

# EU activities against cyber crime and child sexual exploitation on the Internet

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- **Communication (2007) «Towards a general policy on the fight against cyber crime»**

- ✓ Illegal content
- ✓ Large-scale attacks against information systems
- ✓ Identity theft

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## 1. Legislative process

- Council Framework Decision on combating the sexual exploitation of children and child pornography
- Council Framework Decision on attacks against information systems
- ✓ minimum level of approximation between Member States' criminal law targeting the main forms of criminal activity concerned.

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## 1. Legislative process (cont'd)

- Council Framework Decision on combating the sexual exploitation of children and child pornography
  - ✓ promotes a minimum level of approximation between national legislation in this context,
  - ✓ criminalises the more serious forms of abuse,
  - ✓ extends national jurisdiction,
  - ✓ provides for a minimum level of aid for victims.

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## 1. Legislative process (cont'd)

- Council Framework Decision on combating the sexual exploitation of children and child pornography

### Weaknesses:

- major aspects (e.g. rules to make it easier for children to give evidence and to alleviate their trauma) have to be reinforced;
- new forms of abuse are increasing, in particular in connection with the new internet technologies;

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## 1. Legislative process (cont'd)

- **NEW PROPOSAL for** Council Framework Decision on combating the sexual exploitation of children and child pornography
  - ❑ Comprehensive approach: Prosecution, Protection, Prevention
  - ❑ Take account of new forms of child abuse, especially on-line
  - ❑ Bring EU level up to highest international standards

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## 1. Legislative process (cont'd)

### *On the Prosecution front:*

- **New criminal offences** are introduced, such as
  - ✓ 'grooming';
  - ✓ **viewing** child pornography without downloading files;
  - ✓ **on-line sexual abuse**
  - ✓ **advertising** the possibility to abuse children
- **Special investigative tools**, such as **undercover operations** for child pornography

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## 1. Legislative process (cont'd)

### ***On the Protection front:***

- Special investigative units to analyse child pornographic material in order to **identify child victims**.

### ***On the Prevention front:***

- Systems should be developed at national level to **block access** to websites containing child pornography.



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## 2. EU and International Cooperation

- G8, Council of Europe – [Cybercrime Convention](#)
- [EU Council Conclusions](#) on a concerted work strategy and practical measures against cybercrime (Nov. '09) – [European Alert Platform](#)

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### 3. Public-Private Cooperation

- **EU Council Conclusions** – include recommendations on public-private partnership against cyber crime
- EU cyber crime **training platform**
- **European Financial Coalition**

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## 4. Financial Programmes

- **Safer Internet:** € 55 million for 2009-2013
- **ISEC** (“Prevention of and Fight against Crime”):  
€ 70 million in 2009

[http://ec.europa.eu/justice\\_home/funding/isec/funding\\_isec\\_en.htm](http://ec.europa.eu/justice_home/funding/isec/funding_isec_en.htm)

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Thank you

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