Preventing and combating sexual violence against children

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Sexual violence against children - EU context

Every fifth child experiences sexual violence in childhood

- 80-90% of abuse takes place in the child's immediate environment
- Large dark field
- Strong increase in grooming: 40% per year since 2018 in Germany (PKS)

72% of images and videos of sexual violence against children are hosted in the EU
EU 2020 strategy: A comprehensive approach

EU strategy for a more effective fight against child sexual abuse

Prevention
Rules for child protection
Criminal law
Strengthening law enforcement

European Centre for Prevention and Combating
International Cooperation - WePROTECT Global Alliance
Cooperation with business and civil society
Accessing images of sexual violence against children from Germany - Aug. 22 (P2P only)
Digital Violence

Grooming

Sharing pictures and videos
Legislative proposal: prevention, identification and erasure

Uniform obligations for providers
- Risk assessment
- Prevention measures

National Coordination Unit
- Monitors the implementation of the commitments
- Can request identification orders

Creation of an EU Centre for Preventing and Combating Sexual Violence against Children
- Prevention support
- Reliable information on criminal content
- For identification orders: review of notifications
- Cooperation with Europol and national authorities

Support for those affected
- Help to remove the images and videos of abuse
- Right to be informed about all findings of pictures and videos
Thank you very much!

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