

Combating Child Sexual Abuse material

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Child sexual abuse material

- Evidence depicting sexual crime against a child
- Terminology defines the perspective: child sexual abuse or sexually arousing content, pornography?
- "Child sexual abuse material" rather than "child pornography"

"The arrival of the new technologies have opened up new social and educational possibilities for children to explore the digital world, but the fact remains that the new technologies can also put some children at risk of harm as they have given perpetrators new methods to sexually abuse and victimize children through the production, distribution and collection of child abuse images. "

Child's perspective

- Sexual abuse per se
- Permanent documentation of the sexual abuse
- Knowledge or fear of other's seeing the material
- Feeling of shame
- Victimisation aggravated and prolonged
- Hardly voluntarily disclosed
- Victims rarely identified and provided the needed protection and support

"The proliferation in the production of child abuse images has given us clear, unequivocal evidence that many children have been subjected to child sexual abuse. The images are visible evidence of a crime being committed and give law enforcement agencies a photographic account of the crime scene.

It is ironic that this 'unequivocal evidence' of child sexual abuse has still not led to the identification of many children who have been sexually abused to produce the images. Many dedicated police officers have taken it upon themselves to establish mechanisms to use this evidence but in most countries victim identification is still not seen as a policing priority. "

Vernon Jones, 2009

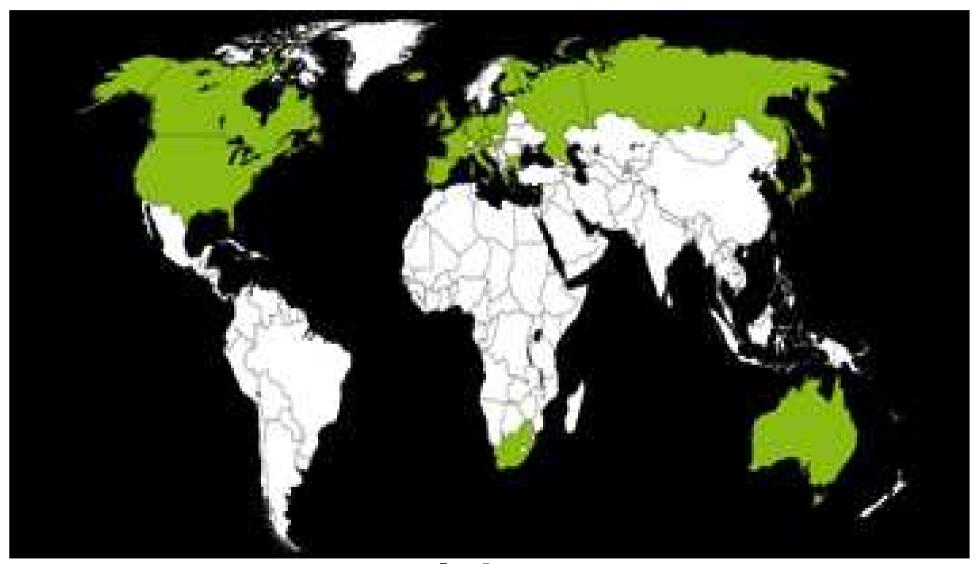


Need for awareness

- Content is online the children remain in the real life
- Professionals working with or for children in various fields are at the frontline when it comes to empowering children, teaching them to insist on their rights and to have the courage to turn to adults in case of adverse experiences – and to recognize the individual children's need of help.
- Knowledge and open discussion empowers both children and adults to deal with adverse experiences and encourages children to disclose abuse

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Couple of examples of Save the Children Finland work in the field of combating online related child sexual abuse









www.poliisi.fi/nettipoliisi

A campaign in cooperation with the Finnish Police. Encouraging children to report about sexual contacts to the "Virtual police" online. Poster distributed to each Finnish school & municipality social work

That's Enough.

- You have your rights.
- Any sexual act from an adult towards a child is a crime - also online.
- Report.







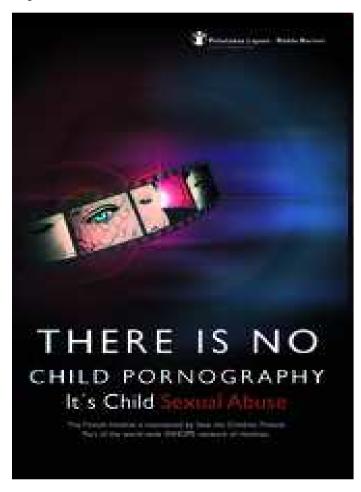
Reaching adult pornography consumers and adult entertainment industry

 Leaflet and a condom with the message:

"There is no child pornography – it's child sexual abuse.

Report internet illegal content"

 Shared on sEXHIBITION fairs direct contacts to the adult entertainment industry:



- Comprehensive info material on child sexual abuse related to the digital media (due to be ready in the autumn 2011)
- Target group: all professionals working with or for children in the fields of education, social and health care, law enforcement, youth work, judicial system etc





Thank You -

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