

**SAMPLE CASES OF CHILD SEXUAL ABUSE IN THE EU THAT ORIGINATED FROM A REPORT BY AN ONLINE SERVICE PROVIDER (2019-2022)**

**Austria**

Company name and service where report originated	Kik
Details of the case including: - Number of victims included in the case - Nature of the case (new material, grooming, active abuse etc.) - Number of offenders involved	Law enforcement of Austria received a report from NCMEC submitted by KIK alerting of the distribution of several images of minors performing sexual acts. The examination led to the identification of one victim.
Resolution of the case including: - Number of victims safeguarded - Number of offenders prosecuted	Identification of one victim

Company name and service where report originated	KIK
Details of the case including: - Number of victims included in the case - Nature of the case (new material, grooming, active abuse etc.) - Number of offenders involved	Law enforcement of Austria received a report from NCMEC submitted by KIK alerting of the distribution of several images of minors performing sexual acts. Investigations led to the identification of a victim in US and Switzerland.
Resolution of the case including: - Number of victims safeguarded - Number of offenders prosecuted	Identification of two victims

Company name and service where report originated	KIK
Details of the case including: - Number of victims included in the case - Nature of the case (new material, grooming, active abuse etc.) - Number of offenders involved	Law enforcement of Austria received a report from NCMEC alerting of the distribution of one image of minors performing sexual acts. Investigations led to the investigations of the sexually abused daughter
Resolution of the case including: - Number of victims safeguarded - Number of offenders prosecuted	Identification of one victim

Company name and service where report originated	Dropbox
Details of the case including: - Number of victims included in the case - Nature of the case (new material, grooming, active abuse etc.) - Number of offenders involved	Law enforcement of Austria received a report from NCMEC submitted by Dropbox alerting of the distribution of one image of minors performing sexual acts.
Resolution of the case including: - Number of victims safeguarded - Number of offenders prosecuted	The suspect has been arrested because it was already his third house search.

Company name and service where report originated	Bing
Details of the case including: - Number of victims included in the case - Nature of the case (new material, grooming, active abuse etc.) - Number of offenders involved	Law enforcement of Austria received a report from NCMEC submitted by Bing alerting of the distribution of one image of minors performing sexual acts. The examination led to a self-generated video with sexual abuse of a 6 months old girl
Resolution of the case including: - Number of victims safeguarded - Number of offenders prosecuted	Identification of one victim

## Cyprus

Company name and service where report originated	Facebook
Details of the case including: - Number of victims included in the case - Nature of the case (new material, grooming, active abuse etc.) - Number of offenders involved	Cybercrime Unit of Cyprus, received a report from NCMEC submitted by Facebook alerting of the distribution via Facebook Messenger of 5 videos of minors performing sexual acts. The investigation led to the conclusion that the offender found the videos online and sent them to another person. Victims: 5x Offenders: 1x
Resolution of the case including: - Number of victims safeguarded - Number of offenders prosecuted	The suspect was arrested and convicted to 4 months suspended sentence Offenders prosecuted: 1x

Company name and service where report originated	KIK
Details of the case including: - Number of victims included in the case - Nature of the case (new material, grooming, active abuse etc.) - Number of offenders involved	Cybercrime Unit of Cyprus, received a report from NCMEC submitted by KIK alerting of the distribution of 1 video of minor performing sexual acts. The investigation led to the conclusion that the offender found the videos online and sent them to another person. Victims: 1x Offenders: 1x
Resolution of the case including: - Number of victims safeguarded - Number of offenders prosecuted	The suspect was arrested and a sentence from the court is expected to be issued. Offenders prosecuted: 1x

Company name and service where report originated	Facebook
Details of the case including: - Number of victims included in the case - Nature of the case (new material, grooming, active abuse etc.) - Number of offenders involved	Cybercrime Unit of Cyprus, received a report from NCMEC submitted by Facebook alerting of the distribution via Facebook Messenger of 1 video of minors performing sexual acts. The investigation led to the conclusion that the offender found the videos online and sent them to another person. Victims: 2x Offenders: 1x
Resolution of the case including:	The suspect was arrested and a sentence from the

- Number of victims safeguarded - Number of offenders prosecuted	court is expected to be issued. Offenders prosecuted: 1x
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Company name and service where report originated	Facebook
Details of the case including: - Number of victims included in the case - Nature of the case (new material, grooming, active abuse etc.) - Number of offenders involved	Cybercrime Unit of Cyprus, received a report from NCMEC submitted by Facebook alerting of the distribution of 2 videos of minors performing sexual acts. The investigation led to the conclusion that the offender found the videos online and sent them to another person. Victims: 2x Offenders: 1x
Resolution of the case including: - Number of victims safeguarded - Number of offenders prosecuted	The suspect was arrested and a sentence from the court is expected to be issued. Offenders prosecuted: 1x

Company name and service where report originated	Facebook
Details of the case including: - Number of victims included in the case - Nature of the case (new material, grooming, active abuse etc.) - Number of offenders involved	Cybercrime Unit of Cyprus, received a report from NCMEC submitted by Facebook alerting of the distribution of 1 video of minors performing sexual acts. The investigation led to the conclusion that the offender found the videos online and sent them to another person. Victims: 2x Offenders: 1x
Resolution of the case including: - Number of victims safeguarded - Number of offenders prosecuted	The suspect was arrested and a sentence from the court is expected to be issued. Offenders prosecuted: 1x

## Czechia

Company name and service where report originated	Google
Details of the case including: - Number of victims included in the case - Nature of the case (new material, grooming, active abuse etc.) - Number of offenders involved	Bureau of Criminal Police and Investigation Service received a report from NCMEC submitted by Google alerting of keeping homemade pictures in Google Drive infrastructure performing possible abusing. Investigation led into identification of victim and also suspect (father of victim). Than after investigation of regional police the offender was arrested. Victim: 1 Ofender: 1
Resolution of the case including: - Number of victims safeguarded - Number of offenders prosecuted	The report led to identification of the victim. The suspect was arrested. Victim safeguarded: 1 Offender prosecuted: 1

Company name and service where report originated	BADOO
Details of the case including: - Number of victims included in the case - Nature of the case (new material, grooming, active abuse etc.) - Number of offenders involved	Bureau of Criminal Police and Investigation Service received a report from NCMEC submitted by Badoo alerting of possible online enticement of children for sexual act. A suspect also shows CSAM material of her children. Victims: 3 Offenders: 1
Resolution of the case including: - Number of victims safeguarded - Number of offenders prosecuted	The case is still ongoing. Grooming and hands-on abuse has not been proved yet. But possessing and distributing of CSAM material has been proved. Victim safeguarded: 3 Offenders prosecuted: ongoing

Company name and service where report originated	Google
Details of the case including: - Number of victims included in the case - Nature of the case (new material, grooming, active abuse etc.) - Number of offenders involved	Bureau of Criminal Police and Investigation Service received a report from NCMEC submitted by Google alerting of keeping homemade pictures a videos in Google Drive infrastructure showing prepubescent females nudes (his daughter and her friend). Victims: 2 Offender: 1

<p>Resolution of the case including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Number of victims safeguarded</li><li>- Number of offenders prosecuted</li></ul>	<p>The case is still ongoing. Possessing and distributing of CSAM material has been proved. But the suspect also organizes camps for kids, so the number of victims can increase.</p> <p>Victim safeguarded: 2 (for now)</p>
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## Denmark

Company name and service where report originated	Facebook
Details of the case including: - Number of victims included in the case - Nature of the case (new material, grooming, active abuse etc.) - Number of offenders involved	A suspect shared 1 picture on Facebook. Examining the receiver of the picture they found 40 pictures and videos. All known material, just sharing, two offenders.
Resolution of the case including: - Number of victims safeguarded - Number of offenders prosecuted	0 children safeguarded. Suspect also has no children. 1 offender prosecuted: Sentence: 6 month jail

Company name and service where report originated	Snapchat
Details of the case including: - Number of victims included in the case - Nature of the case (new material, grooming, active abuse etc.) - Number of offenders involved	Reported 68 illegal files uploaded. During the arrest the suspect admitted to have violated his 6 month old daughter
Resolution of the case including: - Number of victims safeguarded - Number of offenders prosecuted	1 offender prosecuted 2 children safeguarded

Company name and service where report originated	Facebook
Details of the case including: - Number of victims included in the case - Nature of the case (new material, grooming, active abuse etc.) - Number of offenders involved	Facebook reported 1 picture shared between 2 persons When his computers where examined they found livestream from the Philippines. He was driver for disabled and mentally challenged people, whom he had violated during transport.
Resolution of the case including: - Number of victims safeguarded - Number of offenders prosecuted	Numerous but unknown number safeguarded in the Philippines. Approximately 10 victims safeguarded in Denmark. 8 years in prison for offender.

