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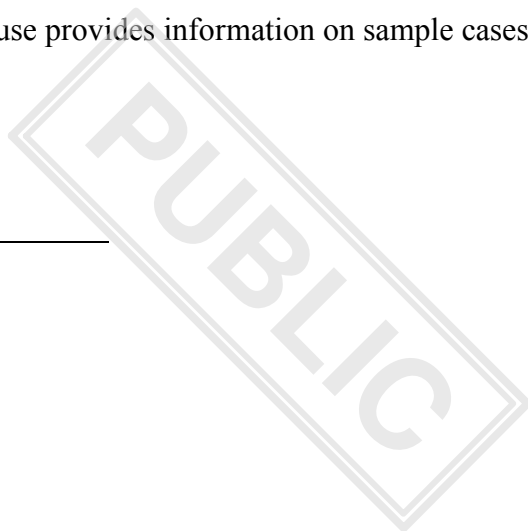
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NOTE

From:	Presidency
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To illustrate the effectiveness of Regulation (EU) 2021/1232 of the European Parliament and of the Council on a temporary derogation from certain provisions of Directive 2002/58/EC for the purpose of combating online child sexual abuse (“the Interim Regulation”), delegations are provided with case examples in three different annexes: The first one is a compilation of case examples from EMPACT “Child sexual exploitation” (CSE) done by the Presidency. The second annex, prepared by the Commission, includes cases collected by them through EMPACT. The third annex covers cases collected by the Commission from various sources such as the U.S. National Center for Missing & Exploited Children (NCMEC).

In addition, ANNEX 7 of the Impact Assessment accompanying the proposal for the Regulation laying down rules to prevent and combat child sexual abuse provides information on sample cases of child sexual abuse in the EU.¹



¹ 9068/22 ADD 1, p. 267-278

CSA EMPACT**Case studies by Member States**

Case studies, originated in detection by the companies in number-independent interpersonal communication services (NICS), by the Member States compiled by the EMPACT Operational Action Plan Child Sexual Exploitation.

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AUSTRIA

CRIMINAL INVESTIGATION

In 2022, Austrian Criminal Intelligence Service received a NCMEC - CyberTipline Report referring to an Austrian user, who had shared one single CSE image with another user in the Philippines via Facebook Messenger. Investigations based on this report lead to the identification of six minor victims in the Philippines and the arrest of the suspect in Austria.

CONVICTION/SENTENCING

The trial is expected to take place next year.

BELGIUM

CASE 1

SUSPECT

“X”, living in Ghent (postal code 9000), music teacher - secondary education in Ghent and Dendermonde

FACTS

- Inciting fornication, corruption or prostitution in minors (*article 379 §§ 1 and 3 and article 382 §§ 1 and 4 Belgian criminal code*). In Ghent (postal code 9000) in the period 1 August 2019 to 31 December 2021, several times, on unspecified dates.
- Acquisition or possession of, and access to, child pornography (article 100ter and article 383bis §§ 2, 4 and 5 Belgian criminal code). In Ghent (postal code 9000) in the period 1 August 2019 to 19 January 2022.

CRIMINAL INVESTIGATION

Start case:

- NCMEC report of December 2020 in which X uploads 1 photo and 12 videos type CSAM and disseminates via KIK Messenger.
- 2 underage former students of X come across him on social media app Wink in December 2021 and recognize their teacher in a picture of when he was younger. He says his name is Bas, that he is 17 years old and asks to switch to Snapchat. There he asks for a picture of the girl, she sends a fake picture with a fake account. Eventually he says "I want to kiss and caress you" and the mum is notified. Police report is then drawn up in Dendermonde.

Search with consent was carried out on 19 January 2022. Various data carriers were seized, including, most importantly, X's mobile phone.

The exploitation of X's mobile phone showed that it contained a "safe folder", password-protected. Inside the folder, police found a "gallery" with several subfolders, including 63 folders titled with the username of underage girls on Snapchat.

In each folder, police found a collection of imagery, both sexually explicit images and videos. These fluctuated from fairly demure to, in the case of some girls, very explicit.

Modus operandi of X: Contacts underage girls on apps "Wink" or "Yubo". Poses as 17-year-old boy, "Bas", and starts chatting with the girls. After a while, they switch to Snapchat and when he has gained their trust, he proceeds to sexting. Here he uses two devices: with 1 device he opens the Snapchat photos and videos, while with another device he films his first device and stores everything in subfolders.

The underage girls are unaware that everything is being saved. Of the 63 girls (number of folders in the safe folder), police eventually identified 27, of whom 16 were still minor at the time of the investigation. The youngest was 12 years old. The investigating judge ordered to conduct special interrogations for children (with specialized investigators) with all of them.

Police also found a subfolder "young" with footage of children under 10 years old. These were however not selfie photos or videos from Snapchat.

The readout also showed that X sometimes exchanged footage with third parties. It is not clear whether he did the same with the material he obtained from the underage girls. Given the fact that Snapchat does not store anything, this cannot be traced either.

All parents were notified by letter and asked to contact our services to create a contact list and provide further information. They were all addressed and knew that they would be contacted with concrete details for an interrogation of their minor daughter.

Police conducted 16 special interrogations (all over Belgium) with the identified minors, and 11 ordinary interrogations with the adult identified victims (minor at the time of the offences but already of age at the time of their interrogation).

The footage forwarded to X ranges from close-up of breasts, nude to fully nude, sexual acts in isolation; sometimes using various objects such as hairbrushes etc.

During X's interrogation as well as his re-examination, X denied having pedosexual feelings.

The court psychiatrist's report shows that he is a core pedophile.

CONVICTION/SENTENCING

- Prison sentence of 4 years with 5 years' probation suspended.
- Compensation for each victim (amount of each person depending on "moral damage suffered").

CASE 2

FACTS

- Possession and distribution of child pornography
- Cyber solicitation
- Incitement to fornication of minors

CRIMINAL INVESTIGATION

The investigation started with an NCMEC report that reported the dissemination of a photo and video of sexual abuse of minors via Facebook. The IP address used belonged to the mother of the person eventually identified as a suspect. This was followed by two additional NCMEC reports in which images of sexual abuse of minors were distributed on Twitter and Skype, also via the same IP address. During the search of the suspect's address, four mobile phones, two laptops, a tablet, ten data carriers and two iPods were found. During the ensuing interrogation, the suspect quite quickly confessed that he had downloaded and distributed images of sexual abuse of minors and that he was particularly interested in 14 to 17-year-olds. He was active in several chatrooms where such footage was also sold and in which he spent large sums of money (20.000-25.000 euros according to his statement). Investigation on the data carriers showed that he indeed downloaded and distributed images of sexual abuse of minors. Photos and videos of babies and toddlers were also found, so that his interest in only 14 to 17-year-olds could be refuted fairly quickly.

Furthermore, police found a massive number of messages in which the suspect chatted with profiles pretending to be minors and in which it was suggested to meet up. In these conversations he also fantasized about getting underage girls pregnant. In a conversation with 'Isabel', who set herself up as a pimp of underage girls, the suspect discussed his addiction to 'young pussies' and the fact that the suspect had no money left due to 'Isabel'. The suspect also suggested getting 'Isabel' pregnant so that she would have a daughter and it would become his property in order to be able to abuse her. In the KIK app, police also found a conversation between the suspect and a girl about price and details of a 'sex date' that he would have with her and her 14-year-old sister. In this chat, he also sent a photo of his nude genitals.

When confronted with these chat conversations, the accused admitted that his intention had been to meet up with minors and have sex with them. He allegedly had effective conversations with eight girls between 13 and 16 years old. He allegedly paid 'Isabel' 10.000 euros for this and had spoken through her to a 14-year-old girl who lived in Antwerp in the vicinity of the "Te Boelaerpark". Eventually he changed his mind because he thought the risk was too big.

CONVICTION/SENTENCING

- In addition to the possession and distribution of child pornography, based on the footage and the chat conversations with minors found, cyber solicitation and incitement to fornication of minors were also included in the final verdict.
- Final sentencing: 40 months of imprisonment and 4000 euros fine + deprivation of his rights for the term of 5 years.

CROATIA

SUSPECT

“Croatian citizen 24 y.o.” - Living in Rijeka.

Fourth-year medical student (excellent student). Active member of the local community, leader of the Scouts of the Archdiocese of Rijeka (NGO), an association that was active in the area of Primorje-Gorski administration, gathering children of a younger age (up to 14-15 years). He led the program at the scout summer camp on the island of Zmajan, he was the co-leader of the squad in the Catholic elementary school, the leader of the squad in the one parish. He led organization of special performances and other activities that included the gathering of children. He stood out for his volunteer work in the Catholic and local community.

FACTS

1. **Sexual Abuse of a Child under the Age of Fifteen Article 158 Paragraph 1 and 2**
2. **Serious Criminal Offence of Child Sexual Abuse and Exploitation Article 166 Paragraph 1 and 2 connected with the Sexual Abuse of a Child under the Age of Fifteen Article 158 Paragraph 1 and 2 connected**
3. **Satisfying lust in front of a child under the age of fifteen Article 160 Paragraph 1**
4. **Serious Criminal Offence of Child Sexual Abuse and Exploitation Article 166 Paragraph 1 and 2 connected with the Exploitation of Children for Pornography, Article 163 Paragraph 3**
5. **Exploitation of Children for Pornography, Article 163 Paragraph 1, 2 and 3 Croatian criminal code)**
6. **Exploitation of Children for Pornographic Performances Article 164 Paragraph 1**

7. **Introducing Pornography to Children Article 165** Paragraph 1

8. **Threat Article 139** Paragraph 2 and 3

crimes were committed against victims who lives in cities: Rijeka, Zagreb, Sisak, Varaždin, Pula, Osijek in the period from July 2020 to July 2021.

CRIMINAL INVESTIGATION

Criminal investigation was part of the police Operational Action named "NUBES" that is carried out by Croatian Cyber Criminal Police every year since 2021. The complete operational action refers to criminal investigations carried out based on received reports from foreign internet service providers - NCMEC reports. Every year, the Croatian police conducts 2 " operational actions "NUBES related to criminal investigations based on received reports from NCMEC. In each OA, approximately 150 NCMEC reports are processed and the identity of 50 to 70 persons associated with user accounts from which CSAM sharing was recorded is determined. Thus, at the annual level, a minimum of 150 criminal investigations initiated on the basis of NCMEC findings are conducted. The end results are, on average, more than 300 criminal acts committed during one year, about 100 identified and prosecuted offenders. Depending on the year, the identity of at least 2 to 5 children who were victims is determined in Croatia, and in the presented case from 2021, 12 victims of CSA were safeguarded in only one case.

Start case:

- The investigation started with 14 received NCMEC report that reported uploads and dissemination of a 25 photo of sexual abuse of minors via 4 different but similar Instagram accounts (photographs show abused children under 10 years old).
- During June 2021 the suspect's home was searched and a forensic search of part of the electronic devices he was using was carried out.

- During the home search and the forensic search of his devices, it was established that he had committed the criminal offences described in the NCMEC reports, and a police criminal report was submitted against him to the competent State Attorney for the crimes of “Exploitation of children for pornography”. Then he was arrested, handed over to the detention supervisor and Pre-trial detention was ordered by court.
- The suspect’s lawyer appealed against the court's decision on a certain pre-trial detention, and the appeal was accepted by the one judge, and the offender was released at one point (after 40 days spent in pre-trial detention).
- Already during the first analysis of content seized from offender devices, it was obvious that there is a more victims.
- At that moment, the police managed to identify at least one victim whom the offender abused directly physically. Two days after his release, the perpetrator was re-arrested by the police for new criminal offenses and remanded in pre-trial detention. After that, the police submitted several reports to the state attorney's office for new criminal offenses committed by him against victims from Croatia, and he was no longer released.
- Further criminal investigation and analysis of stored content on offender devices and different user accounts on the Internet shows that he communicated with more minor girls from several different regions in Croatia (region primorsko-goranska, istarska, varaždinska, sisačko-moslavačka, zagrebačka). The communication lasted from July 2020 to June 2021. **The suspect communicated with the girls via Snapchat, Instagram, Viber and Whatapp.**
- He used multiple fake but similar profiles on Instagram and Snapchat (partially used his real name and a real photo of a naked torso without a visible face). He met some of the girls as a leader of Catholic scouts, during scouting trips and meetings organized by the aforementioned association, (the perpetrator was a guide on those trips and meetings).

