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# Protecting children in the Digital Environment



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# Council of Europe Strategy on the Rights of the Child (2016-2021)

## 5 PRIORITY AREAS

1. Equal opportunities for all
2. Participation of all children
3. A life free from violence
4. Child-friendly justice
5. Rights of the child in the digital environment



## Council of Europe Strategy on the Rights of the Child (2016-2021)

Key challenge for children: Growing up in a digital world

Exposure to new opportunities:

- Freedom of expression, participation, education, play, assembly and association.

Exposure to harmful content:

- **Privacy concerns, data protection, online sexual exploitation and abuse**



## What can we do?

- Standard-setting
- Monitoring
- Mainstreaming, Cooperation
- Campaigning
- Knowledge and training
- Involving children



# Project: End Online Child Sexual Exploitation and Abuse @ Europe

2018-2020

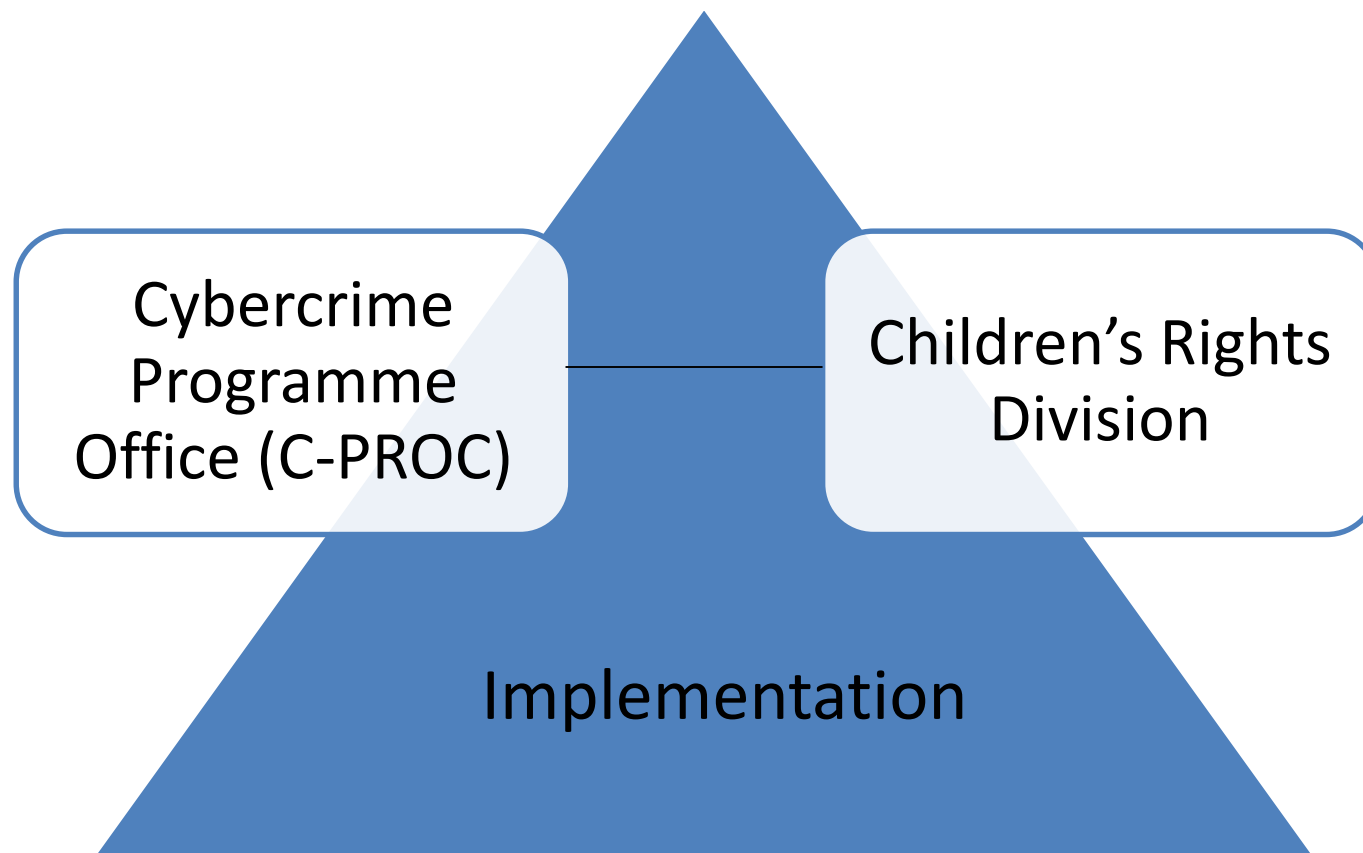
- International Cooperation key to enhance investigation and prosecution
- Harmonise standards
- Mainstream children's rights
- Victim focus / child-friendly investigations
- Bridging Lanzarote Convention and Budapest Convention provisions



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# Online Child Sexual Exploitation and Abuse

- **Child sexual abuse materials**  
**(sexually explicit images, videos or other materials)**
- **Corruption of a child**  
**(sending a child a sexually explicit image)**
- **Soliciting a child for sexual purposes**  
**(grooming)**



## INHOPE 2018 Statistics report

- **337,588** alleged Child Sexual Abuse Material (CSAM) related images and videos were processed via ICCAM platform = An increase of 30% on 2017
- **223,999** images and videos were assessed as illegal
- **58%** were removed from the internet in less than 3 days
- **91%** involved children under **13** years of age
- **80%** of victims were girls
- **84%** of the content was hosted on image hosting services



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## Policy

- ⑩ Strengthen governance structures
- ⑩ Strengthen legislation and policies
- ⑩ Multi-disciplinary co-operation

## Capacity Building

- ⑩ Child-friendly procedures for victims
- ⑩ Effective investigations and prosecutions
- ⑩ Civil society co-operation

## Prevention

- ⑩ Awareness raising
- ⑩ Multi-stakeholder response



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Armenia  
Azerbaijan  
Ukraine

Albania  
Bosnia and Herzegovina  
Georgia  
Republic of Moldova  
Montenegro  
Serbia  
Turkey

47 Member States



# End Online Child Sexual Exploitation and Abuse @ Europe

## 47 member states Council of Europe

Baseline mapping of the 47 member states trends, responses and challenges

Comparative review of collective action to prevent and combat OCSEA at pan-European level

Awareness raising about online safety, security and reporting mechanisms

## 10 focus countries

Training strategies to prevent and combat OCSEA

Child-friendly procedures in the context of investigations and prosecutions

Capacity building for law enforcement agencies

Capacity building for judiciary

## Pilot countries

Detailed gap analysis including: policy, legislative and procedural review

Strengthening/development of multi-stakeholder bodies to prevent and prosecute OCSEA

Strengthening and development of training for law enforcement agencies, judges and prosecutors



# Thank you for your attention

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