Company name and service where report originated	Snapchat
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<p>Details of the case including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Number of victims included in the case</li> <li>- Nature of the case (new material, grooming, active abuse etc.)</li> <li>- Number of offenders involved</li> </ul>	<p>Sharing 7 pictures. Was under education as caretaker in a kindergarten. No violations “hands on”.</p>
<p>Resolution of the case including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Number of victims safeguarded</li> <li>- Number of offenders prosecuted</li> </ul>	<p>Probably safeguarded numerous. One offender. Suspended 2 month prison sentence.</p>

<p>Company name and service where report originated</p>	<p>Microsoft Skype</p>
<p>Details of the case including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Number of victims included in the case</li> <li>- Nature of the case (new material, grooming, active abuse etc.)</li> <li>- Number of offenders involved</li> </ul>	<p>1 picture shared through Skype. When examining suspect’s computer 94 pictures and videos was found. Several victims and also new/previously unseen material were discovered. Children on the images were identified as Danish which led to the identity of their mother. She admitted to have had a sexual relationship with the suspect and her children, which included hands on abuse.</p>
<p>Resolution of the case including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Number of victims safeguarded</li> <li>- Number of offenders prosecuted</li> </ul>	<p>Safeguarding 2 children 2 offender prosecuted. Pending conviction.</p>



## Estonia

Company name and service where report originated	Google
Details of the case including: - Number of victims included in the case - Nature of the case (new material, grooming, active abuse etc.) - Number of offenders involved	Law enforcement in Estonia received two reports from the NCMEC alerting of the storage of child sexual abuse material using cloud storage platform. Google detected the material when Estonian male person used a Gmail account to store at least 466 unique video and image files depicting child sexual abuse and exploitation within the Google infrastructure (Google Drive and Google Photos). Victims: 0 Offender: 1
Resolution of the case including: - Number of victims safeguarded - Number of offenders prosecuted	The reports led to the investigation. The offender was convicted to one year six months conditional imprisonment with a probationary period of two year. Victims safeguarded: 0 Offender prosecuted: 1

Company name and service where report originated	Facebook messenger
Details of the case including: - Number of victims included in the case - Nature of the case (new material, grooming, active abuse etc.) - Number of offenders involved	Law enforcement of Estonia received a report from NCMEC submitted by Facebook alerting of the distribution via Facebook Messenger of three video fail depicting child sexual abuse. During the observation of suspect's computer hard drive, more than 400 image and video files depicting a children of less than 14-years of age in a pornographic situation, were found. Victims: 0 Offender: 1
Resolution of the case including: - Number of victims safeguarded - Number of offenders prosecuted	The report led to the investigation. The offender was convicted to one year three months conditional imprisonment with a probationary period of one year three months. Victims safeguarded: 0 Offender prosecuted: 1

Company name and service where report originated	Facebook
Details of the case including: - Number of victims included in the case - Nature of the case (new material, grooming, active abuse etc.) - Number of offenders involved	Our Division received eight (8) different reports from NCMEC submitted by Facebook, alerting of the distribution via Facebook Messenger of images and videos of minors performing sexual acts. The investigation led to the suspect who is a Greek citizen and who had in his possession child pornography material. Offenders: 1
Resolution of the case including: - Number of victims safeguarded - Number of offenders prosecuted	The suspect was arrested and was brought before the court. The minor victims who were depicted in the CSAM couldn't be identified, while the CSAM was unknown origin. Victims safeguarded: 0 Offenders prosecuted: 1

Company name and service where report originated	Facebook messenger
Details of the case including: - Number of victims included in the case - Nature of the case (new material, grooming, active abuse etc.) - Number of offenders involved	Estonian police received a report from NCMEC submitted by Facebook alerting of the distribution via Facebook Messenger of a video depicting a male person of less than 14-years of age performing a sexually exploitative pose. Victim: 1 Offender: 1
Resolution of the case including: - Number of victims safeguarded - Number of offenders prosecuted	The report led to the investigation. The suspect was arrested and convicted to two years of imprisonment. Victims safeguarded: 5 (comment: four more underage victims who were inducing to drink alcohol were identified and safeguarded a result of investigation) Offender prosecuted: 1

Company name and service where report originated	Google
Details of the case including: - Number of victims included in the case - Nature of the case (new material, grooming, active abuse etc.) - Number of offenders involved	Law enforcement in Estonia received total 259 reports from the NCMEC alerting of the storage of child sexual abuse material using cloud storage platform. Google detected the material when Estonian male person used a Gmail account to store video and image files depicting child sexual abuse and exploitation within the Google infrastructure (Google Drive and Google Photos). Victims: 0 Offender: 1
Resolution of the case including: - Number of victims safeguarded - Number of offenders prosecuted	The reports led to criminal investigation. The offender was convicted with one year six months conditional imprisonment with a probationary period of two year. Victims safeguarded: 0 Offender prosecuted: 1

## Greece

Company name and service where report originated	Yahoo
Details of the case including: - Number of victims included in the case - Nature of the case (new material, grooming, active abuse etc.) - Number of offenders involved	Our Division received three (3) different reports from NCMEC submitted by Yahoo, alerting of the distribution via Yahoo App of images and videos of minors performing sexual acts, from different Yahoo accounts which the suspect had created. The investigation led to the identification of the suspect who is a Greek citizen and who had in his possession child pornography material. Offenders: 1
Resolution of the case including: - Number of victims safeguarded - Number of offenders prosecuted	The suspect was arrested and was brought before the court. The minor victims, who were depicted in the CSAM, couldn't be identified, while the CSAM was unknown origin. Victims safeguarded: 0 Offenders prosecuted: 1

Company name and service where report originated	Google
Details of the case including: - Number of victims included in the case - Nature of the case (new material, grooming, active abuse etc.) - Number of offenders involved	Our Division received a report from NCMEC submitted by Google, alerting of of the distribution via Google App of images and videos of minors performing sexual acts. The investigation led to the identification of the suspect who is a Greek citizen and who had in his possession CSAM. From the investigation also emerged that a minor victim was sexually abused by the above mentioned suspect, who produced CSAM with this minor victim. Offenders: 1
Resolution of the case including: - Number of victims safeguarded - Number of offenders prosecuted	The suspect was arrested and was brought before the court. Also, the report led to the identification of 1 minor victim. Victims safeguarded: 1 Offenders prosecuted: 1

Company name and service where report originated	Google
Details of the case including: - Number of victims included in the case - Nature of the case (new material, grooming, active abuse etc.) - Number of offenders involved	Our Division received eleven (11) different reports from NCMEC submitted by Google, alerting of possession of child sexual abuse material (photos and videos) which was uploaded to the cloud storage application "Google drive". The investigation led to the identification of a Greek citizen suspect, who uploaded and had in his possession child pornography material. Offenders: 1
Resolution of the case including: - Number of victims safeguarded - Number of offenders prosecuted	The suspect was arrested and was brought before the court. The minor victims who were depicted in the CSAM, couldn't be identified, while the CSAM was unknown origin. Victims safeguarded: 0 Offenders prosecuted: 1

Company name and service where report originated	Google
Details of the case including: - Number of victims included in the case - Nature of the case (new material, grooming, active abuse etc.) - Number of offenders involved	Our Division received five (5) different reports from NCMEC submitted by Google, alerting of production of Child Sexual Abuse Material, which subsequently was uploaded in Google Drive. The investigation led to the identification of the suspect who is a Greek citizen, produced CSAM and after that it was uploaded in his Google Drive account.
Resolution of the case including: - Number of victims safeguarded - Number of offenders prosecuted	The suspect was arrested and was brought before the court. Also, the report led to the identification of 1 minor victim. Victims safeguarded: 1 Offenders prosecuted: 1

## Finland

Company name and service where report originated	Instagram
Details of the case including: - Number of victims included in the case - Nature of the case (new material, grooming, active abuse etc.) - Number of offenders involved	Finland's NBI received a report from NCMEC submitted by Instagram regarding the distribution of CSAM. The user of the Instagram-account was identified as a 14-years old boy, suspect A. The material on his devices revealed that he had abused an unidentified 9-10 years old boy a couple years prior to the investigation, when suspect A was 12-13 years old. On suspect A's devices was also found a video, where he was sexually abused by his 15-years old cousin, suspect B. Suspect A was 13-years old at the time. The investigation is still ongoing.
Resolution of the case including: - Number of victims safeguarded - Number of offenders prosecuted	The report led to identification of two suspects. One victim remains unidentified. Suspect A could not be prosecuted as he was under the age of 15. Victims safeguarded: 1 Offenders prosecuted: 1

Company name and service where report originated	Discord
Details of the case including: - Number of victims included in the case - Nature of the case (new material, grooming, active abuse etc.) - Number of offenders involved	Finland's NBI received a report from NCMEC submitted by a citizen about a Dutch man who had posted nude images of a Finnish 15-year old girl. The investigation revealed that the man is the girl's ex-boyfriend, and that he had shared the nude images after their break-up. This had led to a suicide attempt by the girl. The investigation is ongoing.
Resolution of the case including: - Number of victims safeguarded - Number of offenders prosecuted	The report led to safeguarding of the girl and to a future prosecution of the man. Victims safeguarded: 1 Offenders prosecuted: 1