Later, he would contact these girls via Instagram or Snapchat and demand that they take photos of themselves without clothes, masturbate (vaginally and anally), and send him such materials, which they regularly did. At a later stage, he switched communication to Viber or Whatsapp.

He met some of the girls in person and committed hands on crimes.

- In one case, the suspect, as a member and leader of the Association of Catholic Scouts, worked closely with an adult young woman, the sister of the minor female victim. In addition, the other members of the same family were also well known to him. Suspect used personal connections with members of the victim's family to induce and force the victim (at that time a 13-year-old female child) to continue sending him her photos and videos – CSAM, also he met with the girl at her parents' house (it was the place of regular official meetings of the Catholic Scout Association). Despite the girl's opposition, he severely sexually abused her on at least five occasions.
- Offender exploited girls to film and create CSAM, encouraged them to participate in pornographic performances. At least 4,000 photos and 220 videos depicting children of different ages in sexually explicit behavior and sexual relations were stored on the offender's devices (files showing already known CSAM, female children under 10 years old).

Investigations so far have shown that he committed more than 30 criminal offenses of serious sexual abuse and exploitation of children (he also abused a girl with mental development problems).

So far, a total of 12 victims have been identified, female children who were between the ages of 10 and 14 at the time of the crime.

- The court psychiatrist's report shows that he has "personality disorder with dominantly narcissistic features"

CONVICTION/SENTENCING

- Prison sentence of 8 years (judgment that is not yet final). "The State Attorney's Office filed an appeal against the decision on the sentence because the State Attorney's Office considers that the defendant was given too light a sentence considering the commission of serious criminal offenses and the absence of mitigating circumstances. In the appeal, it is proposed that the defendant be sentenced to a single prison sentence of a longer duration. This is a decision that refers only to a part of the investigations that are conducted in one of the Courts.
- He was sentenced to a life-long court security measure banning him from performing jobs or activities in which he regularly is exposed to children (Article 71 of Criminal Procedure Act: Prohibition of performing a certain duty or activity).
- Criminal proceedings conducted in other courts are still ongoing (depending on the place of residence of the identified victims).

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The actions of the police and the arrest of this offender had a strong impact on the public. The Catholic community and the Archdiocese of Rijeka also publicly commented on the arrest and the offender's involvement in the local Catholic community. Also, the Archdiocese of Rijeka, on its own initiative, conducted internal interviews with children who were engaged in scouts and with their parents.

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ESTONIA

SUSPECTS

“X”. The “X” was sentenced previously in December 2015 to four years four months imprisonment for sexual offences committed against children according to Estonian Penal Code. “X” was released on probation in September 2019. He was obliged to comply with the obligations of supervision after service of sentence imposed to him by a court in August 2019 – not consume alcohol and not to interact with underage boys. The court has found that the person has a high risk of harm to the children and that the person’s sexual interest in the children persists.

FACTS

- Handing over and making available to another person of pictures depicting person of less than 14-years of age in a pornographic and/or erotic situation, if committed by a person who has previously committed a criminal offence provided § 179 (*article 178 § 1.1 by Estonian Penal Code (PC)*)
 - During period since 13.09.2019 until 22.01.2020.
- Sexual enticement a person of less than 14- years of age, if committed by a person who has previously committed a criminal offence provided in article 179 (*article 179 § 1.1 by PC*).
 - For two days period in January 2020.
 - Victim, 10-year-old boy, is identified was identified a result of investigation.
 - The enticement by “X” involved physical touching (did not take place online).

- Inducement of a person of less than 18-years of age by an adult person to consume alcohol (article 182 § 1 - inducing minor to consume alcohol by PC).
- For two days period in January 2020.
- “X” offered to minors the alcohol brought by him (four, both male and female, children from 13 to 15 year of age, were identified as a result of investigation).
- Intentional violation of obligations by a person subjected to supervision of conduct after service of the sentence (article 331⁴ - violation of supervisory requirements and obligations of supervision of conduct after service of sentence by PC)
- During period since 07.01.2020 until 17.01.2020

CRIMINAL INVESTIGATION

Start case: NCMEC report of January 2020 in which “X made available via Facebook Messenger a video of a male person of less than 14-years of age in a sexually exploitative pose.

- During examination of the suspect’s mobile phone, the same image of child sexual abuse that had been made available via the Facebook Messenger based on the NCMEC CT, was found and additionally 144 image files, depicting a person of less than 14-years of age in a pornographic situation, were found from “X” mobile phones.
- “X” pleaded guilty and admitted his interaction with other users in Facebook Messenger groups where sexual content of underaged boys were distributed and requested.

CONVICTION/SENTENCING

- The “X” was arrested and convicted to two years of imprisonment (was released in January 2022).
- In addition: Currently “X” is serving a sentence of five years’ imprisonment imposed on him on March 2023 for sexual offences committed against children (victims were 12-14-years boys) during 24.05.2022 – 11.07.2022.

GREECE

SUSPECT

“L”, born 1996, living in Athens and relocating, unemployed /working for some months as a sound technician

FACTS

Child Pornography (*Article 348A of Greek Penal Code*).

CRIMINAL INVESTIGATION

Start case: NCMEC report of November 2015 in which L uploads to Google Drive 1 video depicting the torture and sexual abuse of a very young girl (no more than 6 years old).

The investigation based on the information provided by the report leads to the suspect’s house in Athens where he lives with his mother.

During the house search, CSAM is found on his phone and laptop, most of them depicting very young children (below the age of 10). He also disseminates the material via 2 Skype accounts.

He is arrested and his laptop and phone are confiscated and send for forensic examination where a lot of CSAM is found, along with communication via Skype with other offenders (which will be separately investigated thereafter).

Another NCMEC report comes in, of January 2017, where L (as it turns out from the investigation) has disseminated 2 videos of CSAM to another user via Facebook Messenger. All the collected information is sent to Court, pending his first trial.

Five more NCMEC reports come in, of November and December 2017, where L is disseminating tens of videos of CSAM via Instagram Direct and Facebook Messenger (one of the flagged IPs turns out to belong to the Army Camp where he was doing his military service). Another house search is conducted where copious amount of CSAM is found in both his phones. In addition, it is verified that he disseminates this material with other offenders via Viber. Darknet activity is also revealed.

L is arrested for a second time and held into custody for 18 months pending his trial.

Another NCMEC report, of May 2020, shows that L (as it again turns out) has disseminated via Kik Messenger 14 files with CSAM which contain very hard abuse of young children, even a baby. He has now relocated to a remote Greek island where his online activity takes place. He is located in 2023 by the investigators and a house search is conducted for the third time, where CSAM is found in both of his mobile devices.

He is arrested for a third time during April 2023 and held into custody again for another 18 months, pending trial.

Forensic examination of his confiscated devices shows that, during his stay in the island, he has access to a young boy where he abuses it sexually, recording some of the abuse on his phone. The court is notified with this additional development.

CONVICTION/SENTENCING

He is currently held in custody for another 18 months pending his 3 trials.

ITALY

SUSPECT

“X”. Profession: cleaning service

FACTS

Aggravated Sexual assault of a minor (2-year-old boy), CSAM Production, dissemination and possession (*article 609 bis, 609 ter and 609 quater of the Italian Criminal Code*) - In Bolzano, June 2023

CRIMINAL INVESTIGATION

Start case: A Ncmec report received from the Italian National Unit tackling CSAM showed a single picture depicting a baby with a close view of a man engaging in explicit sexual activities in immediate proximity.

The key element in this investigation was finding that the aforementioned picture had been sent via the chat feature of a well-known social media platform (Twitter/X). The case indicated that the suspect might have been attracted to a specific category of CSAM (infants, nephi), prompting a high alert within the unit and requiring swift action. The scenario itself wasn't particularly challenging from an investigative perspective, as the service provider, reporting the criminal offense, disclosed the registration phone number and email. Therefore identifying the subject was not exactly rocket science and a search warrant execution was granted immediately as the suspect happened to have a very young son aged 2 year old and thus belonging to the aforementioned category of interest for the suspect. The deepest fears of the investigators became reality when the search warrant was executed and revealed that the devices inspected contained produced CSAM depicting the sexual assault of the 2-year-old son of the suspect.

CONVICTION/SENTENCING

The investigation lead to the imprisonment of the suspect as a preventive measure for the alleged criminal offences.

However, this case can be considered a textbook example illustrating the impact on reality of the current challenges associated with the voluntary reporting process implemented by service providers.

- The aforementioned social media platform was requested to provide additional information, and, due to the severity of the case, it retrieved and shared the exchanged and deleted multimedia files of the suspect as they contained more CSAM.
- As numerous service providers prioritize encrypted communication for enhanced privacy over CSAM detection, we are increasingly acknowledging the reality that ongoing abuses, such as the one described, may go unnoticed and escape punishment.
- The starting picture of the investigation was known and belonged to a series in ICSE from 2011 where the victim has been identified. Therefore, the decision to prioritize privacy can still align with the essential goal of detecting illegal material by extracting hash values (their fingerprints) from files, before their encryption, and cross-referencing them with existing databases of known CSAM. The technology to achieve this objective already exists, enabling law enforcement agencies to handle cases similar to the one described above while concurrently allowing Internet service providers to implement encrypted communications.

LITHUANIA

SUSPECT

Lithuanian criminal Police bureau has received three NCMEC reports from Google Inc. about three different users who uploaded CSEM into their accounts.

FACTS

The report contained the same IP address for all three accounts. Lithuanian criminal police bureau has determined that the IP is assigned to a company in Vilnius County and all NCMEC reports were referred to Vilnius County police for investigation.

Vilnius county police have started an investigation in accordance to *Lithuanian criminal code Art. 309 p. 2 (possession and distribution of child sexual abuse material)*.

The investigators have determined that the IP is assigned to a local ISP and have requested them to identify a specific user. The local ISP responded that the IP is assigned to a client business which is a dance studio.

CRIMINAL INVESTIGATION

The investigators have found out that the dance studio is owned by husband and wife (for future reference X and Y). Analysis of NCMEC report data and cross referencing it with other NCMEC reports it was determined that the user of one of the Gmail accounts had a phone number attached to the account. The phone number belonged to the husband X.

The investigators analyzed the phone records and identified other devices and phone numbers used by X. Analyzing the phone records allowed the investigators to map X movement which showed that X spent significant amount of time near a specific school.

Investigator have searched X and Y home, workplace, and cars. During the search flash drives were found that contained child sexual abuse material. The CSEM was self-produced however only the abuser's hands were visible. The forensic examination of the CSEM photos managed to extract a partial fingerprint because of the high quality of the pictures taken and matched the fingerprint to the husband X. The victim in CSEM material was identified as the daughter of X and Y.

Forensic examination of X's devices also showed that he filmed himself masturbating near a school that matches the location of the school from the phone records. The examination of the devices also showed that X engaged multiple underage girls online with sexual propositions.

CONVICTION/SENTENCING

The suspect X was successfully convicted for child sexual abuse and possession and distribution of child sexual abuse material.

LUXEMBOURG

CASE 1

SUSPECT

“X”, 56 year old male (in 2024)

FACTS

- Distribution of CSAM (*Art. 383bis Code Pénal*)
- Possession and consultation of CSAM (*Art. 384 Code Pénal*)
- As an adult, making sexual proposals to a minor aged less than 16 (*Art. 385-2 Code Pénal*)

CRIMINAL INVESTIGATION

NCMEC report of April 3rd 2021 in which the subject uploads 1 CSAM photo via Skype. The picture shows the naked abdomen of an underage girl, aged between 5 and 7 years, being penetrated anally.

After identifying the subject via his IP-address, an arrest and house search were carried out on 28 April 2022 and various electronic devices were seized. Following information we received from the examining magistrate, the subject had already been sentenced twice for similar offences.

