

Global Alliance Against Child Sexual Abuse Online – 2014 Reporting Form

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Policy Target No. 1

Enhancing efforts to identify victims and ensuring that they receive the necessary assistance, support and protection.

Operational Goal: Increase the number of identified victims in the International Child Sexual Exploitation images database (ICSE database) managed by INTERPOL by at least 10% yearly.

A) Please report on implementation of any measures announced in your country's 2013 report

As was reported in 2013 in the field of victims identification there is a very close co-operation between the Austrian and foreign law enforcement authorities. The ICSE database still is an important instrument for the information exchange.

Furthermore the Criminal Intelligence Service Austria is continuously holding training courses for the national police force in order to ensure raising the awareness on this subject.

As in Austria the public prosecutor also acts as the leading investigator more attention was paid on even closer co-operation there.

B) Please assess progress made in your country to pursue this shared policy target and to reach this operational goal of the Global Alliance

By way of increasing the attention to the topic within the Austrian police authorities working in this field we succeeded in considerably improving the workflow in cases of victim identification.

C) Please indicate specific actions that your country will undertake as a follow-up

In the framework of the planned implementation of a victim identification database intensive contacts are maintained with the German authorities where such a database is already in use.

In the future investigations with a view to victim identification will be intensified by way

of closer international co-operation.

Policy Target No. 2

Enhancing efforts to investigate cases of child sexual abuse online and to identify and prosecute offenders.

Operational Goal: Establish the necessary framework for the criminalization of child sexual abuse online and the effective prosecution of offenders, with the objective of enhancing efforts to investigate and prosecute offenders.

A) Please report on implementation of any measures announced in your country's 2013 report

The Directive 2011/93/EU has been fully implemented.

Continuous training offers a wide range of seminars, e.g. on treatment of victims including minors in courts as well as on the topics of pedophilia and pedosexuality. These seminars are very well frequented by police investigators.

Police Investigators are given the possibility to participate in a number of **international trainings** as provided by e.g. Interpol and Europol concerning the mentioned topics, for example on fighting cybercrime and child pornography on the internet, sexual violence on minors, crimes with vulnerable victims and dealing with victims of sexual violence. These seminars also offer the opportunity to enhance cross-border cooperation between investigators.

B) Please assess progress made in your country to pursue this shared policy target and to reach this operational goal of the Global Alliance

All target 2 objectives have been implemented in Austria.

C) Please indicate specific actions that your country will undertake as a follow-up

Due to the continuous development of technical standards and the possibilities on the Internet the objectives have to be evaluated regularly based on relevant analyses in order to be in the position to swiftly react to new developments.

Operational Goal: Improve the joint efforts of law enforcement authorities across

Global Alliance countries to investigate and prosecute child sexual abuse online.
A) <i>Please report on implementation of any measures announced in your country's 2013 report</i>
<p>Information events and intensive training courses were held for investigators on a national level.</p> <p>The surveillance of peer2peer networks and forums for pedophiles was enforced.</p> <p>Intensive media relations resulted in an enhanced awareness for this area of crime within the population.</p>
B) <i>Please assess progress made in your country to pursue this shared policy target and to reach this operational goal of the Global Alliance</i>
All target 2 objectives have been implemented in Austria.
C) <i>Please indicate specific actions that your country will undertake as a follow-up</i>
Much attention is given to not only achieve the given goals but to maintain the already high level and develop it even further. For this purpose above all international co-operation is used.

Policy Target No. 3

Enhancing efforts to increase public awareness of the risks posed by children's activities online, including grooming and self-production of images that results in the production of new child pornography that may be distributed online.

Operational Goal: Develop, improve, or support appropriate public awareness campaigns or other measures which educate parents, children, and others responsible for children regarding the risks that children's online conduct poses and the steps they can take to minimize those risks.

A) Please report on implementation of any measures announced in your country's 2013 report

The Criminal Intelligence Service Austria published information folders regarding special areas of crime like cyber-grooming, but also regarding other dangers on the Internet. Target groups for such general advice are mainly children, parents, teachers and other role models.

Furthermore prevention officers keep contributing to enhancing awareness when using the Internet especially with their project "Click&Check".

Additionally in the framework of preventive measures special attention is given to the topic of "sexting" and the dangers connected with this phenomenon.

The NGOs working in Austria also play an important role in this connection.

B) Please assess progress made in your country to pursue this shared policy target and to reach this operational goal of the Global Alliance

All target 3 objectives have been implemented in Austria.

C) Please indicate specific actions that your country will undertake as a follow-up

Special emphasis is put on further following the set targets.

Operational Goal: Share best practices among Global Alliance countries for effective strategies to inform the public about the risks posed by online, self-exploitative conduct in order to reduce the production of new child pornography.

A) Please report on implementation of any measures announced in your country's 2013 report

Preventive measures in schools were intensified in co-operation with NGOs.

Special topics like “sexting“ or „grooming“, which are increasing immensely due to the technical development (smartphones), are given special attention.

B) Please assess progress made in your country to pursue this shared policy target and to reach this operational goal of the Global Alliance

All target 3 objectives have been implemented in Austria.

C) Please indicate specific actions that your country will undertake as a follow-up

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Policy Target No. 4

Reducing as much as possible the availability of child pornography online and reducing as much as possible the re-victimization of children whose sexual abuse is depicted.

Operational Goal: Encourage participation by the private sector in identifying and removing known child pornography material located in the relevant State, including increasing as much as possible the volume of system data examined for child pornography images.

A) Please report on implementation of any measures announced in your country’s 2013 report

As about 99 per cent of the servers offering child pornography material on the Internet are maintained in other countries the Criminal Intelligence Service Austria keeps in touch constantly with the European and international authorities like Europol and Interpol.

Furthermore the Criminal Intelligence Service Austria maintains close contacts to national Internet providers which results in immediate data exchange with the Criminal Intelligence Service Austria in cases of an abuse of their services leading to the appropriate investigative measures in order to locate suspects.

Incriminate images or video material are immediately seized and then eliminated by the providers.

<i>B) Please assess progress made in your country to pursue this shared policy target and to reach this operational goal of the Global Alliance</i>
Close co-operation with national Internet providers resulted in a clear increase in the number of located suspects.
<i>C) Please indicate specific actions that your country will undertake as a follow-up</i>
Special emphasis is put on further following the set targets.

<u>Operational Goal:</u> Increase the speed of notice and takedown procedures as much as possible without jeopardizing criminal investigation.
<i>A) Please report on implementation of any measures announced in your country's 2013 report</i>
Intensive co-operation with the private national reporting facility "stopline" has been implemented successfully. A significant decrease of the websites with child abuse available on the Internet has been observed.
<i>B) Please assess progress made in your country to pursue this shared policy target and to reach this operational goal of the Global Alliance</i>
All target 4 objectives have been implemented in Austria.
<i>C) Please indicate specific actions that will be undertaken as a follow-up</i>
Special emphasis is put on further following the set targets.