

FINLAND

**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***

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

As regards the investigations of child abuse in Internet, images database has not been very useful tool so far.

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

The aim is to identify challenges in using ICSE database in investigation and to analyse identified challenges. According to analyses, Finland will take necessary actions if possible.

**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***

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

From the beginning of this year (2014) it has been possible to use telecommunications interception also when there are grounds to suspect somebody of sexual abuse of a child and likewise to use traffic data monitoring also when there are grounds to suspect

somebody of solicitation of a child for sexual purposes.

An Act on checking the criminal background of persons working with children has been in force since 2003. The act applies to all professions (public or private) where the worker is in close contact with children. In 2013 the Parliament accepted legislation that extends this measure to cover also volunteer workers. This amendment entered into force 1 May 2014.

Also the provisions concerning sex offences in Finnish Criminal Code have been amended in 2014. For example, all sex offences (with one minor exception) are after amendments subject to public prosecution. This goes already now for all offences where the victim is under 18 years of age. The amendments of Criminal Code will enter into force 1 September 2014.

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

At the moment, there is no preparation to amend provisions concerning sex offences or coercive measures in connection with criminal investigation. Ministry of Justice follows possible shortcomings in legislation and launches initiatives to new legislation if needed.

The Police authorities will also identify any shortcomings found in legislation, and initiatives to new legislation will be forwarded to Ministry of Justice.

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

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

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

International cooperation has continued. National Bureau of Investigations as the central national authority has good co-operation and communication with main internet servers/operators, which are essential in effective investigations of child abuse.

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

Identifying challenges and shortcomings in effective cooperation and take necessary actions if possible.

**Policy Target No. 3**

Enhancing efforts to increase public awareness of the risks posed by children's activities

online, including grooming and self-production of images that results in the production of new child pornography that may be distributed online.

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

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

The police have regularly meetings with authorities representing health and welfare as well as social branch. Meetings with prosecutors are held in early stage in order to decide for example on schedules of pre-trial investigations.

The police have actively cooperated with different actors in order to improve the services provided to victims of crime. For instance, the police are involved as an expert member in the specialist working group established by the National Institute for Health and Welfare to issue guidelines for, monitor and develop the quality of investigations into physical and sexual abuse of children nationally. This working group has started its activities in March 2010. The police are also involved as one actor in implementing a pilot project on the so-called Children's House model (also called Children's Advocacy Center -model).

During spring 2013 the National Institute for Health and Welfare launched a campaign called "Mun kroppa. Mä p $\ddot{a}$ ät $\ddot{a}$ n." (My body. It's my decision.") which was aimed to raise awareness among children and adolescents about sexual violence and how to protect themselves from it. The campaign was systematically carried out in the police for example by guiding children to explore material produced by campaign. The police officers working in community police tasks also raised the campaign and questions therein while visiting in the schools and in different events.

The National Police Board has issued guidelines on hearing a child in pre-trial investigations, which is complied with in the investigation of crimes against children. Additionally, the police comply with the manual "Lapsen seksuaalisen hyv $\ddot{a}$ ksik $\ddot{a}$ ytt $\ddot{o}$ n ja pahoinpitelyn selvitt $\ddot{a}$ minen" (Investigating sexual and physical abuse of a child) by the National Institute for Health and Welfare (formerly the National Research and Development Centre for Welfare and Health).

In the Police College of Finland, a two-week course on

<p>"Sexual crimes and the child in policing" is given annually, which is designed to give basic information on investigating crimes against a child. In addition, the National Police Board initiated special training for police officers and health care professionals conducting interviews with children as a pilot project in November 2009. This training has now been carried out fourth time in a row. Training lasts for one year, and its aims at building up the professional skills of those conducting interviews with children by means of training days and work counselling. In addition to these types of training, police officers take part in individual training events organised by the authorities and cooperation partners as much as possible.</p>
<p><b>B) Please assess progress made in your country to pursue this shared policy target and to reach this operational goal of the Global Alliance</b></p>
<p>Cooperation with NGO's has continued both nationally and locally.</p>
<p><b>C) Please indicate specific actions that your country will undertake as a follow-up</b></p>
<p>Police will participate in different projects and campaigns.</p>

<p><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.</p>
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**C) Please indicate specific actions that your country will undertake as a follow-up**

Continuation of cooperation with other authorities and NGO's

**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**

Our 2013 report is unfortunately possible to be read so that there would be some current plans to change the Finnish Internet filtration system to be mandatory instead of optional. However, this is not the case.

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

Cooperation and good connections with internet servers in Finland continues.

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

The relevant authorities in Finland continue cooperation and dialogue with internet servers nationally as has been done for many years. Also challenges in international cooperation will be identified and analysed in order to take necessary actions if possible.

**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**

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

In order to get information of illegal material in internet, the police have close cooperation with NGOs. There is possibility for people to inform through internet NGO (Pelastakaa Lapset ry) about illegal material and the NGO forwards this information to police. This system has been working quite well.

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

Identify possible challenges and take actions in order to speed up reporting to police.