Company name and service where report originated	Snapchat
<p>Details of the case including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Number of victims included in the case</li> <li>- Nature of the case (new material, grooming, active abuse etc.)</li> <li>- Number of offenders involved</li> </ul>	<p>Finland's NBI received a report from NCMEC submitted by Snapchat. The report states that Snapchat themselves got a report from a citizen about an account. The reporter states that the user of the account is their 10-years old daughter, and wants Snapchat to remove her account.</p> <p>Upon reviewing the account, Snapchat found that the girl had sent a previously unseen CSAM video to another user.</p> <p>The investigation revealed that the father was not aware of his daughter sending any improper videos. The recipient of the video was located in India, and the information has been sent to the local authorities.</p>
<p>Resolution of the case including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Number of victims safeguarded</li> <li>- Number of offenders prosecuted</li> </ul>	<p>The report led to safeguarding of the girl. As the suspect was located in India, it is not known if any action has been taken against the suspect.</p> <p>Victims safeguarded: 1 Offenders prosecuted: 0/1</p>

Company name and service where report originated	Google Photos
<p>Details of the case including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Number of victims included in the case</li> <li>- Nature of the case (new material, grooming, active abuse etc.)</li> <li>- Number of offenders involved</li> </ul>	<p>Finland's NBI received a report from NCMEC submitted by Google regarding the possession of CSAM. The files seemed unfamiliar to Google. The user of the Google Photos account was identified as a 14-years old boy and it was found out that he was abusing his 9-years old half-sister.</p>
<p>Resolution of the case including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Number of victims safeguarded</li> <li>- Number of offenders prosecuted</li> </ul>	<p>The report led to identification of the victim and the suspect. As the suspect was under the age of 15, he could not be prosecuted.</p> <p>Victims safeguarded: 1 Offenders prosecuted: 0</p>

## Hungary

Company name and service where report originated	Google
Details of the case including: - Number of victims included in the case - Nature of the case (new material, grooming, active abuse etc.) - Number of offenders involved	The National Bureau of Investigation Cybercrime Department of Hungary received 5 reports from NCMEC submitted by Google alerting of the distribution via Google Drive of images and videos of minors performing sexual acts. There were no sign of the offender creating CSAM. Victims: 0 Offenders: 1x
Resolution of the case including: - Number of victims safeguarded - Number of offenders prosecuted	There was no sign of creating new CSAM, the offender only saved and stored the material on his computer and on his Google Drive account. Victims safeguarded: 0 Offenders prosecuted: 1x

Company name and service where report originated	Yahoo!, Google, Twitter
Details of the case including: - Number of victims included in the case - Nature of the case (new material, grooming, active abuse etc.) - Number of offenders involved	The National Bureau of Investigation Cybercrime Department of Hungary received 3 reports all about the same user from NCMEC submitted by Yahoo!, Google and Twitter. The Twitter report said that the user sent CSAM through his account. The reports from Yahoo! and Google said that the user uploaded CSAM to his accounts. There were no sign of the offender creating CSAM. Victims: 0 Offenders: 1x
Resolution of the case including: - Number of victims safeguarded - Number of offenders prosecuted	There was no sign of creating new CSAM but the offender saved CSAM on his computer too. Victims safeguarded: 0 Offenders prosecuted: 1x

Company name and service where report originated	Google
Details of the case including: - Number of victims included in the case - Nature of the case (new material, grooming, active abuse etc.) - Number of offenders involved	The National Bureau of Investigation Cybercrime Department of Hungary received a report from NCMEC submitted by Google alerting of the distribution via Google Photos of images of minors performing sexual acts. The offender uploaded CSAM to his Google Photos account. There were



	no sign of the offender creating CSAM. Victims: 0 Offenders: 1x
Resolution of the case including: - Number of victims safeguarded - Number of offenders prosecuted	There was no sign of creating new CSAM but the offender saved CSAM on his computer too. Victims safeguarded: 0 Offenders prosecuted: 1x

Company name and service where report originated	MediaLab/Kik
Details of the case including: - Number of victims included in the case - Nature of the case (new material, grooming, active abuse etc.) - Number of offenders involved	The National Bureau of Investigation Cybercrime Department of Hungary received a report from NCMEC submitted by MediaLab / Kik alerting of the distribution via Kik Messenger of images of one minor performing sexual acts. The pictures turned out to be new content taken by the Hungarian offender. The investigation led to the identification of a Hungarian citizen living in Austria. The offender abused three children in his family and he made pictures of one of them. He also sent the images to other users. Victims: 3 Offenders: 1x
Resolution of the case including: - Number of victims safeguarded - Number of offenders prosecuted	The investigation led to the identification all 3 victims. Our agency arrested the suspect and the prosecutor proposed a 12-year prison sentence in the indictment. Victims safeguarded: 3 Offenders prosecuted: 1x

Company name and service where report originated	Google
Details of the case including: - Number of victims included in the case - Nature of the case (new material, grooming, active abuse etc.) - Number of offenders involved	The National Bureau of Investigation Cybercrime Department of Hungary received 5 reports from NCMEC submitted by Google alerting of the distribution via Google Hangouts of images of minors performing sexual acts. The offender sent the images to another user. The pictures turned out to be new content taken by the Hungarian offender. The victim was the offender's daughter. Victims: 1 Offenders: 1x
Resolution of the case including:	The investigation led to the identification of the

<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Number of victims safeguarded</li><li>- Number of offenders prosecuted</li></ul>	victim. Our agency arrested the suspect. Victims safeguarded: 1 Offenders prosecuted: 1x
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## Latvia

Company name and service where report originated	Discord
Details of the case including: - Number of victims included in the case - Nature of the case (new material, grooming, active abuse etc.) - Number of offenders involved	1 victim 1 suspect Photo with naked child uploading
Resolution of the case including: - Number of victims safeguarded - Number of offenders prosecuted	Not prosecuted yet, but is on-going

Company name and service where report originated	Google
Details of the case including: - Number of victims included in the case - Nature of the case (new material, grooming, active abuse etc.) - Number of offenders involved	1 victim 1 perpetrator Photo with naked child uploading
Resolution of the case including: - Number of victims safeguarded - Number of offenders prosecuted	Not prosecuted yet, but is on-going

Company name and service where report originated	Microsoft Skype
Details of the case including: - Number of victims included in the case - Nature of the case (new material, grooming, active abuse etc.) - Number of offenders involved	1 victim 1 perpetrator Active abuse
Resolution of the case including: - Number of victims safeguarded - Number of offenders prosecuted	Case is ongoing.

## **Lithuania**

Company name and service where report originated	Meta Platforms (Facebook messenger)
Details of the case including: - Number of victims included in the case - Nature of the case (new material, grooming, active abuse etc.) - Number of offenders involved	Nature of case: Possession of CSEM, grooming Victims: 1 Offenders: 1 Police received a NCMEC report about a user who sent another user CSEM. The investigation revealed that an adult offender was grooming a child online and solicited CSEM from the child who sent it via Facebook messenger. The child and the offender were identified.
Resolution of the case including: - Number of victims safeguarded - Number of offenders prosecuted	Offenders prosecuted: 1 Victims safeguarded: 1

Company name and service where report originated	Meta Platforms (Facebook messenger)
Details of the case including: - Number of victims included in the case - Nature of the case (new material, grooming, active abuse etc.) - Number of offenders involved	Nature of case: Molestation, child sexual exploitation, possession of CSEM Victims: 6 Offenders: 2 Police received a NCMEC report about a user who sent another user CSEM. The investigation revealed that an adult offender was grooming a child online and solicited CSEM from the child who sent it via Facebook messenger. When investigating the child and offender were identified. It was revealed that the offender was contacting 4 others victims online and solicited CSEM from them. Search of the offender home yielded CSEM material of him sexually abusing his daughter found on his home computer. When interviewing one of the victims she revealed that she was also contacted online by another offender who also solicited CSEM from her and later convinced her to meet for a sexual encounter. This man was also identified and apprehended. All victims were identified and interviewed.
Resolution of the case including: - Number of victims safeguarded - Number of offenders prosecuted	Offenders prosecuted: 2 Victims safeguarded: 6

Company name and service where report originated	Meta Platforms (Facebook)
Details of the case including: - Number of victims included in the case - Nature of the case (new material, grooming, active abuse etc.) - Number of offenders involved	Nature of case: Possession of CSEM Victims: 0 Offenders: 1 Police received a NCMEC report about a user who uploaded CSEM material to his Facebook profile. The offender was identified and charged with possession of CSEM.
Resolution of the case including: - Number of victims safeguarded - Number of offenders prosecuted	Offenders prosecuted: 1