The exploitation of the subject's laptop showed that it contained various Skype conversations with underage girls where the subject offers them money, for example for one hour of sexual intercourse but only without using a condom. The chats clearly show the subject has a sexual interest in minors.

The subject was in contact with at least two persons from Germany, to which he paid money for “shows” with minors. He clearly expressed interest in raping a minor. He was very adamant in his proceedings and the theme of the chats regularly involved a cut-off clitoris. He either wanted to cut the clitoris of a minor girl off by himself or he wanted his chat partners to do it and then send it to him. The German authorities were contacted and we were informed that they had already arrested at least one of X’s contacts because of past or planned sexual assaults on minors. In the chats, X also made clear that if a girl was to die during the proceedings (e.g. rape), that this was an acceptable risk. It was not proven, that the subject ever met a minor for rape.

The chats showed that X made various money transfers via different financial institutions. Following the execution of search warrants at those financial institutions, it was possible to prove that X paid approximately € 3000 for video chats, shows and possible meetings with minors.

Furthermore, a total of 68 CSAM images and 3 CSAM videos were detected on X’s devices.

CONVICTION/SENTENCING

Court date fixed for 2024

CASE 2

SUSPECT

“X”, 26 year old male, living in the north of Luxembourg, caregiver

FACTS

- Sending/showing pornographic videos to a minor (*Art. 383 Code Pénal*)
- Distribution of CSAM (*Art. 383bis Code Pénal*)
- Possession and consultation of CSAM (*Art. 384 Code Pénal*)
- As an adult, making sexual proposals to a minor aged less than 16 (*Art. 385-2 Code Pénal*)

CRIMINAL INVESTIGATION

NCMEC report of 18th January 2020 in which X uploads 1 CSAM video (showing the 12-year-old girl mentioned below) via Snapchat.

Different search warrants were carried out and the identity of the user of said Snapchat account was determined. On 15 April 2020, the house search was carried out and 5 devices were seized, including, most importantly, X's mobile phone.

The devices were analyzed and a total of 269 CSAM files were discovered. All of these files showed the same 12-year-old girl. The girl's identity was established and an EIO was sent to Germany for an interview of the girl. The girl explained that she did indeed sent him nude pictures of herself as well as videos where she masturbated and that she received similar videos from X.

Another chat contained a video of a girl aged 14 dancing in underwear. This girl was identified in Luxembourg and interviewed. She confirmed that she had sent the video and that X had sent her similar videos of himself twerking. According to the girl, X sent her pictures of his penis.

Another chat contained messages between X and a 14-year-old girl, who was also identified in Luxembourg. X sent various sexualized messages and presumably pictures of his penis.

CONVICTION/SENTENCING

The case has yet to be tried in a court.

MALTA

CASE 1

SUSPECT

A Maltese citizen living in Malta.

FACTS

- Possession and distribution of child indecent material on the Internet.
- Submitter platform through the NCMEC reporting System: Google.
- Number of uploaded content: A file was created and uploaded on the Internet.

CRIMINAL INVESTIGATION

The investigation began upon the Cyber Crime Unit's Victim Identification team receiving the NCMEC report. The report from the NCMEC highlighted the dissemination of sexually explicit image through an E-mail on Google that appeared not to have been sent.

The NCMEC report furnished essential technical details related to the suspect involved in the distribution of child abuse material. This included information such as the phone number and E-mail address used to create the Goggle account, along with the flagged IP address.

Technical enquires were initiated based on the furnished information, leading to the identification of the individual associated with the Google account. The traced IP address was linked to the person operating the Google account.

CONVICTION/SENTENCING

The investigation disclosed that the individual with illicit content involving a minor in their Google account has been prosecuted and received a sentence of 3 years' probation, a 3-year treatment order and an obligation to cover any expenses incurred by the court in accordance with *Article 533 of the Maltese laws*.

CASE 2

SUSPECT

A Maltese citizen living in Malta

FACTS

- Possession and distribution of child indecent material on the Internet.
- Submitter platform through the NCMEC reporting System: Kik Messenger.
- Number of uploaded content: 6 files were created and uploaded on the Internet.

CRIMINAL INVESTIGATION

The investigation was initiated when the Cyber Crime Unit's Victim Identification team receiving the NCMEC report. The report outlined the dissemination of sexually explicit images and videos through the Kik Messenger application.

The NCMEC report provided essential technical details related to the suspect involved in the distribution of child abuse material. This included information such as E-mail address used for the application Kik Messenger, along with the flagged IP address.

Technical enquires were conducted based on the provided information, resulting in the positive identification of the individual responsible for sending the illicit content via the Kik Messenger application.

CONVICTION/SENTENCING

The investigation revealed that the individual with who was sending the illicit content involving minors via the Kik Messenger application has been prosecuted and received a sentence of 4 years' imprisonment, which includes a 3-year restraining order. Additionally, the court ordered the individual to pay the sum of 3859.72 Euros. Furthermore, the suspect was sentenced to be listed in the register of known sexual offenders in Malta.

NETHERLANDS

CASE 1

Law enforcement agency (name your country): Dutch National Police / Child Exploitation Team

Date of receipt of NCMEC report: 24th November 2020

Company name and service where report originated: KIK / Facebook

Details of the case including: Number of victims included in the case/ Nature of the case (new material, grooming, active abuse etc./ Number of offenders involved: 1 NCMEC report 8 CP material. Former NCMEC report Facebook 2013 linked to user. On internet a person with the username was found. This person was listed as a teacher on primary school and he was connected to a soccer club. With information in the NCMEC report the person is identified. An investigation by the regional team followed.

Resolution of the case including: Number of victims safeguarded: 1 offender / subpoenaed by Justice – no conviction yet.

CASE 2

Law enforcement agency (name your country): Dutch National Police / Child Exploitation Team

Date of receipt of NCMEC report: 23th February 2021

Company name and service where report originated: KIK

Details of the case including: Number of victims included in the case/ Nature of the case (new material, grooming, active abuse etc./ Number of offenders involved: Priority NCMEC report:

Indicates possible risk to an individual in the near future of is otherwise time-sensitive.

Video/images were shared from ant possibly created by the reported user's phone camera. Images attached to NCMEC report showed a naked baby girl. A hand is holding her labia apart. On another photo a buttocks of a child is shown with an erect penis nearby/ against the child. The identification took place on the answer of a subscriber of the e-mail address. On the same day the regional team followed up with a house search and the suspect was arrested. Images of penetration with a finger in the vagina of the daughter were found. Further evidence of sexual abuse of the older but also minor child is found.

Resolution of the case including: Number of victims safeguarded:

2 victims

1 offender / convicted producing and possession of CP – Sexual Abuse of a minor by penetration against own child – fornication of an own child

POLAND

FACTS

Possession of Child Sexual Abuse Material (*art. 202 §4a of Polish Penal Code*) and distribution of CSAM (*art. 202 §3 of Polish Penal Code*).

CRIMINAL INVESTIGATION

The investigation started with an NCMEC report # 135613227 that reported transmission via Facebook Messenger several CSAM files to various other Messenger users. The NCMEC consists also data provided by Facebook related to 2 e-mail addresses of the subject (Gmail) and log-in data to Facebook service pointing to the IP located in Poland. It is stated that both e-mail addresses appear in 6 other NCMEC reports, which are requested from US HSI through Europol,

Once all 7 NCMEC reports are completed, the person is checked through Police and population records,

Also additional OSINT checks are performed on the suspect and recipients of the messages, which may indicate that the account owners may be specifically interested in prepubescent boys,

Based on the names of Gmail accounts and geolocation of the IP, the real name of suspect “D.F.” and his address in Poland is established. This time the ISP check is not even necessary,

The complete information is sent to local Police authority for further checks on the spot and consulting local Prosecutor on possible house search,

It is decided to start formal investigation and the house search warrant is granted.

During the search performed in December 2023 – several devices and CSAM files are seized.

CONVICTION/SENTENCING

The “D.F.” was not arrested but is going to face charges of possession of CSAM.

SLOVAKIA

SUSPECT

“X” – DOB: 18 of January 1992

Living in Bratislava, Slovakia (postal code 851 01)

Officer of Private Security Service

FACTS

- Dissemination of Child Pornography (article 369 paragraph 1 and paragraph 2, subparagraph b) of the Slovak Criminal Code)
- Possession of Child Pornography (article 370 paragraph 1 of the Slovak Criminal Code)
- Production of Child Pornography (article 368 paragraph 1 and paragraph 2, subparagraph b), c) of the Slovak Criminal Code)

In Bratislava (postal code 851 01) since not specific time in 2008 till June 2022, several times

CRIMINAL INVESTIGATION

Start case:

- Operational information regarding Slovak user “X” active on CSA/CSE dark web sites (upload of CSAM material of Slovak victims on Dark web)
- NCMEC reports of April 2019 in which X uploads photo CSAM and disseminates via **Facebook - Messenger**,
- NCMEC reports of May 2019 in which X uploads 2 videos a 5 photos CSAM and disseminates via **Facebook - Messenger**,
- NCMEC reports of June 2019 in which X uploads 2 photos CSAM and disseminates via **Facebook - Messenger**,

- NCMEC report of July 2019 in which X uploads 1 photo CSAM and disseminates via Facebook - Messenger,
- NCMEC report of September 2019 in which X uploads 1 photo CSAM and disseminates via Facebook - Messenger,
- NCMEC report of February 2020 in which X uploads 1 video CSAM and disseminates via Dropbox,
- NCMEC report of August 2020 in which X uploads 1 photo CSAM and disseminates via Facebook - Messenger,
- NCMEC report of December 2021 in which X uploads 1 photo CSAM and disseminates via Instagram,
- NCMEC report of June 2022 in which X uploads 1 photo CSAM and disseminates via Snapchat and more other NCMEC reports from Instagram received during investigation.

The House search with consent was carried out on 15 June 2022. Various data carriers were seized, including X's mobile phones and memory cards. The forensic expert documented the content on the cloud store in X's mobile phone and it was founded out, that 19 GB of CSAM he has there. After House search when he was hearing he told all about his online activities, he was very cooperative.

Modus operandi of the case "X": Suspect since 2008 till day of the house search contacts under fake profiles underage children (7 – 14 years old) via different social networks (Facebook, Instagram, Dropbox, Snapchat) and starts chatting with them. After he gained their trust, he asks them for photos or videos online. He contacts mainly Slovak or Czech victims. He stored CSAM in memories of his mobile phones, memory cards and other data carriers and online cloud store. Some photos and videos shares via Dark web chat forums. He was in close contact with other suspects from Slovakia and Czech Republic and other countries who were interested to buy CSAM from him.

Slovak police identified one Slovak victim (12 years old girl) who has been interviewed during investigation and also identified Czech victim, who was only 7 years old when she was online abused by X.

During the hearing, X stated that he is sexually attracted to (boys and girls) aged 10-14 and that he is not sexually attracted to adults. However, an expert in the field of psychiatry and sexology stated in an expert opinion that this is not a person with a tendency towards typical pedophilia. X was also subjected to an examination on a PPG device, where it was also not proven that he is a person with a definite tendency to pedophilia. His gratification of sexual urges is based on an unconquered orientation towards both adults and children, due to the fact that he is a mentally immature individual who is psychosexually immature.

CONVICTION/SENTENCING

In the case, the supervising prosecutor submitted a proposal for motion the file an indictment with the court, the court hearing is pending.

SLOVENIA

SUSPECT

“X” Living in Slovenia

FACTS

- Sexual assault on a person under the age of fifteen (*article 173 Slovenian criminal code*). In Slovenia in the period 2014 to 2017, several times, on unspecified dates
- Displaying, producing, possessing and transmitting pornographic material (*article 176 Slovenian criminal code*). In Slovenia in the period 2014 to 2020

CRIMINAL INVESTIGATION

Start case:

- 98 NCMEC report of November 2020 in which X uploads more than 17.000 photo and videos type CSAM and disseminates via Google email.
- The suspect distributed the CSAM via Google email. The report was sent to NCMEC. Europol found that there were some first generation images, which means that it could be new victims. Europol sent all the CTR reports to Slovenia LEA and specifically singled out those that included the alleged victim. Slovenian criminal investigators identified the suspect and the victim based on data they were sent by Google. They arrested the suspect, and rescued the victim. The suspect used different email addresses

House search with court order was carried out on 3 December 2020 at the address of the suspect's residence. Various data carriers were seized.

