

**Global Alliance Against Child Sexual Abuse Online – 2014 Reporting Form**

**BELGIUM**

**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***

- The in-4-mation project has come to an end and will report the results to the commission. The effort to coordinate information and intelligence sharing will be continued in the EMPACT priority CYBERCRIME – CSE. The ICSE 3 project has 3 main objectives, namely, create a baseline (i.e. worst of) list of pictures containing images that are illegal in every country, create a tool for monitoring P2P networks and make a ICSE database with more possibilities then today. The first two objectives have been realised and the new ICSE database will be tested early 2015, the third year of the project.
- As Europol (TWINS) is co-driving the EMPACT priority CYBERCRIME/CSE the operational coordination and integration is guaranteed.

See numbers of contributions to analyze platform EUROPOL Twins and number of ISCE contributions/consultations.

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- As for the attempt to increase the number of identified victims of on line child abuse, we continue to refine our technological support. In the next few weeks the new version of our forensic tool (hard- and software) should arrive. This will give us more possibilities to select the images that really matter (possible new victims) from the ever growing seizures.
- The progress that is still to be made consists in the making of guidelines by the judicial authorities to streamline the information flow in the same way for each

investigation. This document can specifically treat victim identification or be more general and address the investigation procedure.

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

Initiative from the Federal Prosecutor in the context of proactive and reactive investigations into hidden services and of the board of Prosecutors-general on standardizing the procedures in investigations, in particular the systematic exchange with TWINS, the investigative support to analyze seized data storage material and Interpol (ICSE) verifications.

**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***

Since April 2014 there are two new laws in Belgium to protect children against grooming: the Law on the Protection of Minors against approach with a view to committing offenses of a sexual nature & the Law to amend the Criminal Code to protect children against cyber luring.

These laws are a result of efforts to further implement the Convention of Lanzarote (Council of Europe Convention on the Protection of Children against Sexual Exploitation and Sexual Abuse) and Directive 2011/92/EU of the European Parliament and Council of 13 December 2011 on combating the sexual abuse and sexual exploitation of children and child pornography.

Now that these laws are in place, further steps will need to be taken to ensure all actors involved have the means necessary for effective implementation.

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**Operational Goal:** Improve the joint efforts of law enforcement authorities across Global Alliance countries to investigate and prosecute child sexual abuse online.

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**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***

Child Focus is willing to organise a communication campaign on October 18th, the European Anti Trafficking Day.

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- The Child Focus website [www.clicksafe.be](http://www.clicksafe.be) informs children, parents and professionals about the safe and responsible use of the Internet. They can find information on this subject, a helpline in case of problems, information about training courses and links to other websites.

- In 2013 Child Focus launched a communications campaign to promote the civil hotline against images of child sexual abuse [www.stopchildporno.be](http://www.stopchildporno.be) and to raise awareness among the general public that child pornography is not a form of pornography, but real sexual abuse and exploitation of children. The campaign was successful and gained a lot of attention from national and international media. Child Focus is currently working on a new awareness-raising campaign on child pornography, expected to be rolled-out in 2015.

- Child Focus has developed **new educational tools** aimed at young people, for example:

- Prevention spot about “Sexting”: spot for young people (age 13-16) to encourage them to think about the consequences of their behaviour on the Internet. The topic sexting (sending sexually explicit messages or images by phone or through social networks) is covered by showing a young couple who broke up because of a picture that was shared online.
- Self-Test “Ben je een Webslet?” (Are you a web slut?): quiz for young people (12-17) about relationships, feelings and sexuality. Topics covered are flirting & new contacts on the web, cyber sexuality, privacy & e-reputation.
- Online application “Wie is het?” (Who is it?): application for young people (11-16) about chatting and meeting new people online. Young people learn what can happen online (for example online grooming) and how they can chat safely and recognize a suspicious chatter.
- App Master F.I.N.D.: application for young people about social media and online privacy. By playing this game, young people experience how easy it is to find out the full identity and intimate details of someone who shows too much of himself or herself on the Internet.
- Helpline spots “Charlie”: spots for young people (10-16) to promote the Child Focus helpline for safe and responsible use of the Internet and raise awareness about different topics such as sexting, grooming, ...

- Child Focus also offers **“Clicksafe” training courses** for professionals working with young people (school teachers & principals, social workers, youth workers, psychologists,...) to help them discuss the theme “safe and responsible Internet” with children and young people.

- Op de Vlaamse regering van 23 september 2011 gaven de Vlaamse ministers bevoegd voor Jeugd, Sport, Welzijn en Onderwijs aan dat ze wilden werken aan een integrale visie en aanpak van geweld, inclusief de aanpak van seksueel misbruik.

- Volgend op deze mededeling werd er onder meer gezorgd voor een engagementsverklaring door elke minister met zijn sector(en) en het ontwikkelen van een vormingsaanbod voor jeugdwerkers, hulpverleners, sporttrainers, schoolpersoneel en CLB-medewerkers om hen te leren omgaan met mogelijke situaties van geweld en misbruik. Dit zowel op vlak van preventie, detectie, melding als opvolging. Ook kinderen en jongeren zouden beter worden gevormd,

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**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.

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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***

See below

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Child is currently communicating with the Belgian Internet Service Providers (ISP's) and main web hosting companies (and a network of hosting companies) to discuss the problems regarding online child pornography, explore possibilities to join forces and define the role of different actors in the notice-and-take-down process.

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As mentioned below, steps are being taken to work towards progress in the domain of notice and takedown of child pornographic content.

**Operational Goal:** Increase the speed of notice and takedown procedures as much as possible without jeopardizing criminal investigation.

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

In the 2013 report, the need and intention to develop a legal and technical framework for blocking illegal websites hosted abroad, including sites with child pornographic content, was announced.

Child Focus has been in contact with law enforcement authorities and politicians to find an appropriate solution for the problems that currently exist regarding the availability of child pornography on the web and the fast and effective removal of child pornography (notice and takedown process). Images of sexual abuse of children are often too long available on the web.

Each year, Child Focus receives a high number of reports about child pornography on the web (in 2013 Child Focus received 1232 reports related to Child Pornography). A key problem is that Child Focus and its employees can't check the reported URL's & materials, because if they do, they could be breaking the Belgian laws and possibly jeopardize the criminal investigation. Child Focus does not view any sites or materials, but only forwards the reported information to the Federal Computer Crime Unit and Human Trafficking unit of the Federal Judicial Police.

Child Focus also contacted the Belgian Internet Service Providers Association (ISPA, [www.ispa.be](http://www.ispa.be)) and the main web hosting companies to discuss the problems regarding online child pornography and the notice and takedown process. The aim is to work towards effective solutions with an involvement of all actors including the participation of organizations like Child Focus in the process from the initial reporting to the effective removal of images of child sexual abuse / exploitation.

Het wettelijke werkkader voor het blokkeren van illegale buitenlandse websites, waaronder websites met kinderpornografische inhoud (via DNS-blocking) werd door de rechtspraak bevestigd.

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In the context of the elections recently held in Belgium, Child Focus released a memorandum for the future governments about the notice and takedown.

***C) Please indicate specific actions that will be undertaken as a follow-up***

See above.

Getracht wordt om verder een efficiënt systeem uit te werken, waarbij men van bij de melding tot bij de effectieve verwijdering een geïntegreerd, werkbaar en doelmatig kader hanteert.