Company name and service where report originated	Meta Platforms (Facebook)
Details of the case including: - Number of victims included in the case - Nature of the case (new material, grooming, active abuse etc.) - Number of offenders involved	Nature of case: Possession of CSEM Victims: 0 Offenders: 1 Police received a NCMEC report about a user who uploaded CSEM material to his Facebook profile. The offender was identified and charged with possession of CSEM.
Resolution of the case including: - Number of victims safeguarded - Number of offenders prosecuted	Offenders prosecuted: 1

Company name and service where report originated	Google drive
Details of the case including: - Number of victims included in the case - Nature of the case (new material, grooming, active abuse etc.) - Number of offenders involved	Nature of case: Possession of CSEM Victims: 0 Offenders: 1 Police received a NCMEC report about a user who uploaded CSEM material to his Google drive account. The offender was identified and charged with possession of CSEM.
Resolution of the case including: - Number of victims safeguarded - Number of offenders prosecuted	Offenders prosecuted: 1

## Luxembourg

Company name and service where report originated	Facebook
Details of the case including: - Number of victims included in the case - Nature of the case (new material, grooming, active abuse etc.) - Number of offenders involved	Law enforcement of Luxemburg received a report from NCMEC submitted by Facebook alerting of the distribution and possession of a video of CSAM. he investigation led to the identification of a suspect. The number of victims and their identities could not be determined due to the lack of our work force.  Suspect: 1
Resolution of the case including: - Number of victims safeguarded - Number of offenders prosecuted	The case is still ongoing.

Company name and service where report originated	Microsoft – Online Operations Microsoft Microsoft OneDrive
Details of the case including: - Number of victims included in the case - Nature of the case (new material, grooming, active abuse etc.) - Number of offenders involved	Law enforcement of Luxemburg received a report from NCMEC submitted by Microsoft alerting of the distribution and possession of videos and pictures of CSAM.  The investigation led to the identification of a suspect. The suspect did as well sexually oriented chats with a minor.  Two victims have been identified.  Suspect: 1
Resolution of the case including: - Number of victims safeguarded - Number of offenders prosecuted	The case is still ongoing.

Company name and service where report originated	Snapchat
Details of the case including: - Number of victims included in the case - Nature of the case (new material, grooming, active abuse etc.) - Number of offenders involved	Law enforcement of Luxemburg received a report from NCMEC submitted by Snapchat alerting of the distribution and possession of a video of CSAM.  The investigation led to the identification of a suspect.  Suspect: 1
Resolution of the case including: - Number of victims safeguarded - Number of offenders prosecuted	The case is still ongoing.

Company name and service where report originated	Instagram
Details of the case including: - Number of victims included in the case - Nature of the case (new material, grooming, active abuse etc.) - Number of offenders involved	Law enforcement of Luxemburg received a report from NCMEC submitted by Instagram alerting of the distribution and possession of videos of CSAM.  The investigation led to the identification of a suspect.  One victim have been identified.  Victims: 1 Suspect: 1
Resolution of the case including: - Number of victims safeguarded - Number of offenders prosecuted	The case is still ongoing.

Company name and service where report originated	Snapchat
Details of the case including: - Number of victims included in the case - Nature of the case (new material, grooming, active abuse etc.) - Number of offenders involved	Law enforcement of Luxemburg received a report from NCMEC submitted by Snapchat alerting of the distribution and possession of a video of CSAM.  The investigation led to the identification of a suspect. The suspect did as well sexually oriented chats with a minor.

	<p>Three victims have been identified.</p> <p>Victims: 3</p> <p>Suspect: 1</p>
<p>Resolution of the case including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Number of victims safeguarded</li> <li>- Number of offenders prosecuted</li> </ul>	<p>The case is still ongoing.</p>

<p>Company name and service where report originated</p>	<p>Sony</p> <p>Sony Interactive Entertainment</p>
<p>Details of the case including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Number of victims included in the case</li> <li>- Nature of the case (new material, grooming, active abuse etc.)</li> <li>- Number of offenders involved</li> </ul>	<p>Law enforcement of Luxemburg received a report from NCMEC submitted by Sony alerting of the distribution and possession of pictures of CSAM.</p> <p>The investigation led to the identification of a suspect.</p> <p>Suspect: 1</p>
<p>Resolution of the case including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Number of victims safeguarded</li> <li>- Number of offenders prosecuted</li> </ul>	<p>The case is still ongoing.</p>

<p>Company name and service where report originated</p>	<p>Facebook</p>
<p>Details of the case including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Number of victims included in the case</li> <li>- Nature of the case (new material, grooming, active abuse etc.)</li> <li>- Number of offenders involved</li> </ul>	<p>Law enforcement of Luxemburg received a report from NCMEC submitted by Facebook alerting of the possession of videos and pictures of CSAM.</p> <p>The investigation led to the identification of a suspect.</p> <p>Five victims have been identified.</p> <p>Victims: 5</p> <p>Suspect: 1</p>
<p>Resolution of the case including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Number of victims safeguarded</li> <li>- Number of offenders prosecuted</li> </ul>	<p>The case is still ongoing.</p>



## Netherlands

Company name and service where report originated	Google
Details of the case including: - Number of victims included in the case - Nature of the case (new material, grooming, active abuse etc.) - Number of offenders involved	Identification suspect by telephone data. These information were additional to an ongoing investigation on sexual abuse on a minor. No self-made material. Investigation results in an arrest, house search and investigation on the seized data carriers.
Resolution of the case including: - Number of victims safeguarded - Number of offenders prosecuted	1 victim 1 offender accused for Child Pornography and Sexual Abuse of a minor

Company name and service where report originated	KIK / Facebook
Details of the case including: - Number of victims included in the case - Nature of the case (new material, grooming, active abuse etc.) - Number of offenders involved	1 NCMEC report 8 CP material. Former NCMEC report Facebook 2013 linked to user. On internet a person with the username was found. This person was listed as a teacher on primary school and he was connected to a soccer club. With information in the NCMEC report the person is identified. An investigation by the regional team followed.
Resolution of the case including: - Number of victims safeguarded - Number of offenders prosecuted	1 offender / subpoenaed by Justice – no conviction yet.

Company name and service where report originated	Google / Twitter / Facebook
Details of the case including: - Number of victims included in the case - Nature of the case (new material, grooming, active abuse etc.) - Number of offenders involved	NCMEC priority indicates current or imminent risk to an individual. On 7 photos a penis is shown nearby a sleeping minor girl. The name of the user and a DOB is mentioned by Google. This matched a person known by the Dutch authorities. The photo of his driver's licence is compared with the photos attached to the NCMEC reports. Further there were 3 Twitter and 2 Facebook NCMEC report from 2018 linked to this user. Investigation results in an arrest, house search and investigation on the seized data carriers.
Resolution of the case including: - Number of victims safeguarded - Number of offenders prosecuted	3 victims 1 offender / convicted on producing CP - possession of CP – Sexual Abuse of a minor girl - fornication of his own baby.

Company name and service where report originated	KIK
<p>Details of the case including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Number of victims included in the case</li> <li>- Nature of the case (new material, grooming, active abuse etc.)</li> <li>- Number of offenders involved</li> </ul>	<p>Priority NCMEC report: Indicates possible risk to an individual in the near future of is otherwise time-sensitive. Video/images were shared from ant possibly created by the reported user's phone camera. Images attached to NCMEC report showed a naked baby girl. A hand is holding her labia apart. On another photo a buttocks of a child is shown with an erect penis nearby/ against the child. The identification took place on the answer of a subscriber of the e-mail address. On the same day the regional team followed up with a house search and the suspect was arrested. Images of penetration with a finger in the vagina of the daughter were found. Further evidence of sexual abuse of the older but also minor child is found.</p>
<p>Resolution of the case including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Number of victims safeguarded</li> <li>- Number of offenders prosecuted</li> </ul>	<p>2 victims 1 offender / convicted producing and possession of CP – Sexual Abuse of a minor by penetration against own child – fornication of an own child</p>

Company name and service where report originated	TikTok
<p>Details of the case including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Number of victims included in the case</li> <li>- Nature of the case (new material, grooming, active abuse etc.)</li> <li>- Number of offenders involved</li> </ul>	<p>1 NCMEC report 1 film. A minor is filming a toddler. The toddler is touching her vagina with her finger and licking this finger afterwards. Identification is easily made by the entities in the NCMEC report. The results in our police system found out the family is known by social help organisations. Also there were police registrations about youth help, alcohol - and abuse issues.</p>
<p>Resolution of the case including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Number of victims safeguarded</li> <li>- Number of offenders prosecuted</li> </ul>	<p>1 victim The regional team made an official report especially for the social help organization.</p>

## Portugal

Company name and service where report originated	MeWe
Details of the case including: - Number of victims included in the case - Nature of the case (new material, grooming, active abuse etc.) - Number of offenders involved	Not applicable Known material, related to Operation Iceberg – International cooperation 1 offender
Resolution of the case including: - Number of victims safeguarded - Number of offenders prosecuted	Not applicable 1 offender prosecuted