The crime scene was inspected at the address of the suspect's residence, where items (bedding, blankets...) were seized, which helped to identify the girl from the photos (photos that were detected by Google). The victim was his daughter. The girl's mother did not know what was happening.

The suspect was sexually abusing his daughter when she was from 1 to 3 years old. The daughter was not aware that she was abused and nobody would know about the abuse if Google would not detect all the CSAM.

The suspect was arrested on 4 December 2020 and he was brought before investigating judge on 6 December 2020. Judge send him to detention.

Through the investigation of the data of the seized electronic devices, additional CSAM were found (833 photos and 285 videos). It was further established that the suspect was also sexually abusing his older daughter, when she was little girl.

CONVICTION/SENTENCING

It's not finished yet.

SWEDEN

SUSPECT

”X” - Living in Malmö, Sweden - Preschool teacher

FACTS

152 charges including:

- Gross sexual assault of a child
- Exploitation of a child for sexual posing
- Intrusive photography
- Gross child pornography offence
- Pornography offence

CRIMINAL INVESTIGATION

The investigation started with a NCMEC report of June 2022 in which user “X” uploaded 14 videos of CSAM and disseminated the files via KIK messenger. The IP-addresses could be located to X. When the suspect was identified and it was clear that he was working in a preschool the case was prioritized and the prosecutor ordered a search of the suspect’s home. During the search two computers, two hard drives and two mobile phones were seized.

During the interview with X he admitted to possession of CSAM and told the investigators that he also had photos and videos of children at the preschool that he had taken with his mobile phone. This was later confirmed through the material found in the seized devices and additional charges were added. The police managed to identify 8 child victims. The youngest victim was 2 years old and the oldest was 5 years old. The children were not interviewed but their parents and other staff in the preschool were heard during the investigation.

The case received media attention and several Swedish newspapers reported about the case.

CONVICTION/SENTENCING

- The offender was sentenced to 4 years and 6 months imprisonment.
 - The court also decided of liability to compensate the 8 victims of a total of 465 000 SEK
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Examples of investigations on child sexual abuse originating from reports by online service providers collected by the Commission through EMPACT

Austria:

Date of receipt of NCMEC report	2020
Company name and service where report originated	Kik
Details of the case including: - Number of victims included in the case - Nature of the case (new material, grooming, active abuse etc.) - Number of offenders involved	Law enforcement of Austria received in 2020 a report from NCMEC submitted by KIK alerting of the distribution of several images of minors performing sexual acts. The examination led to the identification of one victim.
Resolution of the case including: - Number of victims safeguarded - Number of offenders prosecuted	Identification of one victim

Date of receipt of NCMEC report	2021
Company name and service where report originated	KIK
Details of the case including: - Number of victims included in the case - Nature of the case (new material, grooming, active abuse etc.) - Number of offenders involved	Law enforcement of Austria received in 2021 a report from NCMEC submitted by KIK alerting of the distribution of several images of minors performing sexual acts. Investigations led to the identification of a victim in US and Switzerland.
Resolution of the case including: - Number of victims safeguarded - Number of offenders prosecuted	Identification of two victims

Date of receipt of NCMEC report	2021
Company name and service where report originated	KIK
Details of the case including: - Number of victims included in the case - Nature of the case (new material, grooming, active abuse etc.) - Number of offenders involved	Law enforcement of Austria received in 2021 a report from NCMEC alerting of the distribution of one image of minors performing sexual acts. Investigations led to the investigations of the sexually abused daughter
Resolution of the case including: - Number of victims safeguarded - Number of offenders prosecuted	Identification of one victim

Cyprus

Date of receipt of NCMEC report	2021
Company name and service where report originated	Facebook
Details of the case including: - Number of victims included in the case - Nature of the case (new material, grooming, active abuse etc.) - Number of offenders involved	Cybercrime Unit of Cyprus, received on 2021 a report from NCMEC submitted by Facebook alerting of the distribution via Facebook Messenger of 5 videos of minors performing sexual acts. The investigation led to the conclusion that the offender found the videos online and sent them to another person. Victims: 5x Offenders: 1x
Resolution of the case including: - Number of victims safeguarded - Number of offenders prosecuted	The suspect was arrested and convicted to 4 months suspended sentence Offenders prosecuted: 1x

Date of receipt of NCMEC report	2021
Company name and service where report originated	KIK
Details of the case including: - Number of victims included in the case - Nature of the case (new material, grooming, active abuse etc.) - Number of offenders involved	Cybercrime Unit of Cyprus, received on 2021 a report from NCMEC submitted by KIK alerting of the distribution of 1 video of minor performing sexual acts. The investigation led to the conclusion that the offender found the videos online and sent them to another person. Victims: 1x Offenders: 1x
Resolution of the case including: - Number of victims safeguarded - Number of offenders prosecuted	The suspect was arrested and a sentence from the court is expected to be issued. Offenders prosecuted: 1x

Date of receipt of NCMEC report	2021
Company name and service where report originated	Facebook
Details of the case including: - Number of victims included in the case - Nature of the case (new material, grooming, active abuse etc.) - Number of offenders involved	Cybercrime Unit of Cyprus, received on 2021 a report from NCMEC submitted by Facebook alerting of the distribution via Facebook Messenger of 1 video of minors performing sexual acts. The investigation led to the conclusion that the offender found the videos online and sent them to another person. Victims: 2x Offenders: 1x
Resolution of the case including: - Number of victims safeguarded - Number of offenders prosecuted	The suspect was arrested and a sentence from the court is expected to be issued. Offenders prosecuted: 1x

Date of receipt of NCMEC report	2021
Company name and service where report originated	Facebook
Details of the case including: - Number of victims included in the case - Nature of the case (new material, grooming, active abuse etc.) - Number of offenders involved	Cybercrime Unit of Cyprus, received on 2021 a report from NCMEC submitted by Facebook alerting of the distribution of 2 videos of minors performing sexual acts. The investigation led to the conclusion that the offender found the videos online and sent them to another person. Victims: 2x Offenders: 1x
Resolution of the case including: - Number of victims safeguarded - Number of offenders prosecuted	The suspect was arrested and a sentence from the court is expected to be issued. Offenders prosecuted: 1x

Date of receipt of NCMEC report	2021
Company name and service where report originated	Facebook
Details of the case including: - Number of victims included in the case - Nature of the case (new material, grooming, active abuse etc.) - Number of offenders involved	Cybercrime Unit of Cyprus, received on 2021 a report from NCMEC submitted by Facebook alerting of the distribution of 1 video of minors performing sexual acts. The investigation led to the conclusion that the offender found the videos online and sent them to another person. Victims: 2x Offenders: 1x
Resolution of the case including: - Number of victims safeguarded - Number of offenders prosecuted	The suspect was arrested and a sentence from the court is expected to be issued. Offenders prosecuted: 1x

Czechia

Date of receipt of NCMEC report	2022
Company name and service where report originated	BADOO
Details of the case including: - Number of victims included in the case - Nature of the case (new material, grooming, active abuse etc.) - Number of offenders involved	Bureau of Criminal Police and Investigation Service received a report from NCMEC submitted by Badoo alerting of possible online enticement of children for sexual act. A suspect also shows CSAM material of her children. Victims:3 Offenders:1
Resolution of the case including: - Number of victims safeguarded - Number of offenders prosecuted	The case is still ongoing. Grooming and hands-on abuse has not been proved yet. But possessing and distributing of CSAM material has been proved. Victim safeguarded: 3 Offenders prosecuted: ongoing

Denmark:

Date of receipt of NCMEC report	22-08-2019
Company name and service where report originated	Facebook
Details of the case including: - Number of victims included in the case - Nature of the case (new material, grooming, active abuse etc.) - Number of offenders involved	A suspect shared 1 picture on Facebook. Examining the receiver of the picture they found 40 pictures and videos. All known material, just sharing, two offenders.
Resolution of the case including: - Number of victims safeguarded - Number of offenders prosecuted	0 children safeguarded. Suspect also has no children. 1 offender prosecuted: Sentence: 6 month jail

Date of receipt of NCMEC report	22-08-2019
Company name and service where report originated	Snapchat
Details of the case including: - Number of victims included in the case - Nature of the case (new material, grooming, active abuse etc.) - Number of offenders involved	Reported 68 illegal files uploaded. During the arrest the suspect admitted to have violated his 6 month old daughter
Resolution of the case including: - Number of victims safeguarded - Number of offenders prosecuted	1 offender prosecuted 2 children safeguarded

Date of receipt of NCMEC report	21-10-2019
Company name and service where report originated	Facebook
Details of the case including: - Number of victims included in the case - Nature of the case (new material, grooming, active abuse etc.) - Number of offenders involved	Facebook reported 1 picture shared between 2 persons When his computers where examined they found livestream from the Philippines. He was driver for disabled and mentally challenged people, whom he had violated during transport.
Resolution of the case including: - Number of victims safeguarded - Number of offenders prosecuted	Numerous but unknown number safeguarded in the Philippines. Approximately 10 victims safeguarded in Denmark. 8 years in prison for offender.

Date of receipt of NCMEC report	15-9-2020
Company name and service where report originated	Snapchat
Details of the case including: - Number of victims included in the case - Nature of the case (new material, grooming, active abuse etc.) - Number of offenders involved	Sharing 7 pictures. Was under education as caretaker in a kindergarten. No violations "hands on".
Resolution of the case including: - Number of victims safeguarded - Number of offenders prosecuted	Probably safeguarded numerous. One offender. Suspended 2 month prison sentence.

Date of receipt of NCMEC report	13-12-2021
Company name and service where report originated	Microsoft Skype
Details of the case including: - Number of victims included in the case - Nature of the case (new material, grooming, active abuse etc.) - Number of offenders involved	1 picture shared through Skype. When examining suspect's computer 94 pictures and videos was found. Several victims and also new/previously unseen material were discovered. Children on the images were identified as Danish which led to the identity of their mother. She admitted to have had a sexual relationship with the suspect and her children, which included hands on abuse.
Resolution of the case including: - Number of victims safeguarded - Number of offenders prosecuted	Safeguarding 2 children 2 offender prosecuted. Pending conviction.

