

# EU Safer Internet program

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# The Safer Internet program

## Overall aim

***“to promote a safer use of the internet and other online technologies, particularly by children, and to fight illegal and harmful content ranging from child abusive images to racism”.***



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## Further Actions (selection)

- Awareness-raising
- Self-regulation/multi-stakeholder events
- Increasing the knowledge base on children's use of technology
- International co-operation



# International activities

## Safer Internet Day

### 9th February 2010

Main topic: **Think before you post!**

Encourage youngsters to think about potential consequences of what they post online about themselves and about their friends and family, especially pictures and videos



# Safer Internet Day 2010



- SID Celebrated in +/- 65 countries
- More than 36 SID committees

Albania, Argentina, Armenia, Australia, Brazil, Canada, Chile, Costa Rica, Croatia, Dominican Republic, Egypt, Estonia, Hong Kong, India, Israël, Japan, Kenya, Macedonia, Malaysia, Malta, Mauritius, Moldova, New Zealand, Paraguay, Qatar, Russian Federation, Senegal, Serbia, Singapore, South Korea, Switzerland, Taiwan, Turkey, Ukraine, USA, Venezuela



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## Hotlines

### Europe-wide and global network:



Network of Hotlines  
to fight illegal content  
in 31 European and non-European  
countries



# INHOPE Members – a growing global network

<b>Australia</b>	ACMA 1999	<b>Italy</b>	STC Italy 2003
<b>Austria</b>	Stoplevel 1999	<b>Japan</b>	Internet Association Japan 2007
<b>Belgium</b>	Child Focus 2001	<b>Latvia</b>	Secretariat of Special Assignments Minister for Electronic Government Affairs 2008
<b>Bulgaria</b>	ARC Fund 2006	<b>Lithuania</b>	Communications Regulatory Authority of the Republic of Lithuania 2008
<b>Canada</b>	cybertip.ca 2005	<b>Luxembourg</b>	LISA Stoplevel 2008
<b>Chinese Taipei</b>	ECPAT Taiwan 2005	<b>Netherlands</b>	Meldpunt 1999
<b>Cyprus</b>	CNTI 2008	<b>Poland</b>	NASK 2006
<b>Czech Republic</b>	Our Child Foundation 2007	<b>Portugal</b>	FCCN 2007
<b>Denmark</b>	Red Barnet 2002	<b>Russia</b>	Friendly RuNET Foundation 2009
<b>Finland</b>	STC Finland 2002	<b>Russia</b>	National Internet-Safety Node in Russia 2009
<b>France</b>	AFA 1999	<b>Slovenia</b>	Spletno Oko 2007
<b>Germany</b>	ECO 1999	<b>South Africa</b>	Film Publication Board 2009
<b>Germany</b>	FSM 1999	<b>South Korea</b>	KISCOM 2003
<b>Germany</b>	jugendschutz.net 1999	<b>Spain</b>	Protegeles 2002
<b>Greece</b>	SafeNet 2004	<b>United Kingdom</b>	Internet Watch Foundation 1999
<b>Hungary</b>	MATISZ 2005	<b>United States of America</b>	Cybertipline 1999
<b>Iceland</b>	Barnaheill 2001		
<b>Ireland</b>	ISPAI 1999		
<b>Italy</b>	HOT 114 2006		



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## Activities related to law enforcement

### Hotlines

- Hotlines co-operate with Law Enforcement
- Hotlines do pre-investigative tasks (assess the reported content - identify illegal content)
- Hotlines **facilitate efficient Law Enforcement cross-border operations** by signposting reports to the country of origin



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## Hotlines

- In 2009 the member hotlines processed 96,300 reports on Child Sexual Abuse. 100,173 reports on Child Sexual Abuse were forwarded to police agencies (this includes further sources such as active research in Usenet).
- From this year on the hotlines will also take care of such content to be taken down quickly by the hosting ISPs.



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**The Commission is supporting police investigation in online child sexual abuse, examples:**

- **European Financial Coalition against child sexual abuse content on the Internet (3rd March 2009)**
- **INHOPE Law Enforcement Conference Helsinki 3rd – 4th September 2009**



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### Tools to support police investigations

Development of technological tools which support police investigation, examples:

- Facilitate analysis of evidence material on seized computers etc.
- Match victims, offenders or details of crime scenes in different pictures or videos
- Facilitate investigations in order to rescue the victims
- *Recent case in Austria: 1,000,000 child abuse images on seized computers of 3 persons*



# Misuse of the Domain Name System

**INTERNETWATCH FOUNDATION (UK hotline)  
2009 annual report:**

**8,844 instances of child sexual  
abuse content processed. The  
URLs were identified on 1,316  
different domains.**

**40 websites hosted in UK: 73% were images  
of children under 11 years old being  
sexually abused; 44% were images  
depicting the rape of a child.**



# Misuse of the Domain Name System

**We will from October on have a clearer picture of the way domains are misused and the number of misused domains:**

**INHOPE URL database**



# Misuse of the Domain Name System

Should we allow the **Domain Name System** to be misused for spreading child sexual images?

## Our proposal:

- Reflect on a possible procedure / instrument which would allow revoking misused domain names
- A possible model could be the UDRP (Uniform Domain-Name Dispute-Resolution Policy)
- Establish a task force for this end involving the EU Commission, ICANN, Law Enforcement and others to study possible solutions



# For more information:

## <http://ec.europa.eu/saferinternet>

**Projects**

**Thematic Networks**

**Preparatory actions**

**Report templates**

**Safer Internet Day**

**Mobile Sector**

**Public Consultation**

**Forum**

**Eurobarometer**

**Communication activities**

**Contact**

**Registration form**

**Safety tips**

**in hope** The **INHOPE network** of hotlines where the public can report illegal content, and

**insafe** The **INSAFE network** of national nodes performing awareness-raising activities and running **helplines**.

- **Projects funded** (2003-2004)
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- **Preparatory actions** (1998)

Each network has a co-ordinator who fosters the European-wide networking between nodes which cover a particular country.

The Commission has also encouraged cooperation of awareness nodes, hotlines and helplines at local level and therefore "combined nodes" composed of an awareness node, a hotline and a helpline have already been created in some countries.

**List of running projects**