Company name and service where report originated	Google
Details of the case including: - Number of victims included in the case - Nature of the case (new material, grooming, active abuse etc.) - Number of offenders involved	Not applicable; Known material shared on WhatsApp, Telegram, Viber 1 offender
Resolution of the case including: - Number of victims safeguarded - Number of offenders prosecuted	Not applicable 1 offender prosecuted

Company name and service where report originated	Facebook
Details of the case including: - Number of victims included in the case - Nature of the case (new material, grooming, active abuse etc.) - Number of offenders involved	8 victims identified; Grooming on game platform, request of self generated CSAM on social and encrypted platforms, storage on encrypted platform; 1 offender
Resolution of the case including: - Number of victims safeguarded - Number of offenders prosecuted	8 victims safeguarded; 1 offender prosecuted

Company name and service where report originated	Google - WhatsApp
Details of the case including: - Number of victims included in the case - Nature of the case (new material, grooming, active abuse etc.) - Number of offenders involved	Not applicable Known material shared also on Telegram and Telegram X storage on encrypted platform
Resolution of the case including: - Number of victims safeguarded - Number of offenders prosecuted	Not applicable 1 offender prosecuted

## Romania

Company name and service where report originated	Facebook Messenger
Details of the case including: - Number of victims included in the case - Nature of the case (new material, grooming, active abuse etc.) - Number of offenders involved	Law enforcement of Romania received a several reports' from NCMEC submitted by Facebook alerting of the distribution via Facebook Messenger of images and videos of minors performing sexual acts. The investigation led to the identification of a citizen living in Romania, who distributed images and videos of minors performing sexual acts. The materials were also distributed online to other users. Victims: 3 Offenders: 2
Resolution of the case including: - Number of victims safeguarded - Number of offenders prosecuted	The report led to the identification of 2 victims. The suspects were arrested and convicted: The first suspect: 3 years and 6 months of imprisonment. The second suspect: 2 years of imprisonment. Victims safeguarded: 2 Offenders prosecuted: 2

Company name and service where report originated	Facebook Messenger
Details of the case including: - Number of victims included in the case - Nature of the case (new material, grooming, active abuse etc.) - Number of offenders involved	Law enforcement of Country A received several report from NCMEC submitted by Facebook alerting of the distribution via Facebook Messenger of images and videos of minors performing sexual acts. The investigation led to the identification of a Romania, citizen living in Ireland who forced minors through the threat of violence to produce images and videos of themselves performing sexual acts and to send them to him. The material was also distributed online to other users. Also, this suspect raped one of the victims. Victims: 40 Offenders: 1
Resolution of the case including: - Number of victims safeguarded - Number of offenders prosecuted	The report led to the identification of all 40 victims. The suspect was arrested and convicted to 22 years of imprisonment. Victims safeguarded: 40 Offenders prosecuted: 1x

Company name and service where report originated	Yahoo mail
<p>Details of the case including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Number of victims included in the case</li> <li>- Nature of the case (new material, grooming, active abuse etc.)</li> <li>- Number of offenders involved</li> </ul>	<p>Our unit has been notified by NCMEC (National Centre for Missing and Exploited Children) via Europol that the user of the e-mail Yahoo address has uploaded several pornographic materials involving minors to this e-mail account. Following analysis of the materials provided by NCMEC through report no. 61352072, several images were identified showing two female minors and one male minor, the young boy having similar markings to the one appearing in the images on the suspect's Facebook profile.</p> <p>Victims: 3 Offenders: 1</p>
<p>Resolution of the case including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Number of victims safeguarded</li> <li>- Number of offenders prosecuted</li> </ul>	<p>The report led to the identification of victims. The suspect was arrested and convicted to 18 years of imprisonment.</p> <p>Victims safeguarded: 3 Offenders prosecuted: 1</p>

Company name and service where report originated	Google
<p>Details of the case including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Number of victims included in the case</li> <li>- Nature of the case (new material, grooming, active abuse etc.)</li> <li>- Number of offenders involved</li> </ul>	<p>Law enforcement of Romania received several reports from NCMEC submitted by Google alerting of the distribution of images and videos of minor performing sexual acts. The investigation led to the identification of a Romania, citizen living in Romania who forced a minor to be involved in sexual acts with him. Also, this suspect raped the victim in question.</p> <p>Victims: 1 Offenders: 1</p>
<p>Resolution of the case including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Number of victims safeguarded</li> <li>- Number of offenders prosecuted</li> </ul>	<p>The report led to the identification the victim. The suspect was arrested and convicted to 17 years and 6 months of imprisonment.</p> <p>Victims safeguarded: 1 Offenders prosecuted: 1</p>

Company name and service where report originated	KIK Messenger
<p>Details of the case including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Number of victims included in the case</li> <li>- Nature of the case (new material, grooming, active abuse etc.)</li> <li>- Number of offenders involved</li> </ul>	<p>Law enforcement of Romania received several reports' from NCMEC submitted by KIK, alerting of the distribution via KIK Messenger of images and videos of minors performing sexual acts.</p> <p>The investigation led to the identification of a citizen living in Romania, who distributed images and videos of minors performing sexual acts. The materials were also distributed online to other users.</p> <p>Victims: 1 Offenders: 1</p>
<p>Resolution of the case including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Number of victims safeguarded</li> <li>- Number of offenders prosecuted</li> </ul>	<p>The report led to the identification the victim. The suspect was arrested and convicted to 3 years of imprisonment.</p> <p>Victims safeguarded: 1 Offenders prosecuted: 1</p>

## Slovakia

Company name and service where report originated	Facebook
Details of the case including: - Number of victims included in the case - Nature of the case (new material, grooming, active abuse etc.) - Number of offenders involved	Law enforcement of Slovak Republic received a report from NCMEC submitted by Meta alerting of the distribution via Facebook account of images and videos of minors performing sexual act. The investigation led to the identification of a Slovak citizen, who was disseminating images and videos depicting sexual practices of persons under the age of 18. The material was distributed online to other users. Victims: 0x Offender: 1x
Resolution of the case including: - Number of victims safeguarded - Number of offenders prosecuted	The suspect was convicted to six months of imprisonment conditionally with a probationary period of 1 year. Victims: 0x Offender: 1x

Company name and service where report originated	Google Drive
Details of the case including: - Number of victims included in the case - Nature of the case (new material, grooming, active abuse etc.) - Number of offenders involved	Law enforcement of Slovak Republic received a report from NCMEC submitted by Google alerting of the possession of images and videos of minors performing sexual act on the Google drive. The investigation led to the identification of a Slovak citizen, who has in his possession images and videos depicting sexual practices with persons under the age of 18. The material was not distributed online to other users. Victims: 0x Offender: 1x
Resolution of the case including: - Number of victims safeguarded - Number of offenders prosecuted	The suspect was convicted to five months of imprisonment. Victims: 0x Offender: 1x



Company name and service where report originated	Snapchat
<p>Details of the case including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Number of victims included in the case</li> <li>- Nature of the case (new material, grooming, active abuse etc.)</li> <li>- Number of offenders involved</li> </ul>	<p>Law enforcement of the Slovak Republic received a report from NCMEC submitted by Snapchat alerting of the distribution via Snapchat of video of minors performing sexual act.</p> <p>The investigation led to the identification of a Slovak citizen, who was disseminating videos depicting the naked parts of the body of a female minor between the ages of 8 and 10, her genitalia and, above all, intercourse with an adult man. The material was distributed online to other users.</p> <p>Victim: 1x Offender: 1x</p>
<p>Resolution of the case including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Number of victims safeguarded</li> <li>- Number of offenders prosecuted</li> </ul>	<p>The report led to the identification of 1 victim. The suspect was accused and the case is currently further investigated.</p> <p>Victim safeguarded: 1x Offender prosecuted: 1x</p>

## Sweden

Company name and service where report originated	Snapchat, Instagram, Kik, Discord
Details of the case including: - Number of victims included in the case - Nature of the case (new material, grooming, active abuse etc.) - Number of offenders involved	- at the moment: 6 victims - multiple child pornography offence, multiple exploitation of a child for sexual posing - 1 offender
Resolution of the case including: - Number of victims safeguarded - Number of offenders prosecuted	- at the moment, 6 children - 1 offender, but the trial has not yet taken place. In addition to this, I would like to state that we experience an extremely high hit rate in the reports we receive from NCMEC. We do a search on almost all cases that starts with a report from NCMEC, with very few exceptions. Our opinion is that, to a large extent, abuse material is always found in the seizure. This means that the majority suspects are prosecuted.

Company name and service where report originated	Google
Details of the case including: - Number of victims included in the case - Nature of the case (new material, grooming, active abuse etc.) - Number of offenders involved	- 6 victims - exploitation of a child for sexual posing, intrusive photography, sexual molestation, child pornography offence. - 2 offenders - there were multiple CT-reports from Google for same account.
Resolution of the case including: - Number of victims safeguarded - Number of offenders prosecuted	- 6 safeguarded children - 2 offenders prosecuted - a verdict has not been reached.