Estonia:

Date of receipt of NCMEC report	2020
Company name and service where report originated	Google
Details of the case including: - Number of victims included in the case - Nature of the case (new material, grooming, active abuse etc.) - Number of offenders involved	Law enforcement in Estonia received in 2020 two reports from the NCMEC alerting of the storage of child sexual abuse material using cloud storage platform. Google detected the material when Estonian male person used a Gmail account to store at least 466 unique video and image files depicting child sexual abuse and exploitation within the Google infrastructure (Google Drive and Google Photos). Victims: 0 Offender: 1
Resolution of the case including: - Number of victims safeguarded - Number of offenders prosecuted	The reports led to the investigation. The offender was convicted to one year six months conditional imprisonment with a probationary period of two year. Victims safeguarded: 0 Offender prosecuted: 1

Date of receipt of NCMEC report	2020
Company name and service where report originated	Facebook messenger
Details of the case including: - Number of victims included in the case - Nature of the case (new material, grooming, active abuse etc.) - Number of offenders involved	Law enforcement of Estonia received in 2020 a report from NCMEC submitted by Facebook alerting of the distribution via Facebook Messenger of three video fail depicting child sexual abuse. During the observation of suspect's computer hard drive, more than 400 image and video files depicting a children of less than 14-years of age in a pornographic situation, were found. Victims: 0 Offender: 1
Resolution of the case including: - Number of victims safeguarded - Number of offenders prosecuted	The report led to the investigation. The offender was convicted to one year three months conditional imprisonment with a probationary period of one year three months. Victims safeguarded: 0 Offender prosecuted: 1

Date of receipt of NCMEC report	2020
Company name and service where report originated	Facebook
Details of the case including: - Number of victims included in the case - Nature of the case (new material, grooming, active abuse etc.) - Number of offenders involved	Our Division received in 2020 eight (8) different reports from NCMEC submitted by Facebook, alerting of the distribution via Facebook Messenger of images and videos of minors performing sexual acts. The investigation led to the suspect who is a Greek citizen and who had in his possession child pornography material. Offenders: 1
Resolution of the case including: - Number of victims safeguarded - Number of offenders prosecuted	The suspect was arrested and was brought before the court. The minor victims who were depicted in the CSAM couldn't be identified, while the CSAM was unknown origin. Victims safeguarded: 0 Offenders prosecuted: 1

Date of receipt of NCMEC report	2020
Company name and service where report originated	Facebook messenger
Details of the case including: - Number of victims included in the case - Nature of the case (new material, grooming, active abuse etc.) - Number of offenders involved	Estonian police received in 2020 a report from NCMEC submitted by Facebook alerting of the distribution via Facebook Messenger of a video depicting a male person of less than 14-years of age performing a sexually exploitative pose. Victim: 1 Offender: 1
Resolution of the case including: - Number of victims safeguarded - Number of offenders prosecuted	The report led to the investigation. The suspect was arrested and convicted to two years of imprisonment. Victims safeguarded: 5 (comment: four more underage victims who were inducing to drink alcohol were identified and safeguarded a result of investigation) Offender prosecuted: 1

Date of receipt of NCMEC report	2020-2021
Company name and service where report originated	Google
Details of the case including: - Number of victims included in the case - Nature of the case (new material, grooming, active abuse etc.) - Number of offenders involved	Law enforcement in Estonia received in 2020-2021 total 259 reports from the NCMEC alerting of the storage of child sexual abuse material using cloud storage platform. Google detected the material when Estonian male person used a Gmail account to store video and image files depicting child sexual abuse and exploitation within the Google infrastructure (Google Drive and Google Photos). Victims: 0 Offender: 1
Resolution of the case including: - Number of victims safeguarded - Number of offenders prosecuted	The reports led to criminal investigation. The offender was convicted with one year six months conditional imprisonment with a probationary period of two year. Victims safeguarded: 0 Offender prosecuted: 1

Greece:

Date of receipt of NCMEC report	2019
Company name and service where report originated	Yahoo
Details of the case including: - Number of victims included in the case - Nature of the case (new material, grooming, active abuse etc.) - Number of offenders involved	Our Division received in 2019 three (3) different reports from NCMEC submitted by Yahoo, alerting of the distribution via Yahoo App of images and videos of minors performing sexual acts, from different Yahoo accounts which the suspect had created. The investigation led to the identification of the suspect who is a Greek citizen and who had in his possession child pornography material. Offenders: 1
Resolution of the case including: - Number of victims safeguarded - Number of offenders prosecuted	The suspect was arrested and was brought before the court. The minor victims, who were depicted in the CSAM, couldn't be identified, while the CSAM was unknown origin. Victims safeguarded: 0 Offenders prosecuted: 1

Date of receipt of NCMEC report	2019
Company name and service where report originated	Google
Details of the case including: - Number of victims included in the case - Nature of the case (new material, grooming, active abuse etc.) - Number of offenders involved	Our Division received in 2019 a report from NCMEC submitted by Google, alerting of the distribution via Google App of images and videos of minors performing sexual acts. The investigation led to the identification of the suspect who is a Greek citizen and who had in his possession CSAM. From the investigation also emerged that a minor victim was sexually abused by the above mentioned suspect, who produced CSAM with this minor victim. Offenders: 1
Resolution of the case including: - Number of victims safeguarded - Number of offenders prosecuted	The suspect was arrested and was brought before the court. Also, the report led to the identification of 1 minor victim. Victims safeguarded: 1 Offenders prosecuted: 1

Finland:

Date of receipt of NCMEC report	15.7.2019
Company name and service where report originated	Instagram
Details of the case including: - Number of victims included in the case - Nature of the case (new material, grooming, active abuse etc.) - Number of offenders involved	Finland's NBI received a report from NCMEC submitted by Instagram regarding the distribution of CSAM. The user of the Instagram-account was identified as a 14-years old boy, suspect A. The material on his devices revealed that he had abused an unidentified 9-10 years old boy a couple years prior to the investigation, when suspect A was 12-13 years old. On suspect A's devices was also found a video, where he was sexually abused by his 15-years old cousin, suspect B. Suspect A was 13-years old at the time. The investigation is still ongoing.
Resolution of the case including: - Number of victims safeguarded - Number of offenders prosecuted	The report led to identification of two suspects. One victim remains unidentified. Suspect A could not be prosecuted as he was under the age of 15. Victims safeguarded: 1 Offenders prosecuted: 1

Date of receipt of NCMEC report	12.7.2019
Company name and service where report originated	Discord
Details of the case including: - Number of victims included in the case - Nature of the case (new material, grooming, active abuse etc.) - Number of offenders involved	Finland's NBI received a report from NCMEC submitted by a citizen about a Dutch man who had posted nude images of a Finnish 15-year old girl. The investigation revealed that the man is the girl's ex-boyfriend, and that he had shared the nude images after their break-up. This had led to a suicide attempt by the girl. The investigation is ongoing.
Resolution of the case including: - Number of victims safeguarded - Number of offenders prosecuted	The report led to safeguarding of the girl and to a future prosecution of the man. Victims safeguarded: 1 Offenders prosecuted: 1

Date of receipt of NCMEC report	4.3.2020
Company name and service where report originated	Snapchat
Details of the case including: - Number of victims included in the case - Nature of the case (new material, grooming, active abuse etc.) - Number of offenders involved	Finland's NBI received a report from NCMEC submitted by Snapchat. The report states that Snapchat themselves got a report from a citizen about an account. The reporter states that the user of the account is their 10-years old daughter, and wants Snapchat to remove her account. Upon reviewing the account, Snapchat found that the girl had sent a previously unseen CSAM video to another user. The investigation revealed that the father was not aware of his daughter sending any improper videos. The recipient of the video was located in India, and the information has been sent to the local authorities.
Resolution of the case including: - Number of victims safeguarded - Number of offenders prosecuted	The report led to safeguarding of the girl. As the suspect was located in India, it is not known if any action has been taken against the suspect. Victims safeguarded: 1 Offenders prosecuted: 0/1

Hungary:

Date of receipt of NCMEC report	04 th of November 2019, 2 th and 10 th of December 2019.
Company name and service where report originated	Yahoo!, Google, Twitter
Details of the case including: - Number of victims included in the case - Nature of the case (new material, grooming, active abuse etc.) - Number of offenders involved	The National Bureau of Investigation Cybercrime Department of Hungary received 3 reports in 2019 all about the same user from NCMEC submitted by Yahoo!, Google and Twitter. The Twitter report said that the user sent CSAM through his account. The reports from Yahoo! and Google said that the user uploaded CSAM to his accounts. There were no sign of the offender creating CSAM. Victims: 0 Offenders: 1x
Resolution of the case including: - Number of victims safeguarded - Number of offenders prosecuted	There was no sign of creating new CSAM but the offender saved CSAM on his computer too. Victims safeguarded: 0 Offenders prosecuted: 1x

Date of receipt of NCMEC report	27 th of February 2020.
Company name and service where report originated	MediaLab/Kik
Details of the case including: - Number of victims included in the case - Nature of the case (new material, grooming, active abuse etc.) - Number of offenders involved	The National Bureau of Investigation Cybercrime Department of Hungary received a report in 2020 from NCMEC submitted by MediaLab / Kik alerting of the distribution via Kik Messenger of images of one minor performing sexual acts. The pictures turned out to be new content taken by the Hungarian offender. The investigation led to the identification of a Hungarian citizen living in Austria. The offender abused three children in his family and he made pictures of one of them. He also sent the images to other users. Victims: 3 Offenders: 1x
Resolution of the case including: - Number of victims safeguarded - Number of offenders prosecuted	The investigation led to the identification all 3 victims. Our agency arrested the suspect and the prosecutor proposed a 12-year prison sentence in the indictment. Victims safeguarded: 3 Offenders prosecuted: 1x

Date of receipt of NCMEC report	18 th and 19 th of November 2020.
Company name and service where report originated	Google
Details of the case including: - Number of victims included in the case - Nature of the case (new material, grooming, active abuse etc.) - Number of offenders involved	The National Bureau of Investigation Cybercrime Department of Hungary received 5 reports in 2019 from NCMEC submitted by Google alerting of the distribution via Google Hangouts of images of minors performing sexual acts. The offender sent the images to another user. The pictures turned out to be new content taken by the Hungarian offender. The victim was the offender's daughter. Victims: 1 Offenders: 1x
Resolution of the case including: - Number of victims safeguarded - Number of offenders prosecuted	The investigation led to the identification of the victim. Our agency arrested the suspect. Victims safeguarded: 1 Offenders prosecuted: 1x

Latvia:

Date of receipt of NCMEC report	03.19.2020. 22:48:40 UTC
Company name and service where report originated	Discord
Details of the case including: - Number of victims included in the case - Nature of the case (new material, grooming, active abuse etc.) - Number of offenders involved	1 victim 1 suspect Photo with naked child uploading
Resolution of the case including: - Number of victims safeguarded - Number of offenders prosecuted	Not prosecuted yet, but is on-going

Date of receipt of NCMEC report	11.19.2020. 02:10:30 UTC
Company name and service where report originated	Microsoft Skype
Details of the case including: - Number of victims included in the case - Nature of the case (new material, grooming, active abuse etc.) - Number of offenders involved	1 victim 1 perpetrator Active abuse
Resolution of the case including: - Number of victims safeguarded - Number of offenders prosecuted	Case is ongoing.

Lithuania:

Date of receipt of NCMEC report	04/01/2020
Company name and service where report originated	Meta Platforms (Facebook messenger)
Details of the case including: - Number of victims included in the case - Nature of the case (new material, grooming, active abuse etc.) - Number of offenders involved	Nature of case: Possession of CSEM, grooming Victims: 1 Offenders: 1 Police received a NCMEC report about a user who sent another user CSEM. The investigation revealed that an adult offender was grooming a child online and solicited CSEM from the child who sent it via Facebook messenger. The child and the offender were identified.
Resolution of the case including: - Number of victims safeguarded - Number of offenders prosecuted	Offenders prosecuted: 1 Victims safeguarded: 1

Date of receipt of NCMEC report	2020-12-11
Company name and service where report originated	Meta Platforms (Facebook messenger)
Details of the case including: - Number of victims included in the case - Nature of the case (new material, grooming, active abuse etc.) - Number of offenders involved	Nature of case: Molestation, child sexual exploitation, possession of CSEM Victims: 6 Offenders: 2 Police received a NCMEC report about a user who sent another user CSEM. The investigation revealed that an adult offender was grooming a child online and solicited CSEM from the child who sent it via Facebook messenger. When investigating the child and offender were identified. It was revealed that the offender was contacting 4 others victims online and solicited CSEM from them. Search of the offender home yielded CSEM material of him sexually abusing his daughter found on his home computer. When interviewing one of the victims she revealed that she was also contacted online by another offender who also solicited CSEM from her and later convinced her to meet for a sexual encounter. This man was also identified and apprehended. All victims were identified and interviewed.
Resolution of the case including: - Number of victims safeguarded - Number of offenders prosecuted	Offenders prosecuted: 2 Victims safeguarded: 6

Luxembourg:

Date of receipt of NCMEC report	11 November 2019
Company name and service where report originated	Facebook
Details of the case including: - Number of victims included in the case - Nature of the case (new material, grooming, active abuse etc.) - Number of offenders involved	Law enforcement of Luxembourg received in 2019 a report from NCMEC submitted by Facebook alerting of the distribution and possession of a video of CSAM. The investigation led to the identification of a suspect. The number of victims and their identities could not be determined due to the lack of our work force. Suspect: 1
Resolution of the case including: - Number of victims safeguarded - Number of offenders prosecuted	The case is still ongoing.

