

## Global Alliance against Child Sexual Abuse Online

### Bulgaria

**Policy target No. 1: Enhancing efforts to identify victims and ensuring that they receive the necessary assistance, support and protection**

<b>Operational Goal:</b>	Increase the number of identified victims in the International Child Sexual Exploitation images database (ICSE database) managed by INTERPOL by at least 10% yearly
<b>Actions ALREADY UNDERTAKEN</b>	
<b><i>Description of the actions already undertaken</i></b>	None of the mentioned above potential actions have been undertaken so far
<b>Actions that WILL BE UNDERTAKEN</b>	
<b><i>Description of the actions that will be undertaken and timeframe</i></b>	By the end of 2013 Cyber Crimes Section at General Directorate Countering Organized Crime will establish a direct secure connection with Interpol and will apply for getting access to the ICSE database.

**Policy target No. 2: Enhancing efforts to investigate cases of child sexual abuse online and to identify and prosecute offenders**

<b>Operational Goal:</b>	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
<b>Operational Goal:</b>	Improve the joint efforts of law enforcement authorities across Global Alliance countries to investigate and prosecute child sexual abuse online
<b>Actions ALREADY UNDERTAKEN</b>	
<b><i>Description of the actions <u>already undertaken</u></i></b>	<p>A project for changing Bulgarian Criminal Code, in the part of child sexual crimes, was made at the end of April and it was sent to the government to approve it. This project is consistent with the European Directive 2011/92 and all the necessary legislative amendments will be made, including criminalization of all forms of online child sexual abuse offences.</p> <p>Several police units, prosecutors and judges were educated in investigating online child sexual abuse offences.</p> <p>Three trainings were set during the last year in Bulgaria in the field of investigating online child sexual abuse offences with participants from domestic and international law enforcement agencies.</p> <p>Close cooperation between investigators and prosecutors in cases of child sexual abuse online have already been created.</p> <p>A good cooperation between law enforcement authorities and Bulgarian hotline, part of the INHOPE network, was established.</p>
<b>Actions that WILL BE UNDERTAKEN</b>	
<b><i>Description of the actions that <u>will be undertaken and timeframe</u></i></b>	<p>Bulgarian law enforcement authorities, who are dealing with the problem of child sexual abuse online, still are not allowed to use as investigatory tool covert operations in the investigation of online child sexual abuse offences. Some changes in Bulgarian Criminal Code and Criminal Procedure Code have to be done in order to make that investigatory tool possible.</p> <p>A member of Bulgarian Cyber Crimes Section was invited to participate in the annual meeting of Virtual Global Task Force of USA in May. Unfortunately, the meeting was postponed for July. Following the invitation letter, Bulgaria will be invited to become part of that Task Force by the end of this year.</p>

**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**

<b>Operational Goal:</b>	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
<b>Operational Goal:</b>	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
<b>Actions ALREADY UNDERTAKEN</b>	
<b><i>Description of the actions <u>already undertaken</u></i></b>	Public awareness campaigns were set during the last year educating children on how to be safe online, including personal meetings in many schools between law enforcements and children and their parents.
<b>Actions that WILL BE UNDERTAKEN</b>	
<b><i>Description of the actions that <u>will be undertaken and timeframe</u></i></b>	By the end of 2013 Bulgarian Cyber Crimes Section will develop public awareness material which can be shared across Global Alliance countries.

**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**

<b>Operational Goal:</b>	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.
<b>Operational Goal:</b>	Increase the speed of notice and takedown procedures as much as possible without jeopardizing criminal investigation
<b>Actions ALREADY UNDERTAKEN</b>	
<b><i>Description of the actions already undertaken</i></b>	<p>A memorandum of Understanding between Bulgarian Cyber Crimes Section and Bulgarian hotline was re-signed up, avoiding gaps and bottlenecks, and ensuring effective investigations and preservation of evidence.</p> <p>Using technologies and reports from international law enforcement agencies, Bulgarian Cyber Crimes Section was able to identify and remove several child pornography images/web sites, hosted in servers under Bulgarian jurisdiction.</p>
<b>Actions that WILL BE UNDERTAKEN</b>	
<b><i>Description of the actions that will be undertaken and timeframe</i></b>	Memoranda of Understanding between Bulgarian Cyber Crimes Section and ISPs/ESPs will be sign up by the end of this year.