Company name and service where report originated	Snapchat
Details of the case including: - Number of victims included in the case - Nature of the case (new material, grooming, active abuse etc.) - Number of offenders involved	- 3 victims - rape of a child, multiple gross exploitation of a child for sexual posing, multiple sexual molestation, gross child pornography offence - 1 offender
Resolution of the case including: - Number of victims safeguarded - Number of offenders prosecuted	- 3 victims - 1 offender

	The case resulted in one more suspect being identified and 10 new victims (this case is not yet complete as more plaintiffs are being identified). Crime: sexual abuse of children, exploitation of children for sexual posing, sexual molestation, gross child pornography offence.
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Company name and service where report originated	Yahoo
Details of the case including: - Number of victims included in the case - Nature of the case (new material, grooming, active abuse etc.) - Number of offenders involved	- child pornography offence - 1 suspect
Resolution of the case including: - Number of victims safeguarded - Number of offenders prosecuted	The suspect had a very specific explanation for why he handled abuse material. He told the investigators that he was doing a research of the development of child sexuality. He was working as a preschool teacher at the time. A search was carried out in his home and a seizure was made. During the investigation in Sweden, the suspect moved to the United States. In United states he was suspected of the same crime. United States authorities requested the Swedish seizure, which Sweden sent to them. He is now awaiting a very long prison sentence in United States. The interesting thing is the difference in punishment between Sweden and the United States.

Company name and service where report originated	Yahoo
Details of the case including: - Number of victims included in the case - Nature of the case (new material, grooming, active abuse etc.) - Number of offenders involved	- 2 victims - 2 offender - 1 offender was a suspect of exploitation of a child for sexual posing, instigation to gross exploitation of a child for sexual posing, gross child pornography offence, instigation to child pornography offence, child pornography offence - 1 offender was a suspect of gross exploitation of a child for sexual posing, child pornography offence
Resolution of the case including: - Number of victims safeguarded - Number of offenders prosecuted	- 2 victims - 2 offenders prosecuted

Company name and service where report originated	Google
Details of the case including: - Number of victims included in the case - Nature of the case (new material, grooming, active abuse etc.) - Number of offenders involved	- 2 victims - intrusive photography, gross child pornography offence X 3, gross sexual assault of child, gross rape of a child. - 1 suspect
Resolution of the case including: - Number of victims safeguarded - Number of offenders prosecuted	- 2 safeguarded children - 1 offender prosecuted - the sentence was 9 years in prison

Company name and service where report originated	Kik
Details of the case including: - Number of victims included in the case - Nature of the case (new material, grooming, active abuse etc.) - Number of offenders involved	It is an ongoing investigation right now. As soon as the investigators got the information from the NCMEC-report and a suspect, they did a search. In the seized phone they found abuse material the suspect made himself. So, he is now a suspect of rape of a child, gross sexual assault of child, gross exploitation of a child for sexual posing, gross child pornography offence.  - 2 victims so far - 1 offender
Resolution of the case including: - Number of victims safeguarded - Number of offenders prosecuted	- 2 safeguarded so far - 1 offender so far in this case.  The information led to more suspects in other cases regarding rape of children with other suspects. They are now being investigated so the number is right now unknown.

- videos of minors performing sexual acts.
- The investigation led to the identification of a Slovak citizen living in Austria who forced minors through the threat of violence to produce images and videos of themselves performing sexual acts and to send them to him. The material was also distributed online to other users.
- The report led to the identification of all **30 victims**. The suspect was arrested and convicted to five years of imprisonment.
- Case # 2:
  - Austrian law enforcement received in 2019 a report from **KIK Messenger** alerting of the distribution of child sexual abuse material.
  - The investigation led to the identification of an Austrian citizen.
  - The search of his house and further investigations revealed that he sexually abused his **2 year old daughter**, who was **rescued**.
- Case # 3:
  - Austrian law enforcement received in 2019 a report from **Snapchat** alerting of the distribution of child sexual abuse material.
  - The investigation led to the identification of an Austrian citizen who had forced several female minors to produce nude images of themselves and provide them to him, under the threat of making publicly available images and videos he made in the bathroom of a soccer field while acting as a referee.
  - The report led to the identification of a **large number of victims**.

## **SAMPLE CASES INCLUDED IN THE IMPACT ASSESSMENT ACCOMPANYING THE LEGISLATIVE PROPOSAL FOR A REGULATION ON PREVENTING AND COMBATTING CHILD SEXUAL ABUSE**

### **Austria**

- Case # 1:
  - Austrian law enforcement received in 2019 a report from NCMEC submitted by Facebook alerting of the distribution via **Facebook Messenger** of images and videos of minors performing sexual acts.
  - The investigation led to the identification of a Slovak citizen living in Austria who forced minors through the threat of violence to produce images and videos of themselves performing sexual acts and to send them to him. The material was also distributed online to other users.
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### **Bulgaria**

- Law enforcement in Bulgaria received in 2018 a report from the National Child Exploitation Coordination Centre alerting of the distribution of child sexual abuse material through **KIK Messenger**.
- The report led to a criminal investigation in which two mobile phones from a suspect were seized, containing 517 video files with child sexual abuse material.
- The material included videos with **brutal scenes of child sexual abuse** with a child around **2 years old**.

### **Czech Republic**

- Law enforcement in the Czech Republic received in 2017 a report from NCMEC alerting of the distribution of child sexual abuse material by **email**, initiated by **Google**.
- The report led to a criminal investigation in which a 52 year old man was arrested following a house search, where additional child sexual abuse material was found.
- This person had abused **2 girls** and recorded the abuse. The 2 girls were identified and rescued.

### **Denmark**

- Case # 1:
  - Following reports from KIK alerting of the distribution of child sexual abuse material through **KIK Messenger**, Danish authorities arrested, a Danish national in his forties with no criminal record.
  - During preliminary examination of his mobile phone, Danish police found several recordings of himself abusing his **10 year old daughter**.
  - The **10 year old victim was rescued** and the suspect is undergoing criminal proceedings.

- Case #2 - Operation Umbrella<sup>1</sup>:
  - Facebook reported to the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children (NCMEC) the distribution of videos via **Facebook Messenger**<sup>2</sup> depicting a Danish boy and a girl who were engaged in sexual activity.
  - NCMEC forwarded the case to Denmark via Europol.
  - Over 1000 people had distributed the videos to one or more people via Facebook Messenger and were charged for distribution of child pornography.
  - This operation, still ongoing, is the single **largest operation ever** against child sexual abuse in Denmark.

### Estonia

- Law enforcement in Estonia received in 2017 a report from NCMEC alerting of the distribution of child sexual abuse material by **email**.
- The report led to a criminal investigation in which a person was arrested for exchanging and possessing child sexual abuse material.

### France

- Case # 1:
  - French police received in 2018 a NCMEC report submitted by Facebook alerting of the distribution of child sexual abuse material via **Facebook Messenger**.
  - The investigation revealed that the offender provided **PlayStation codes** to young boys in exchange of child sexual abuse material.
  - The offender was arrested. There were around **100 victims**.
- Case # 2:
  - French police has received a number of cases from NCMEC submitted by KIK alerting of the distribution of child sexual abuse material via **KIK Messenger**.
  - The cases typically involve multiple offenders (up to **20 offenders** per case).
  - The cases have led to **multiple arrests**.

### Germany

- German Federal Police received a NCMEC report in July 2019 submitted by Facebook alerting of the distribution via **Facebook Messenger** of material showing the sexual abuse of a very young girl.
- The NCMEC report also indicated that the material could have been recently produced.
- The report led to a criminal investigation and a house search in which a suspect was incriminated with abusing **his 4 year old daughter, and his 10 year old son**, who were **rescued and safeguarded**.

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<sup>1</sup> Europol, [Internet Organised Crime Threat Assessment](#), 18 September 2018, p. 32.

<sup>2</sup> The case was also reported in the [media](#) (in English).

## Greece

- Greek police received two NCMEC reports submitted by Yahoo! informing about a user who exchanged child sexual abuse material via **Yahoo!'s messenger** service.
- The house search of the offender revealed that he was also in contact, via Skype, with individuals (mothers of underage children) in the ASEAN region and was sending money to them so they would send him indecent pictures of their underage children.
- The ASEAN authorities were notified of all the details.

## Ireland<sup>3</sup>

- Law enforcement in Ireland received in 2013 a report from NCMEC alerting of the distribution of child sexual abuse material by **email**.
- The material was detected by Microsoft when Matthew Horan used a **Gmail** account to send child sexual abuse material to an email address on **Microsoft's** platform.
- The report led to an investigation in which it was discovered that Horan had been sexually exploiting children.
- Irish police identified **six victims** in Ireland as a result of the investigation.