Date of receipt of NCMEC report	17 November 2019
Company name and service where report originated	Snapchat
Details of the case including: - Number of victims included in the case - Nature of the case (new material, grooming, active abuse etc.) - Number of offenders involved	Law enforcement of Luxembourg received in 2019 a report from NCMEC submitted by Snapchat alerting of the distribution and possession of a video of CSAM. The investigation led to the identification of a suspect. Suspect: 1
Resolution of the case including: - Number of victims safeguarded - Number of offenders prosecuted	The case is still ongoing.

Date of receipt of NCMEC report	04 December 2019
Company name and service where report originated	Facebook
Details of the case including: - Number of victims included in the case - Nature of the case (new material, grooming, active abuse etc.) - Number of offenders involved	Law enforcement of Luxembourg received in 2019 a report from NCMEC submitted by Facebook alerting of the distribution and possession of pictures and a video of CSAM. The investigation led to the identification of two suspects. Suspect: 2
Resolution of the case including: - Number of victims safeguarded - Number of offenders prosecuted	The case is still ongoing.

Date of receipt of NCMEC report	22 December 2019
Company name and service where report originated	Instagram
Details of the case including: - Number of victims included in the case - Nature of the case (new material, grooming, active abuse etc.) - Number of offenders involved	Law enforcement of Luxemburg received in 2019 a report from NCMEC submitted by Instagram alerting of the distribution and possession of videos of CSAM. The investigation led to the identification of a suspect. One victim have been identified. Victims: 1 Suspect: 1
Resolution of the case including: - Number of victims safeguarded - Number of offenders prosecuted	The case is still ongoing.

Date of receipt of NCMEC report	1 January 2020
Company name and service where report originated	Snapchat
Details of the case including: - Number of victims included in the case - Nature of the case (new material, grooming, active abuse etc.) - Number of offenders involved	Law enforcement of Luxemburg received in 2020 a report from NCMEC submitted by Snapchat alerting of the distribution and possession of pictures of CSAM. The investigation led to the identification of a suspect. Suspect: 1
Resolution of the case including: - Number of victims safeguarded - Number of offenders prosecuted	The case is still ongoing.

Date of receipt of NCMEC report	05 January 2020
Company name and service where report originated	Facebook
Details of the case including: - Number of victims included in the case - Nature of the case (new material, grooming, active abuse etc.) - Number of offenders involved	Law enforcement of Luxemburg received in 2020 a report from NCMEC submitted by Facebook alerting of the distribution and possession of pictures and videos of CSAM. The investigation led to the identification of a suspect. One victim have been identified. Victims: 1 Suspect: 1
Resolution of the case including: - Number of victims safeguarded - Number of offenders prosecuted	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The case is closed. We have no further information about the outcome of the case. Number of victims safeguarded: 0

Date of receipt of NCMEC report	10 January 2020
Company name and service where report originated	Instagram
Details of the case including: - Number of victims included in the case - Nature of the case (new material, grooming, active abuse etc.) - Number of offenders involved	Law enforcement of Luxemburg received in 2020 a report from NCMEC submitted by Instagram alerting of the distribution and possession of a video and a picture of CSAM. The investigation led to the identification of a suspect, who possessed, distributed and manufacture child pornography. Suspect: 1
Resolution of the case including: - Number of victims safeguarded - Number of offenders prosecuted	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The case is closed. We have no further information about the outcome of the case. Number of victims safeguarded: 0

Date of receipt of NCMEC report	18 January 2020
Company name and service where report originated	Snapchat
Details of the case including: - Number of victims included in the case - Nature of the case (new material, grooming, active abuse etc.) - Number of offenders involved	Law enforcement of Luxemburg received in 2020 a report from NCMEC submitted by Snapchat alerting of the distribution and possession of a video of CSAM. The investigation led to the identification of a suspect. The suspect did as well sexually oriented chats with a minor. Three victims have been identified. Victims: 3 Suspect: 1
Resolution of the case including: - Number of victims safeguarded - Number of offenders prosecuted	The case is still ongoing.

Date of receipt of NCMEC report	20 February 2020
Company name and service where report originated	Snapchat
Details of the case including: - Number of victims included in the case - Nature of the case (new material, grooming, active abuse etc.) - Number of offenders involved	Law enforcement of Luxemburg received in 2020 a report from NCMEC submitted by Snapchat alerting of the distribution and possession of a picture of CSAM. The investigation led to the identification of a suspect. Suspect: 1
Resolution of the case including: - Number of victims safeguarded - Number of offenders prosecuted	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The case is closed. Number of victims safeguarded: 0

Date of receipt of NCMEC report	29 February 2020
Company name and service where report originated	Facebook
Details of the case including: - Number of victims included in the case - Nature of the case (new material, grooming, active abuse etc.) - Number of offenders involved	Law enforcement of Luxembourg received in 2020 a report from NCMEC submitted by Facebook alerting of the distribution and possession of videos and pictures of CSAM. The investigation led to the identification of a suspect. Suspect: 1
Resolution of the case including: - Number of victims safeguarded - Number of offenders prosecuted	The case is still ongoing.

Date of receipt of NCMEC report	29 February 2020
Company name and service where report originated	Facebook
Details of the case including: - Number of victims included in the case - Nature of the case (new material, grooming, active abuse etc.) - Number of offenders involved	Law enforcement of Luxembourg received in 2020 a report from NCMEC submitted by Facebook alerting of the possession of videos and pictures of CSAM. The investigation led to the identification of a suspect. Five victims have been identified. Victims: 5 Suspect: 1
Resolution of the case including: - Number of victims safeguarded - Number of offenders prosecuted	The case is still ongoing.

Date of receipt of NCMEC report	10 March 2020
Company name and service where report originated	Facebook
Details of the case including: - Number of victims included in the case - Nature of the case (new material, grooming, active abuse etc.) - Number of offenders involved	Law enforcement of Luxembourg received in 2020 a report from NCMEC submitted by Facebook alerting of the distribution and possession of pictures of CSAM. The investigation led to the identification of a suspect. Suspect: 1
Resolution of the case including: - Number of victims safeguarded - Number of offenders prosecuted	The case is still ongoing.

Date of receipt of NCMEC report	14 March 2020
Company name and service where report originated	Snapchat
Details of the case including: - Number of victims included in the case - Nature of the case (new material, grooming, active abuse etc.) - Number of offenders involved	Law enforcement of Luxemburg received in 2020 a report from NCMEC submitted by Snapchat alerting of the distribution and possession of a picture of CSAM. The investigation led to the identification of a suspect. Suspect: 1
Resolution of the case including: - Number of victims safeguarded - Number of offenders prosecuted	The case is still ongoing.

Date of receipt of NCMEC report	15 March 2020
Company name and service where report originated	Instagram
Details of the case including: - Number of victims included in the case - Nature of the case (new material, grooming, active abuse etc.) - Number of offenders involved	Law enforcement of Luxemburg received in 2020 a report from NCMEC submitted by Instagram alerting of the distribution and possession of a video of CSAM. The investigation led to the identification of a suspect. Suspect: 1
Resolution of the case including: - Number of victims safeguarded - Number of offenders prosecuted	The case is still ongoing.

Date of receipt of NCMEC report	19 July 2020
Company name and service where report originated	MediaLab/Kik
Details of the case including: - Number of victims included in the case - Nature of the case (new material, grooming, active abuse etc.) - Number of offenders involved	Law enforcement of Luxemburg received in 2020 a report from NCMEC submitted by Kik alerting of the distribution and possession of videos and a picture of CSAM. The investigation led to the identification of a suspect. Suspect: 1
Resolution of the case including: - Number of victims safeguarded - Number of offenders prosecuted	The case is closed.

Date of receipt of NCMEC report	21 July 2020
Company name and service where report originated	Facebook
Details of the case including: - Number of victims included in the case - Nature of the case (new material, grooming, active abuse etc.) - Number of offenders involved	Law enforcement of Luxemburg received in 2020 a report from NCMEC submitted by Facebook alerting of the distribution and possession of a picture of CSAM. The investigation led to the identification of a suspect. Suspect: 1
Resolution of the case including: - Number of victims safeguarded - Number of offenders prosecuted	The case is still ongoing.

Netherlands:

Date of receipt of NCMEC report	24 th November 2020
Company name and service where report originated	KIK / Facebook
Details of the case including: - Number of victims included in the case - Nature of the case (new material, grooming, active abuse etc.) - Number of offenders involved	1 NCMEC report 8 CP material. Former NCMEC report Facebook 2013 linked to user. On internet a person with the username was found. This person was listed as a teacher on primary school and he was connected to a soccer club. With information in the NCMEC report the person is identified. An investigation by the regional team followed.
Resolution of the case including: - Number of victims safeguarded - Number of offenders prosecuted	1 offender / subpoenaed by Justice – no conviction yet.

Date of receipt of NCMEC report	7 th January 2021 / 11 Google NCMEC reports
Company name and service where report originated	Google / Twitter / Facebook
Details of the case including: - Number of victims included in the case - Nature of the case (new material, grooming, active abuse etc.) - Number of offenders involved	NCMEC priority indicates current or imminent risk to an individual. On 7 photos a penis is shown nearby a sleeping minor girl. The name of the user and a DOB is mentioned by Google. This matched a person known by the Dutch authorities. The photo of his driver's licence is compared with the photos attached to the NCMEC reports. Further there were 3 Twitter and 2 Facebook NCMEC report from 2018 linked to this user. Investigation results in an arrest, house search and investigation on the seized data carriers.
Resolution of the case including: - Number of victims safeguarded - Number of offenders prosecuted	3 victims 1 offender / convicted on producing CP - possession of CP – Sexual Abuse of a minor girl - fornication of his own baby.

Date of receipt of NCMEC report	23 th February 2021
Company name and service where report originated	KIK
Details of the case including: - Number of victims included in the case - Nature of the case (new material, grooming, active abuse etc.) - Number of offenders involved	Priority NCMEC report: Indicates possible risk to an individual in the near future of is otherwise time-sensitive. Video/images were shared from ant possibly created by the reported user's phone camera. Images attached to NCMEC report showed a naked baby girl. A hand is holding her labia apart. On another photo a buttocks of a child is shown with an erect penis nearby/ against the child. The identification took place on the answer of a subscriber of the e-mail address. On the same day the regional team followed up with a house search and the suspect was arrested. Images of penetration with a finger in the vagina of the daughter were found. Further evidence of sexual abuse of the older but also minor child is found.
Resolution of the case including: - Number of victims safeguarded - Number of offenders prosecuted	2 victims 1 offender / convicted producing and possession of CP – Sexual Abuse of a minor by penetration against own child – fornication of an own child

Portugal:

Date of receipt of NCMEC report	2020
Company name and service where report originated	Facebook
Details of the case including: - Number of victims included in the case - Nature of the case (new material, grooming, active abuse etc.) - Number of offenders involved	8 victims identified; Grooming on game platform, request of self generated CSAM on social and encrypted platforms, storage on encrypted platform; 1 offender
Resolution of the case including: - Number of victims safeguarded - Number of offenders prosecuted	8 victims safeguarded; 1 offender prosecuted

Date of receipt of NCMEC report	2020
Company name and service where report originated	Instagram, WhatsApp Google
Details of the case including: - Number of victims included in the case - Nature of the case (new material, grooming, active abuse etc.) - Number of offenders involved	Not applicable; Known material, storage on encrypted platform; 1 offender
Resolution of the case including: - Number of victims safeguarded - Number of offenders prosecuted	Not applicable; 1 offender prosecuted

Date of receipt of NCMEC report	2020-2021
Company name and service where report originated	Google - WhatsApp
Details of the case including: - Number of victims included in the case - Nature of the case (new material, grooming, active abuse etc.) - Number of offenders involved	Not applicable Known material shared also on Telegram and Telegram X storage on encrypted platform
Resolution of the case including: - Number of victims safeguarded - Number of offenders prosecuted	Not applicable 1 offender prosecuted

Romania:

