

Workshop on the transposition of Directive 2011/93/EU on the fight against sexual exploitation of children and child pornography

Background

“Together against sexual exploitation of children” is a project run by ECPAT International (End Child Prostitution, Child Pornography and Trafficking of Children for Sexual Purposes), eNACSO (European NGO Alliance for Child Safety Online) and Missing Children Europe (European Federation for Missing and Sexually Exploited Children).

The object of the project is to examine **the ways in which 7 key provisions of Directive 2011/93/EU have been transposed by the 27 EU Member States which are bound by it:**

1. The obligation to criminalise the ‘knowingly obtaining access, by means of information and communication technology, to child abuse images’; (Art. 5 (1) and (3), and Recital 18 of the Directive)
2. The obligation to criminalise online grooming; (Art. 6 and Recital 19 of the Directive)
3. The obligation to set up systems for disqualification arising from convictions, make screening by employers possible and ensure the exchange of information concerning criminal records; (Art. 10 and Recitals 40-42 of the Directive)
4. The obligation to take measures to enable investigative units to attempt to identify child victims of online abuse; (Art. 15 (4) of the Directive)
5. The extraterritorial extension of jurisdiction (Art. 17 and Recital 29 of the Directive)
6. The obligation to provide for assistance, support and protection measures for child victims (Art. 18, 19 and 20 of the Directive)
7. The taking of measures against websites containing or disseminating child abuse material; (Art. 25 and Recitals 46-47 of the Directive).

The survey is conducted on the basis of **27 ‘national reports’** prepared by a number of prominent European law offices who offered their assistance on a pro-bono basis. A network of rapporteurs, coordinated by the European Law Students Association (ELSA) and some of the member organisations of the NGOs concerned had also prepared reports.

The workshop of 24 April 2015 will present the initial outcome of the survey, with a key focus on results with regard to child friendly justice, disqualification and screening and grooming.

The event is open for representatives of national and European authorities, NGOs, law enforcement representatives and other professionals active in the field of child protection.



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Register [here](#) by Monday 20 April 2015 at the latest.



Workshop Programme 24 April 2015

- > **Venue:** Missing Children Europe, Rue de l'Industrie 10, 1000 Brussels
> **Chair:** Heidi De Pauw, Vice-President of Missing Children Europe
- > **9:30** **Registration**
> **10:00:** **General introduction**
Summary of survey findings on four topics not covered during the workshop
- Francis Herbert, Legal Counsel, Missing Children Europe
 - Boglárka Jánoskúti, Expert, eNACSO
 - Ariane Couvreur, Project Manager, ECPAT Belgium
- > **10:30** **First session: Child friendly justice**
Findings of the survey
- Ariane Couvreur, Project Manager, ECPAT Belgium
- Expert presentation: Child-Friendly Justice: Thoughts on the Special Challenges Faced By Child Victims of Sexual Exploitation**
- Darlene Lynch, US Attorney and Legal Consultant for ECPAT International
- Discussion**
- > **11:30** **Coffee Break**
- > **12:00** **Second session: Disqualification and Screening**
Findings of the survey
- Francis Herbert, Legal Counsel, Missing Children Europe
- Expert presentation: Disqualification and Screening in the Netherlands**
- Erik J.H. Planken, Policy Advisor, Dutch Ministry of Safety and Justice
- Discussion**
- > **13:00** **Lunch break**
- > **14:00** **Third session: Grooming**
Findings of the survey
- Boglárka Jánoskúti, Expert, eNACSO
- Expert presentation: The Grooming Laws in the UK**
- John Carr, Executive Board Member, UK Council for Child Internet Safety, Expert Adviser European NGO Alliance for Child Safety Online
- Discussion**
- > **15:00** **Final session: Open discussion**
> **15:30** **End of the meeting**