## Romania<sup>4</sup>

- Romanian police received in 2016 a NCMEC report submitted by Facebook concerning child sexual abuse material exchanged via **Facebook Messenger**.
- The investigation revealed that a mother had been abusing her **9 year old daughter** for more than a year and sent the material generated in the sexual abuse to her boyfriend (not the father of the girl) in England.
- The mother was arrested and **her daughter was rescued**.

## Sweden

- Case # 1:
  - Swedish police received a NCMEC report alerting that one person had shared two child pornographic images on **Facebook Messenger** of material known to the police.
  - Swedish police carried out a search at the suspect's home and found child sexual abuse material in hard drives.
  - The material included the suspect **abusing his stepdaughter**, who was **rescued** in the operation.
  - The suspect was sentenced to nine years in prison for, among other things, gross rape against children.

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<sup>3</sup> The case was also reported in the [media](#).

<sup>4</sup> The case was reported in the media, see [here](#) and [here](#).



- Case # 2:
  - Swedish police received a report from the National Child Exploitation Coordination Centre in Canada in which a person was sharing child sexual abuse material through **KIK Messenger**.
  - A house search was conducted in which child sexual abuse material was found.
  - Thanks to the investigation, **nine Swedish children** were identified.
  - The suspect was sentenced to four years in prison for different child pornography offenses.
- Case # 3:
  - Swedish police received a NCMEC report submitted by Facebook concerning child sexual abuse material exchanged via **Facebook Messenger**.
  - The investigation revealed that a female suspect was producing child sexual abuse material with the children of her romantic partners and sharing it with another male.
  - Further investigation revealed a network of two other female producers and three male consumers of child sexual abuse material.
  - **11 victims** were identified and rescued, ranging from ages 2 to 14 when the crimes occurred, out of more than 50 victims in total.

### **Spain**

- Law enforcement in Spain received a report from NCMEC alerting of the distribution of child sexual abuse material by **email**.
- The investigation by law enforcement in Spain led to the arrest of one person, who actively shared online with other child sex offenders the child sexual abuse material he produced.
- The person arrested produced that material by abusing children within his family circle.
- Given the gravity of the situation, law enforcement focused on locating the victims, eventually **rescuing 2 children** within the family circle.

### **Sample cases in the EU that started with detection of online solicitation**

The following are actual, anonymised sample cases of online solicitation in the EU that service providers reported to NCMEC.

### **Austria**

- An adult man enticed an 11-year-old female child via an online chat service to produce and share sexually explicit images.
- An adult man enticed a 12-year-old female child via an online chat service to produce and share sexually explicit images. Chat logs submitted with the report showed the man threatened the child he would notify police if she did not send explicit images and videos. Fearing this threat, the child produced additional content and sent it to her exploiter.
- A 45-year-old man enticed a 13-year-old male child via online private messaging to

engage in sexual activity. Chat logs submitted with the report showed the man was talking to the child about leaving the country and making plans to meet the same weekend the report was made to NCMEC. The man was in a position of authority as a coach and talked about wanting to adopt and marry the child.

### **Belgium**

- A 21-year-old man enticed a 14-year-old female child via an online private messaging service to produce and share sexually explicit images. Chat logs submitted with the report indicated the man previously had enticed the child to meet in person so that he could exploit her by engaging in sexual activity.

### **Bulgaria**

- A 15-year-old used an online platform to traffic his 9-year-old girlfriend for sexual abuse exploitation. His reported profile stated:

*"I'm looking for a pedophile who wants to \*\*\*\* my 9 year old girlfriend and want her to paw him "*

- An adult man used an online chat feature to entice six female children and sent them graphic images of himself engaged in sex acts. At least one of these children was enticed to create and send an explicit image of herself to the man who then demanded she produce and send more images. When she declined, the man threatened to harm her, saying he "knows where she lives".

- A 51-year-old man used a messaging service to entice a 13-year-old male child to produce and share sexually explicit content of himself. Chat logs submitted with the report indicated the man was the child's uncle, had direct access to him, and discussed specific sexual acts with the child. The chat also indicated the uncle was offering the child money in exchange for sending sexually explicit files.

### **Croatia**

- A 48-year-old man used an online chat service to entice a 14-year-old female child to produce and share sexually exploitative images of herself. The man also enticed her to sexually abuse her 11-year-old sister and said he wanted to meet in person to abuse her. Chat logs provided with the report show the child victim disclosing that she used force to abuse her younger sister, specifically stated the following:

*"She screamed"*

*"It did, but I had to do it by force. She was fighting me....she cried"*

### **Cyprus**

- An adult man used the chat function on an online gaming platform to engage in sexually exploitative conversation with another adult gamer about his 13-year-old daughter. The man provided the other adult gamer with his daughter's screenname on another chat platform so the

other man could contact the child to "seduce" her.

- A 41-year-old man from Cyprus enticed a 15-year-old child victim from Moldova to produce and send sexually exploitative imagery of herself. Chat logs submitted with the report indicated the man previously had enticed the child to travel to Cyprus so he could exploit her through sexual activity.

### **Czech Republic**

- A 29-year-old man used a private messaging platform to entice a 14-year-old female victim to produce and share sexually exploitative images of herself. Chat logs submitted with the report indicated the man previously had enticed the child to meet in person so he could sexually exploit her. The man lived close to the child and was making plans to meet her so he could continue to sexually abuse her.
- A 29-year-old man enticed five child victims between the ages of 8 and 12 years old. The man enticed two of the children to engage in sex acts, including bestiality, with each other. He enticed another victim to sexually abuse her 3-year-old sibling. Chat logs submitted with the report indicated the man offered money or expensive gifts to the victims to entice them into producing and sharing the sexually exploitative images.

### **Denmark**

- An adult man used a platform's chat function to send sexualized messages about children to another adult. Chat logs submitted with the report indicated the man planned to sexually abuse his 13-year-old daughter who was intoxicated at the time.
- A 41-year-old man in the United States enticed multiple children under the age of 13 to produce and send sexually exploitative imagery of themselves. This man was communicating online with a 20-year-old man from Denmark and the two men discussed trading sexually exploitative images. At least one child, a 9-year-old female child, was coerced to engage in sexual activity over a video call after being threatened that she would be publicly exposed if she refused.

### **Estonia**

- An adult male created and used multiple online accounts to entice over 12 children, some as young as 9-years-old, to produce and share sexually exploitative imagery. Chat logs submitted with the report indicated that in some cases the man offered to pay the children in exchange for initial images and then coerced to send additional images by threatening to publicly expose their images online.

### **Finland**

- An adult enticed numerous child victims in Finland, Lithuania, Norway, the United Kingdom, and the United States to produce and send sexually exploitative imagery of themselves. After obtaining initial images, this adult would blackmail the children by threatening

to send the images to the children's families unless they continued producing and sending additional images. Chat logs submitted with the report indicated the adult also was sharing child sexual abuse material with other adults online.

- An adult man used an online messaging service to engage in sexualized conversations about children with another adult. The man made multiple statements indicating he had sexually abused his young daughter on multiple occasions and had shown her pornography since she was an infant. Chat logs submitted with the report detailed the man's plans to continue sexually abusing his daughter.

## **France**

- A 46-year-old man enticed a 15-year-old female child to meet in person for sexual activity. The man also disclosed he was sexually molesting his minor daughter.
- A 36-year-old man used a platform's messaging service to entice a 14-year-old female child to engage in sexual activity. Chat information provided with the report indicated the man was the child's uncle and had direct access to her.
- A 38-year-old man in a position of trust as a youth football coach used a platform's messaging service to entice a 13-year-old female child to meet for sexual activity. Chat logs submitted with the report indicated the man was a friend of the child's father and had frequent access to her during weekend visits.
- A 48-year-old man enticed a female child to meet for sexual activity. Chat information submitted with the report indicated the man was the child's stepfather and provided the child with a location where they could meet in secret so that he could sexually exploit her.
- A 28-year-old man enticed a 14-year-old female child to meet for sexual activity. Chat logs submitted with the report indicated the man was the child's half-brother and had direct access to the child victim.
- An adult man enticed several female children between the ages of 14 and 17 to produce and share sexually explicit images. After the suspect coerced the children to produce images, he blackmailed them to produce and send additional content by threatening to publicly expose the initial images he had received. Chat logs provided with the report included the following statements showing the severe distress of the children as the man blackmailed them to produce increasingly egregious content:

*"... you really want to ruin my life"*

*"I've already tried to commit suicide please don't start again"*

*"It's going to destroy my life"*

*"I want to die"*

*"I'm going to kill myself"*

- A 42-year old man used a platform's private chat function to entice a 12-year-old female child to engage in sexual activity. Chat logs submitted with the report indicated the man was in a relationship with the child's mother, had direct access to the child, and already had exploited her by forcing her to engage in painful sexual activity:

*"I can't anymore with your mom... your Mom and I are done ok"*

*"We should do it softer... it causes some bleeding usually the first time"*

*"Wait mom is up... erase everything"*

- A 36-year-old man used a platform's messaging service to entice a 14-year-old female child. Chat logs submitted with the report indicated the man was a school teacher in a position of trust and with access to children. Chat logs submitted with the report indicated the man already had met and sexually abused the child and was trying to make plans for future meetings.
- A 46-year-old man used a platform's messaging service to entice a 13-year-old male child to produce and share sexually explicit content. Chat logs provided with the report indicated the man was the child's uncle, had direct access to the child, and had sexually molested the child on multiple occasions. Chat logs also indicated the man was coercing the child to meet him in isolated areas of the home so he could sexually exploit him when no one else was home.