Date of receipt of NCMEC report	2020
Company name and service where report originated	Facebook Messenger
Details of the case including: - Number of victims included in the case - Nature of the case (new material, grooming, active abuse etc.) - Number of offenders involved	Law enforcement of Romania received in 2020 a several reports' from NCMEC submitted by Facebook alerting of the distribution via Facebook Messenger of images and videos of minors performing sexual acts. The investigation led to the identification of a citizen living in Romania, who distributed images and videos of minors performing sexual acts. The materials were also distributed online to other users. Victims: 3 Offenders: 2
Resolution of the case including: - Number of victims safeguarded - Number of offenders prosecuted	The report led to the identification of 2 victims. The suspects were arrested and convicted: The first suspect: 3 years and 6 months of imprisonment. The second suspect: 2 years of imprisonment. Victims safeguarded: 2 Offenders prosecuted: 2

Date of receipt of NCMEC report	2020
Company name and service where report originated	Facebook Messenger
Details of the case including: - Number of victims included in the case - Nature of the case (new material, grooming, active abuse etc.) - Number of offenders involved	Law enforcement of Country A received in 2020 several report from NCMEC submitted by Facebook alerting of the distribution via Facebook Messenger of images and videos of minors performing sexual acts. The investigation led to the identification of a Romania, citizen living in Ireland who forced minors through the threat of violence to produce images and videos of themselves performing sexual acts and to send them to him. The material was also distributed online to other users. Also, this suspect raped one of the victims. Victims: 40 Offenders: 1
Resolution of the case including: - Number of victims safeguarded - Number of offenders prosecuted	The report led to the identification of all 40 victims. The suspect was arrested and convicted to 22 years of imprisonment. Victims safeguarded: 40 Offenders prosecuted: 1x

Date of receipt of NCMEC report	2020
Company name and service where report originated	Yahoo mail
Details of the case including: - Number of victims included in the case - Nature of the case (new material, grooming, active abuse etc.) - Number of offenders involved	Our unit has been notified by NCMEC (National Centre for Missing and Exploited Children) via Europol that the user of the e-mail Yahoo address has uploaded several pornographic materials involving minors to this e-mail account. Following analysis of the materials provided by NCMEC through report no. 61352072, several images were identified showing two female minors and one male minor, the young boy having similar markings to the one appearing in the images on the suspect's Facebook profile. Victims: 3 Offenders: 1
Resolution of the case including: - Number of victims safeguarded - Number of offenders prosecuted	The report led to the identification of victims. The suspect was arrested and convicted to 18 years of imprisonment. Victims safeguarded: 3 Offenders prosecuted: 1

Date of receipt of NCMEC report	2021
Company name and service where report originated	KIK Messenger
Details of the case including: - Number of victims included in the case - Nature of the case (new material, grooming, active abuse etc.) - Number of offenders involved	Law enforcement of Romania received in 2020 -2021 several reports' from NCMEC submitted by KIK, alerting of the distribution via KIK Messenger of images and videos of minors performing sexual acts. The investigation led to the identification of a citizen living in Romania, who distributed images and videos of minors performing sexual acts. The materials were also distributed online to other users. Victims: 1 Offenders: 1
Resolution of the case including: - Number of victims safeguarded - Number of offenders prosecuted	The report led to the identification the victim. The suspect was arrested and convicted to 3 years of imprisonment. Victims safeguarded: 1 Offenders prosecuted: 1

Slovakia:

Date of receipt of NCMEC report	20.09.2020
Company name and service where report originated	Facebook
Details of the case including: - Number of victims included in the case - Nature of the case (new material, grooming, active abuse etc.) - Number of offenders involved	Law enforcement of Slovak Republic received in 2020 a report from NCMEC submitted by Meta alerting of the distribution via Facebook account of images and videos of minors performing sexual act. The investigation led to the identification of a Slovak citizen, who was disseminating images and videos depicting sexual practices of persons under the age of 18. The material was distributed online to other users. Victims: 0x Offender: 1x
Resolution of the case including: - Number of victims safeguarded - Number of offenders prosecuted	The suspect was convicted to six months of imprisonment conditionally with a probationary period of 1 year. Victims: 0x Offender: 1x

Date of receipt of NCMEC report	02.03.2021
Company name and service where report originated	MediaLab/Kik
Details of the case including: - Number of victims included in the case - Nature of the case (new material, grooming, active abuse etc.) - Number of offenders involved	Law enforcement of Slovak Republic received in 2021 a report from NCMEC submitted by MediaLab alerting of the distribution via Kik of images and videos of minors performing sexual act. The investigation led to the identification of a Slovak citizen, who was disseminating images and videos depicting sexual practices of persons under the age of 18. The material was distributed online to other users. Victims: 10x Offender: 1x
Resolution of the case including: - Number of victims safeguarded - Number of offenders prosecuted	The report did not lead to the identification of victims or offender. Victims: 0x Offender: 0x

Date of receipt of NCMEC report	30.02.2021
Company name and service where report originated	MediaLab/Kik
Details of the case including: - Number of victims included in the case - Nature of the case (new material, grooming, active abuse etc.) - Number of offenders involved	Law enforcement of Slovak Republic received in 2021 a report from NCMEC submitted by MediaLab/Kik alerting of the distribution via Facebook account of images and videos of minors performing sexual act. The investigation led to the identification of a Slovak citizen, who was disseminating images and videos depicting sexual practices of persons under the age of 18. The material was distributed online to other users. Victims: 0x Offender: 1x
Resolution of the case including: - Number of victims safeguarded - Number of offenders prosecuted	The report led not to the identification victims nor offender. Victims: 0x Offender: 0x

Date of receipt of NCMEC report	16.06.2021
Company name and service where report originated	Snapchat
Details of the case including: - Number of victims included in the case - Nature of the case (new material, grooming, active abuse etc.) - Number of offenders involved	<p>Law enforcement of the Slovak Republic received in 2021 a report from NCMEC submitted by Snapchat alerting of the distribution via Snapchat of video of minors performing sexual act.</p> <p>The investigation led to the identification of a Slovak citizen, who was disseminating videos depicting the naked parts of the body of a female minor between the ages of 8 and 10, her genitalia and, above all, intercourse with an adult man. The material was distributed online to other users.</p> <p>Victim: 1x Offender: 1x</p>
Resolution of the case including: - Number of victims safeguarded - Number of offenders prosecuted	<p>The report led to the identification of 1 victim. The suspect was accused and the case is currently further investigated.</p> <p>Victim safeguarded: 1x Offender prosecuted: 1x</p>

Sweden:

Date of receipt of NCMEC report	2019-04-11, 2020-10-03, 2020-03-27, 2020-04-25, 2022-01-03.
Company name and service where report originated	Snapchat, Instagram, Kik, Discord
Details of the case including: - Number of victims included in the case - Nature of the case (new material, grooming, active abuse etc.) - Number of offenders involved	- at the moment: 6 victims - multiple child pornography offence, multiple exploitation of a child for sexual posing - 1 offender
Resolution of the case including: - Number of victims safeguarded - Number of offenders prosecuted	- at the moment, 6 children - 1 offender, but the trial has not yet taken place. In addition to this, I would like to state that we experience an extremely high hit rate in the reports we receive from NCMEC. We do a search on almost all cases that starts with a report from NCMEC, with very few exceptions. Our opinion is that, to a large extent, abuse material is always found in the seizure. This means that the majority suspects are prosecuted.

Date of receipt of NCMEC report	2020-06-13
Company name and service where report originated	Snapchat
Details of the case including: - Number of victims included in the case - Nature of the case (new material, grooming, active abuse etc.) - Number of offenders involved	- 3 victims - rape of a child, multiple gross exploitation of a child for sexual posing, multiple sexual molestation, gross child pornography offence - 1 offender
Resolution of the case including: - Number of victims safeguarded - Number of offenders prosecuted	- 3 victims - 1 offender The case resulted in one more suspect being identified and 10 new victims (this case is not yet complete as more plaintiffs are being identified). Crime: sexual abuse of children, exploitation of children for sexual posing, sexual molestation, gross child pornography offence.

Date of receipt of NCMEC report	2021-02-26
Company name and service where report originated	Yahoo
Details of the case including: - Number of victims included in the case - Nature of the case (new material, grooming, active abuse etc.) - Number of offenders involved	- 2 victims - 2 offender - 1 offender was a suspect of exploitation of a child for sexual posing, instigation to gross exploitation of a child for sexual posing, gross child pornography offence, instigation to child pornography offence, child pornography offence - 1 offender was a suspect of gross exploitation of a child for sexual posing, child pornography offence
Resolution of the case including: - Number of victims safeguarded - Number of offenders prosecuted	- 2 victims - 2 offenders prosecuted

Date of receipt of NCMEC report	2022-07-05
Company name and service where report originated	Kik
Details of the case including: - Number of victims included in the case - Nature of the case (new material, grooming, active abuse etc.) - Number of offenders involved	It is an ongoing investigation right now. As soon as the investigators got the information from the NCMEC-report and a suspect, they did a search. In the seized phone they found abuse material the suspect made himself. So, he is now a suspect of rape of a child, gross sexual assault of child, gross exploitation of a child for sexual posing, gross child pornography offence. - 2 victims so far - 1 offender
Resolution of the case including: - Number of victims safeguarded - Number of offenders prosecuted	- 2 safeguarded so far - 1 offender so far in this case. The information led to more suspects in other cases regarding rape of children with other suspects. They are now being investigated so the number is right now unknown.

Other sample cases received from LEA that led to the rescue of victims/arrest of offenders:

Germany

Nationwide Raid on Child Pornography, WDR, 8 March 2023, publicly available [here](#):

- In a **nationwide raid on distribution of child sexual abuse material**, police have carried out searches in **27 cities in North Rhine-Westphalia**.
- **The measures were directed against 34 men and one woman who are suspected of having exchanged photo and video files via a messenger service**. This was announced by Markus Hartmann, head of the central cybercrime unit at the public prosecutor's office in Cologne. **He did not mention the name of the messenger service.**
- **To ensure that the suspects do not warn each other via the messenger service, the searches were carried out at their premises at the same time.** In almost all cases, the police went to the home address and only in one case to a business address. In total, **the police confiscated more than 500 CSAM**. There were no arrests, a spokesman said.
- The material contains "some extreme depictions of abuse," said Christoph Hebbecke, spokesman for the Cologne public prosecutor's office. Suspects face charges or penalties for possession and distribution of child pornography.
- **The clues to the suspects came from the U.S. organization NCMEC (National Center for Missing and Exploited Children)**, the police said. Many U.S. Internet companies scan their traffic for child pornography and pass hits on to NCMEC. If German users are among them, they will be forwarded to the Federal Criminal Police Office.

- "The fact that images of abuse are also shared via ordinary messenger services shows the extent of the problem of child pornography on the Internet," says Hartmann. North Rhine-Westphalia's Interior Minister Herbert Reul (CDU) also told that he was not surprised by the amount of material found.
- "The fight against child pornography is a long-distance race in which we will not let up," said Ingo Wunsch, Director of the State Criminal Police Office of North Rhine-Westphalia.

Spain

The National Police arrest three people for distributing child pornographic content through an instant messaging application, National Police of Spain, 13 December 2023, publicly available [here](#):

- The man arrested in Ceuta kept hundreds of photos and videos of child pornography in a hidden folder on his mobile phone, as well as on his computer's hard drive.
- The application used by the detainees to disseminate the files allows users to register anonymously, without the need to make their data or phone number visible, so it is commonly used by criminals to avoid detection.
- Agents of the National Police have arrested three people in Alicante, Ceuta and A Coruña, and are investigating a fourth individual in Madrid, for distributing child pornographic content **through an instant messaging application**. The suspects had shared dozens of videos - some of them very harsh, due to the young age of the minors who appeared in them - and stored numerous files of child sexual abuse on their devices.
- The investigation was initiated by agents of the Central Cybercrime Unit (UCC), as part of the preventive work of cyber patrols to combat the dissemination of files of child sexual abuse material through the web. In addition, the UCC maintains international contacts with other police forces and with service providers who, when they find child pornography on their servers, forward the data for investigation in Spain.
- Investigators detected intense activity by four individuals on an instant messaging application through which they allegedly shared dozens of child pornography videos.
- In the application used by the detainees to commit the crimes – which allows the exchange of text and photo and video files – the user does not have to make their registration data or mobile phone number visible, only a username. This makes it a platform widely used by seasoned criminals, as it avoids detection when sharing this type of material.

