Europol's work to counter child sexual exploitation

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EC3's Core Areas of Responsibility

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Expertise and Stakeholder Management
- PREVENTION & OUTREACH
- POLICY & DEVELOPMENT

Document and Digital Forensics
- DIGITAL FORENSICS
- DOCUMENT FORENSICS

Operations
- CYBER INTELLIGENCE
  - AP CYBORG: HIGH-TECH CRIMES
  - AP TERMINAL: PAYMENT FRAUD
  - AP TWINS: CHILD SEXUAL ABUSE
  - AP DARK WEB
  - JOINT CYBERCRIME ACTION TASKFORCE (J-CAT)
Analysis and dissemination of CSE referrals
NCMEC

NCMEC, ICE, AP Twins, EU MS

Using VPN, Using SIENA, Using SIENA

From November 2013
Strategic and Operational Analysis

**Strategic analysis**: SOCTA, IOCTA and ad-hoc reports dedicated to child sexual exploitation and abuse.

**Operational Reports**: 1362 in 2021 and 56 in the first quarter of 2022.
German police make arrests over massive child pornography website

German police have uncovered one of the world's largest underground websites for child pornography with more than 400,000 viewers and arrested four people connected to the platform, prosecutors said on Monday.

The "BOYSTOWN" platform has existed since at least June 2019 and was only accessible via the so-called Darknet, the Frankfurt public prosecutor's office said in a statement.

German police shut one of world's biggest darknet child abuse images sites

The platform had membership of more than 400,000 international subscribers.

German police shut down major darknet child sex abuse platform

After months of investigation, German police have shut down the "Boystown" child sex abuse platform with over 400,000 members. Four German men have been arrested.
Operational Support: Digital Forensics

Digital IT Lab

Document Forensics & Counterfeiting

Advanced on-the-spot forensic support

Universal Forensic Extraction Device (UFED)

Decryption Platform
Victim Identification Task Force (VIDTF)

**What is VIDTF?**
- Experts gather for 2 weeks to tackle Child Sexual Abuse Material online, using advanced techniques, software and their knowledge/expertise

**VIDTF I – X**
- +5,700 series analysed
- +1,000 intelligence packages disseminated
- +550 victims safeguarded
- +190 offenders arrested and prosecuted

**VIDTF XI**
- +600 CSEM series processed
- Likely country of production determined for close to 350 of them

VIDTF operations have been organized by Europol since 2014 and have supported the development of national investigations.
Victim Identification: Trace An Object

This is a hotel room. Do U know which one? This info can help police solve a child sexual abuse case. Tell us on europol.europa.eu/stopchildabuse...

This child sexual abuse image shows what is likely a hotel spa. Do you recognise the place? Your information can help police save a victim. Thank you for sending us your leads on europol.europa.eu/stopchildabuse...

#StopChildAbuse

peter @under_less · 13.08.17
Replying to @Europol
marlin-creek.com/gallery.html

Europol @Europol · 13.08.17
Thank you! We have passed on this info to the investigators who will further check it.

NaNo@NaN0NL · 13.08.17
Give the man a present.

Europol Public Information
Stop Child Abuse
Trace an Object

5 Offenders Prosecuted
23 Children Safeguarded
264 Image's published on Europol's Website
+27,000 Tips Received
Since June 2017 until today

On first day
356,000 visits
4,500 tips
Capacity Building and Networks

- Specialised Training
- Innovation
- Networks: specialised international CSAE networks, EDEN, EC3 Advisory Groups, NGOs ...

Europol Training Course on Combating Online Sexual Exploitation of Children (COSEC)

Grace
7M€, 3 years, 22 partners
Platform for automated processing of referrals from Online Service Providers in order to fight Child Sexual Exploitation Material (CSEM)
Online child sexual coercion and extortion is a crime

Has this happened to you?

SAY NO!

We can help you.
You are not alone.

#SayNo
Amendments to Europol Regulation

Article 26 b
Exchange of personal data with private parties to address the online dissemination of online child sexual abuse material

1. Europol may receive personal data directly from private parties and process those personal data in accordance with Article 18 to address the online dissemination of online child sexual abuse material, as referred to in Article 4(1), point (y).

2. Where Europol receives personal data from a private party established in a third country, Europol shall forward those data and the results of its analysis and verification of those data only to a Member State, or to a third country concerned as referred to in Article 25(1), point (a), (b) or (c), or in Article 25(4a).
Thank you for your attention