2020: COM/2020/607 final EU Strategy for a more Effective Fight Against Sexual Abuse

March 2021: <u>EU Strategy on the Rights of the Child</u>

May 2022: COM/2022/209 final

Proposal for a REGULATION OF THE
EU PARLIAMENT and of the
COUNCIL laying down rules to
prevent and combat child sexual
abuse

## Thanks!

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