- As the investigations progressed, the agents identified and located the four suspects. The first of them, an English national residing in Spain, who was arrested in the Alicante municipality of Altea. **This individual had sent at least 36 videos of extremely harsh CSAM** Sometimes, he even shared the same video with several users, thus multiplying its dissemination. The court also ordered the withdrawal of his passport and the prohibition of leaving Spain due to the existence of a possible flight risk.
- The man arrested in Ceuta sent numerous photos and videos through the app, some of which were of the new-borns. In addition, as a result of the searches carried out, the agents discovered that he stored hundreds of files, both on his mobile phone (in a hidden folder protected with a password) and on the hard drive of his computer.
- On the other hand, the user located and detained in A Coruña **shared 29 very explicit videos through the same platform. The agents detected that, in addition, he used other instant messaging applications and chats for teenagers with the purpose of contacting them and obtaining child pornographic material.**
- Finally, in Madrid, another individual is being investigated for having distributed several files of this type, although during the search of his home the agents observed that he had changed his *modus operandi* to do so through the dark web, thus hindering the action of justice. As a result of the searches carried out, the investigators seized three mobile phones, three hard drives, two USB sticks and a laptop.

Ireland

The Irish Times, The US centre behind most of Ireland's online child sex abuse prosecutions, 13 March 2021, publicly available [here](#):

- **America's NCMEC has alerted gardaí to 13,612 suspected cases of abuse since 2019.**
- The case of **Evelyn Ajie**, who was sentenced to nine months this week for **sending online child abuse material through WhatsApp**, can be traced back to an anonymous-looking office building in Alexandria, Virginia. The building is the home of the United States' National Centre for Missing and Exploited Children (NCMEC), specifically its Cybertipline dealt with almost **22 million cases of online child abuse material in 2021** (known in legislation here as child pornography).
- In the case of Ajie, it had alerted gardaí that **people in Ireland were sharing videos depicting the sexual abuse of a baby and a 12-year-old boy**. As well as possessing the images, Ajie had passed them onto her contacts, making her also guilty of distribution. On Monday, the 51-year-old was sentenced to nine months in prison in Cork District Court before being released on bail pending appeal.
- **The journey of the case, from the NCMEC in America to an Irish courthouse, is by no means unusual.** In fact the centre is responsible for the vast majority of successful online child sexual abuse prosecutions in Ireland.
- **According to figures provided to The Irish Times, since 2019 the NCMEC has alerted gardaí to 13,612 suspected cases of online child sexual abuse believed to be linked to an Irish suspect or victim.**
- Last month the EU Commissioner for Home Affairs Ylva Johansson said about 80 per cent of reports received by gardaí on online child sex abuse come from the NCMEC, with the remaining 20 per cent coming from parents or guardians.

- **Rebecca Sternberg** who is responsible for liaising with international law enforcement and non-government agencies said that **their work starts when the agency receives information from the public or, more commonly, an electronic service provider (ESP) such as Facebook or Google.**
- “We’re looking for any information provided. Our analysts look for email addresses, names, screennames, phone numbers.” Once analysts are happy they have identified the suspected offender's or victim's nationality, they upload the information to a portal which can be accessed by police agencies worldwide. In Ireland's case that is the Garda National Cybercrime Bureau.
- Sternberg stressed the NCMEC itself is not itself an investigative agency. The centre is funded by the US Department of Justice and through donations, meaning its primary responsibility is to US law enforcement agencies. **Ireland and other countries benefit from its work without having to foot any of the bill.**
- Sternberg said it is difficult to say if the problem of online child abuse is getting worse internationally. **The increase in reports, 28 per cent between 2019 and 2020, could be partly down to improved methods employed by ESPs in detecting illegal material.**
- The number and variety of companies which sent tip-offs to the NCMEC last year is staggering. As might be expected, **Facebook topped the table with more than 20 million reports.** Other companies include **Airbnb (25 reports), Reddit (2,233) and Zoom (499).** Perhaps **most worrying are the number of reports coming from services which specifically attract children. Tik Tok registered 22,292 reports while 2,203 came from Roblox,** a popular children's online game. **Two reports came from the Walt Disney Company.** In total, the NCMEC dealt with about 65 million files in 2020, split about evenly between video and image files.
- Covid-19 has changed its work significantly, particularly in the area of online child grooming. **Since the start of the pandemic, there has been a roughly 97 per cent increase in “online enticement reports”, which numbered almost 40,000 in 2020.**

- According to Garda Commissioner Drew Harris there was a "startling and shocking" 26 per cent increase in tip-offs from the NCMEC between March and May in 2021. This appears to have balanced out somewhat over the remainder of 2020. In total, there was a 4.5 per cent increase in tip-offs to gardaí compared to 2019.
- In its report on the Garda for 2020, published on in March 2021, **the Policing Authority noted with concern there is a roughly two-year backlog for the examination of devices by gardaí.** This is despite significant additional resources being assigned to the cybercrime unit. **The result is a delay of five years or more in the prosecution of some online child abusers.**

Spain

National Center for Missing & Exploited Children (NCMEC), Exploited Children Division Data Information Pertaining to Spain, updated September 2023:

- In **January 2023**, NCEMC's CyberTipline received an escalated report from the ESP **Instagram regarding possible financial sextortion.**
- The report indicated that the reported suspect possibly located in Ivory Coast was engaging in sexualized conversation with an apparent **14-year-old child possibly located in Spain**. The reported suspect appeared to have coerced the reported child victim through chat, requested the child send the suspect payment, and threatened to post the child's content if the child did not comply.
- **This report was made a high priority and provided to HSI in Spain who forwarded this report to the Spanish National Police.** The Spanish National Police provided feedback that they currently **have an ongoing investigation into the identification of the child victim.** The report was also made available to NCMEC's HSI Liaison to work with their attaché that covers the Ivory Coast.



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Czech Republic

National Center for Missing & Exploited Children (NCMEC), Exploited Children Division Data Information Pertaining to Czech Republic, updated September 2023:

- In **June 2022**, NCMEC's CyberTipline received a report from the ESP **Google** regarding apparent child sexual abuse material and possible child sexual molestation.
- NCMEC immediately reviewed the files noted in the report, which depicted the graphic hands-on abuse of a female child by an unknown offender, and confirmed they appeared unfamiliar. EXIF metadata provided by the company indicated some of the **files may have been produced just two weeks prior to the report and contained GPS coordinates** indicating the production may have occurred in the Czech Republic.
- **NCMEC analysts located potential social media profiles for the reported suspect with photos that depicted a visually similar child.** The report was made a high priority and provided to Europol for the Czech Republic for hopeful location of the child victim.
- **NCMEC later received feedback from law enforcement in the Czech Republic that the reported suspect was identified and the depicted child was rescued. The reported suspect was charged with rape and production and distribution of child pornography.**



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Estonia

National Center for Missing & Exploited Children (NCMEC), Exploited Children Division Data Information Pertaining to Estonia, updated September 2023:

- In **October 2022**, NCMEC's CyberTipline received a report from the ESP **Twitch** regarding suspected child sexual abuse material. **A Palantir alert was later received** indicating the **files within the report may be new**.
- Upon a review of the uploaded files in the report, NCMEC analysts located one **video file depicting the sexual exploitation of two early pubescent male children**, including one of the children seen being physically assaulted.
- Based on residential IP addresses reported by Twitch, the reported suspect may have been located in Estonia. The escalated report was immediately provided to Europol for Estonia for possible identification of the child victim. **Within two months, NCMEC received feedback from law enforcement that the child victim had been identified and safeguarded, and the offender was arrested.**



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Recent cases that started with a NCMEC report

EUROPOL, 39 suspects identified in major online child sexual abuse swoop in the Western Balkan region, publicly available [here](#):

- **A major joint operation** against child sexual exploitation in the **Balkan region** has led to the identification of **39 suspected child abusers and the safeguarding of 2 of their victims across 8 countries**.
- **Operation MOZAIK 2023** was led by the Slovenian National Police and coordinated by Europol in the framework of the European Multidisciplinary Platform Against Criminal Threats (EMPACT). It aimed to identify and arrest people using online forums and messaging applications to share and distribute child sexual abuse material. **The Western Balkan countries** – Bosnia and Herzegovina, North Macedonia, Montenegro and Serbia – Slovenia, Croatia and Hungary **carried out a series of enforcement actions between 6 to 17 November**.
- **Police conducted 41 raids across the participating countries**, following investigations into the sharing of images and videos depicting child sexual abuse. **As a result, 3 suspects were already arrested or charged with crimes relating to the distribution of child abuse images**.
- During the actions, **more than 200 items containing images or videos of child sexual abuse were seized**, including computers, mobile phones, computer servers and memory cards.
- **Europol facilitated the information exchange between all the countries involved**, and further enhanced the operational picture in the region by cross-checking the seized data and providing intelligence packages to continue the investigative work in this region and beyond.
- In the framework of EMPACT, Slovenia, Croatia, Hungary and Europol's European Cybercrime Centre have teamed up to establish an expert network in the Western Balkans with the goal to strengthen cross-border cooperation in the fight against child sexual abuse.

Franceinfo, Child pornography: 31 people arrested in France and Europe after an investigation launched by the gendarmerie, 28 November 2023, publicly available [here](#):

- **More than 200,000 files were discovered, 40 paedophile groups were inspected, and 49 pieces of digital equipment were seized during the investigation.** Several defendants have been remanded in custody and further arrests are planned.
- **Thirty-one men, suspected of having administered and used child pornography content via the encrypted messaging Signal, were arrested in mid-November, during a vast sweep in France and Europe,** announced the gendarmerie.
- **The starting point of the operation is a denunciation made by** the American Center for Missing and Exploited Children (NCMEC) for "possession of child pornography", concerning a thirty-year-old living in Marmande (Lot-et-Garonne), placed in police custody in February, specifies the gendarmerie, confirming a report by the newspaper Sud Ouest.
- The use of digital media, initiated by the cyber gendarmes of the Bordeaux Research Section, made it possible to identify seven discussion groups, eight administrators and three secure storage spaces.
- Through the viewing of particularly harsh images, about **700 individuals of 73 different nationalities are identified by more than 70 investigators, including 25 specialized in new technologies**, at the Cergy-Pontoise cluster, and in the local branches of Bordeaux, Lille, Versailles or Metz of Europol and Interpol.
- **Between 13 and 17 November, 10 defendants were arrested in Spain, 5 in Hungary, 4 in Belgium, and 2 in Bulgaria, i.e. 21 arrests within the European Union and 10 in France.**
- **New arrests are also planned soon in Finland, Romania and Ukraine," Colonel Péresse said.** Several defendants were remanded in custody. **Some are also being prosecuted for rape of a 15-year-old minor and corruption of minors.** Among those arrested are a former teacher from Mayotte, a Hungarian paediatrician, a radio presenter and tourists who have travelled to Thailand.

Grooming cases from NCMEC data

Germany and Poland

National Center for Missing & Exploited Children (NCMEC), Exploited Children Division Data Information Pertaining to Germany, updated September 2023:

- In **January 2023**, NCMEC's CyberTipline received an escalated report from the ESP **Facebook** regarding suspected online enticement of a child.
- The report indicated that a 27-year-old male appeared to be enticing a 16-year-old female to engage in sexual activity online. Further, the reported suspect appeared to be threatening to expose child sexual exploitation image of the child online out of revenge. **Based on residential and cellular IP addresses reported by Facebook, the child victim was believed to be located in Poland and the reported suspect may have been located in Germany.**



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The Netherlands

National Center for Missing & Exploited Children (NCMEC), Exploited Children Division Data Information Pertaining to Germany, updated September 2023:

- In **May 2023**, NCMEC's CyberTipline received an escalated report from the ESP **Facebook** regarding suspected online enticement of a child. The report indicated that a 19-year-old male appeared to be enticing a 16-year-old female to engage in sexual activity online.
- Further, the reported suspect appeared to be coercing and extorting the child victim for money. **Based on cellular IP addresses reported by Facebook, the child victim was believed to be located in Poland and the reported suspect may have been located in the Netherlands.**



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