### **Germany**

- A 42-year old man used a private messaging service to entice a 13-year old female child to engage in sexual activity. Chat logs submitted with the report indicated the man had previously enticed the child to meet and had sexually abused her.
- A 32-year-old man used a platform's messaging service to entice a 13-year-old male child to produce and share sexually explicit content. Chat logs submitted with the report indicated the man had enticed the child to sexually abuse his 9-year old brother and directed him to continue the abuse as indicated by the following statements:

*"Go to him in the room"*

*"Tell him he should open your pants"*

*"So you don't want to take the virginity of your brother"*

*"Tell him to give you a blowjob"*

*"Come on dare to take your brother's virginity and then you were the first who had"*

- A 32-year-old man used multiple online personas to entice female child victims to engage in sadistic sexual conversations and produce and share sexually explicit imagery of themselves. Chat logs provided with the report indicated the man also was communicating with an 18-year-old woman who he paid to produce imagery of her sexually abusing her infant child.

### **Greece**

- A 50-year-old man enticed a 14-year-old male child to produce and send sexually exploitative imagery. Chat logs submitted with the report indicated the man had enticed the child to meet in person on previous cases and had sexually abused him. The man also referred to having made videos of himself sexually abusing the child.

### **Hungary**

- A 29-year-old man used a platform's messaging services to entice a 13-year-old female child to engage in sexual acts. Based on the report, it appeared the man had previously enticed the child to meet and sexually abused her and the two lived in close proximity to one another.
- A 40-year-old man used a platform's messaging service to entice a minor female child to

meet for sexual activity. Information submitted with the report indicated the man lived in close proximity to the child and knew the child as a friend of her family.

- A 41-year-old man used a platform's messaging service to entice a 12-year-old female child to produce and share sexually explicit content. Chat logs submitted with the report indicated that after coercing the child to send initial images, the man began to blackmail her to produce and send additional content. The man threatened to spread the child's images online if she did not comply and threatened that she had no options but to send more images:

*"I have already saved it on my phone so if you don't obey I post it on the web"*

*"If you do what I say I won't spread your photos on the internet"*

*"Oh and you can forget about threatening me with the police, I don't care"*

*"I'm not afraid of the police, I will upload your photos 1000 times by the time the hearings end"*

### **Ireland**

- A 29-year-old man used a platform's messaging service to entice a 15-year-old female child to meet and engage in sexual activity. Chat logs submitted with the report indicated the man lived in close proximity to the child and previously had enticed her to meet in person and sexually abused her. The man also sent several messages to the child urging her to keep their relationship secret because he would go to jail if her parents found out.

### **Italy**

- A 27-year-old man enticed a 12-year-old female child to produce and share sexually exploitative imagery. After the man obtained initial images from the child, he blackmailed her to create and send additional content by threatening to expose her images publicly. Information provided by the reporting company also indicated the man had direct access to children, including his minor daughter.

### **Latvia**

- An adult used a platform's chat room service to entice three children between the ages of 8 to 15 years old. Chat logs submitted with the report referred to the victims appearing nude and the adult's desire to meet the children in person.

### **Lithuania**

- An adult male who used a platform's chat feature to entice a 12-year-old male child for sexual activity. Chat logs submitted with the report detailed the man pressuring the child to expose himself in various degrees of nudity and to engage in sexual acts on camera for the man.

### **Luxembourg**

- The parent of a 15-year-old child in Luxembourg reported that their child was being enticed into a sexual relationship by an adult man in the United States using a social media platform's chat feature.

- An adult used a platform's messaging service to entice a 15-year-old female child to produce and share sexually explicit images of herself.

### **Malta**

- A 20-year-old man used a platform's chat service to entice a child to produce and send sexually exploitative images. The child disclosed the following information: *"we started chatting, he pretended to be a girl. then he started sending live pics of this girl. he is actually a boy so this was all false. then he insisted I send him nudes with my face and threatening to release my other nudes. I sent him one and now he has my nudes is is threatening to send them to everyone I know. please help me as soon as possible."*
- A 30-year-old man used a platform's messaging services to entice a 15-year-old female child to produce and share sexually explicit content. The man threatened the child:  
*"You have to do as I say if you don't want to get exposed"  
"Otherwise I will show everyone your nudes"*

### **Netherlands**

- A 61-year-old man used a platform's messaging service to entice multiple male children to produce and share sexually explicit imagery. Chat logs provided with the report spanned several years and information provided in the report indicated the man was a school teacher and therapist in a position of trust with direct access to children. The man coerced the victims to engage in specific sexual acts, including anally penetrating themselves with foreign objects and also asked several victims if they had access to younger siblings. The man at times groomed the boys by pretending to be a teenage girl or a football recruiter assessing the children's physical fitness by requesting images:

*"Do you see your brother of 12 ever naked?"  
"1. Everything we talk about, so the fact that I'm going to scout you stays between us. It stays between us as long as I or another scout is coming to visit you at a match. So no telling trainer, parents or friends. You have to promise that... 2. We try a cam session where I interview you and do a body check and different tests. You have to be in a room alone. Is that possible?"  
"Show semen in front of the cam"*

### **Poland**

- An 18-year-old man used a platform's messaging services to entice an 11-year-old female child to create and share sexually exploitative images. After the man enticed the child to create the initial explicit images, he continued to coerce and threaten the child to create additional images by threatening to publicly expose her.

### **Portugal**

- A 56-year-old male used a platform's messaging service to entice a 15-year-old female child. Chat logs submitted with the report indicated the man asked the child if she enjoyed having sex and whether she performed oral, vaginal, and anal sex. Additional information

submitted with the report indicated the man lived in close proximity to the child and had been trying to entice her over chat to meet in person so he could sexually abuse her.

- A 43-year-old man used a platform's messaging service to entice a 16-year-old male child to produce and share sexually explicit content. Chat logs submitted with the report indicated the man had enticed the child to sexually abuse and produce exploitative images of his 12-year-old brother. Chat logs submitted with the reports indicated the man was a success coach in a position of authority and with direct access to children.

### **Romania**

- A 23-year-old woman in Romania used a platform's chat service to coordinate transporting a 13-year-old child victim to an 83-year-old man in Germany so the man could sexually abuse the child in exchange for financial compensation. Chat logs submitted with the report indicated that the woman had access to multiple female children between the ages of 10 and 16 years old, but the 13-year-old child victim was selected because she was still a virgin:

*"parents to the 13-Year-old virgin wants me to give them money before don't trust to give up the girl without giving them money"*

*"I have the virgin is the 13 year old girl her parents want 5000"*

*"5000 for the girl and you give us and new a credit ok because the girl is virgin you can do with take whatever you want"*

### **Slovakia**

- A 21-year-old Austrian man enticed multiple female children in Slovakia to produce and send sexually exploitative images of themselves over several years. After the man obtained initial images, he would threaten to publicly expose the child to coerce them to create and send additional, and often more egregious, sexual images. One child was coerced to record video of her sexually abusing a younger sister. Two other children expressed suicidal thoughts due to their severe distress while being blackmailed. The man also threatened the children not to disclose the exploitation to trusted adults or law enforcement by telling them he would have them institutionalized or taken away from their families:

*"just so you know, I told them that you suffer from mental illness and that you offered me sexual services and that parents cannot take care of you, you will go into kids shelter"*

### **Slovenia**

- A Slovenian man used the chat service on an online gaming platform to send sexually exploitative messages regarding children, including that he had sexually molested a child and raped "little kids."

### **Spain**

- A 22-year-old Spanish man enticed a 14-year-old female child in Chile to produce and send sexually exploitative images of herself. After the man obtained the images, he blackmailed the child to produce and send additional exploitative images by threatening to "ruin her life" and disseminate her sexually explicit images publicly. Chat logs submitted



with the report indicated the enticement and blackmail caused the child severe distress, and she stated multiple times that she would kill herself if the images were released.

- Two apparent adult women used a platform's chat service to engage in sexualized conversations about children. One of the women disclosed she had sexually molested her 10-year-old daughter on multiple occasions and provided details of the abuse at the request of the woman she was chatting with.

### **Sweden**

- A 31-year-old man used a platform's private messaging service to entice a 14-year-old female child to engage in sexual activity. Chat logs submitted with the report indicated the man already had enticed the child to meet in person and had sexually abused her and also indicated the man had produced a child sexual abuse video by recording his exploitation of her.