

Helpline early warning meeting 3rd June 2026

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13. Davinia Marie Muscat	Malta
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The EC's draft trusted flagger guidelines have been published <https://digital-strategy.ec.europa.eu/en/library/draft-commission-guidelines-trusted-flaggers> and a consultation to gather feedback is open until 26th June.

A meeting with EC on the trusted flagger guidance will take place on 17th June Wed 1600 CEST with INHOPE [Follow-Up meeting with the EC: Draft guidelines on trusted flaggers under the Digital Services Act \(DSA\) | Meeting-Join | Microsoft Teams](#)

A meeting with THORN on Sadistic Online Exploitation – sharing new research and insights https://info.thorn.org/hubfs/Research/Thorn_SOEResponse_Report_2026.pdf meeting on 11th June at 1500 Thursday

The next early warning meeting will take place on Wednesday 15th July at 1100 CEST [Helplines early warning group meeting | Meeting-Join | Microsoft Teams](#)

Albania	Lots of fake accounts on TikTok containing stolen photos of girls which are offensive and denigrating. There have been reports of CSAM on Telegram and this has been reported through the Turkish hotline via INHOPE although this complicates things due to language difficulties.
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	<p>There is an agreement between the helpline and the hotline and the state police in order to strengthen cooperation and reporting.</p> <p>A conference will take place with the cybercrime directorate and helplines are invited. iSIGURT.al dhe Policia e Shtetit nënshkruajnë marrëveshjen e bashkëpunimit për mbrojtjen e fëmijëve në internet – CRCA</p>
Belgium	<p>Lots of cases related to sextortion and grooming with a recent case of grooming taking place on Spotify where one individual had created several accounts and so was able to take on the role of predator as well as “friend” in order to isolate the child and obtain images. There is some information about a previous example of grooming via Spotify here https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-england-manchester-64262918</p> <p>Runaway groups are causing concern where children are approached in TikTok groups and encouraged to run away to a specific location.</p> <p>There is a lot of violence which is often linked to THC drug vapes which are available anywhere and sold via Snapchat groups. The vapes are spiked and children are taking spice, cocaine and amphetamines with a lot of violent behaviour associated with this problem.</p> <p>The EC has opened a case into Snapchat relating to this – please share any further information with Manon directly manon.baert@ec.europa.eu</p>
Croatia	<p>Cases are becoming more serious and there has been large increase in contacts relating to sextortion which are typically taking place on Snap and Telegram. There are more serious cases taking place on TikTok, Snap and Telegram relating to grooming and exploitation as well as some mental health issues. Some channels on these platforms are encouraging children and young people to self-harm.</p> <p>One platform causing problems is OmeTV and there have been cases where children engage in video calls with unknown individuals which are recorded and share on other platforms with highly derogatory comments. This is not sextortion or explicit content, but rather humiliation and online harassment. Applications for trusted flaggers have opened in Croatia and the helpline is applying.</p>
Cyprus	<p>This is a transitional period and the helpline is being operated by an external organisation. Cybercrime has accounted for the majority of calls – particularly related to the hacking of accounts on Facebook and Instagram. There have also been phone scams.</p> <p>Several individuals in companies have been targeted where perpetrators have used well known company names in order to get the trust of targeted people in a coordinated scam and threatening messages were shared with employees. Many citizens were contacted by people who presented themselves as representatives from PayPal and from banks.</p> <p>Misinformation about recent elections was shared on Facebook but this was reported to Meta and removed.</p>
Czechia	<p>Ongoing calls related to sextortion.</p> <p>Children and young people are being very aggressive to others and talking about wanting to hurt or kill them. This is very difficult for the helpline to work with such cases but they are arising more frequently. There have been some serious incidents recently connected to schools and public places where knives and weapons have been used and in one case a pupil killed another. Reaction to this is often shared on social media with many harmful comments. If any other colleagues are experiencing similar cases please contact Pavlina p.vagnerova@linkabezpeci.cz</p>

Denmark (CfDP)	<p>Colleagues need to be aware of looksmaxxing. A report last year found that the number of users visiting looksmaxxing.com had doubled and a new report is coming soon which shows that numbers are still increasing.</p> <p>Looksmaxxing covers a lot of different narratives from going to the gym to reshaping your jawline with a hammer. There is also a lot of selling of steroids and peptides linked to these accounts as well as other illegal drugs.</p> <p>The manosphere is now totally mainstream – all teenage boys are aware. The Danish police has raised the threat level for violence from extremism without any particular or clear motive.</p>
Denmark (STC)	<p>Lots of cases about sextortion. The Danish police published a report which found that only 0.1% of sextortion cases turn out to be criminal cases because usually young people are contacted by people from Nigeria or the Philippines and so the Danish police are unable to do anything. The helpline is trying to identify a solution to this problem.</p>
France	<p>There have been some cases related to the platform Azar https://azarlive.com/fr/ where minors are able to contact and chat with others online. Some conversations have been sexual and the conversations have been recorded and shared on Kick and TikTok. The helpline had 2 cases with the same offender and is questioning the behaviour here.</p> <p>Other similar sites were referenced by other helplines and include https://ome.tv/ and</p> <p>There have been a lot of cases related to AI and in particular deepfakes/deepnudes. It is very hard for young people to identify what is real and what is fake.</p> <p>The 3018 observatory is aiming to improve media literacy around GenAI. e-enfance has published their transparency report as a trusted flagger https://e-enfance.org/en/transparency-report-2025-reports/</p>
Germany	<p>The helpline is receiving increasing numbers of calls from both children and parents. Rates of NCSII and sextortion are increasing. There are some very complex cases on relationships to deal with.</p> <p>One girl contacted the helpline to explain that she had been betraying other girls online. She was identifying as a boy and in one case got into a relationship for quite a long time and then when she identified herself was worried that one of the girls she had tricked would go to the police.</p>
Lithuania	<p>There were warnings recently about a crime committed where teens were burning cars and there is a concern about escalating violence.</p> <p>The helpline has had trusted flagger status for around 2 months and although this hasn't been communicated publicly anyone contacting the helpline is being told they can report if this is relevant. There will be a soft launch in August and a hard launch in September alongside a campaign for the public. There are already reports coming in from the public and reports from people in other countries too.</p>
Malta	<p>The helpline received a call from a school about a 14 year old boy who had mentioned 764, Discord and other things that his teacher did not understand. The young person said that he hadn't said anything and the case has been difficult to investigate and perhaps has more links to the manosphere. The helpline has had discussions with the police and the anti-terrorist police and has been told that as soon as a child mentions 764 then this needs to be flagged to them as it is deemed a terrorist incident. There was also a bomb threat in school which was linked to 764. There is concern that children and</p>

	<p>young people are being trained and briefed on how to respond if an adult discovers what is happening.</p> <p>Another call concerned a girl who was coerced by a boy into doing a “live” on Snapchat where she undressed. The boy said she either had to pay €100 or get undressed live or he would make her life hell. The boy had no fear and didn’t care. There are other young people who are showing an interest in mass murderers – a lot of concern exists around this.</p> <p>There is a new law on cyberbullying and as a result the helpline has to consider whether a case needs to be reported to the police and if so – that needs to be done before asking for the content to be removed as the police may need it as evidence. Cyberbullying cases are becoming more intense and often involve CSAM.</p>
The Netherlands	<p>Increasing calls related to sextortion. There are number of trials taking place at the moment that are generating a lot of media attention and this has helped to encourage other victims to come forward.</p> <p>Other cases involve people who have photos that are being shared – these are not nudes but still violative and they are asking the helpline for support. There is an increase in young people fighting online – they post offensive comments and then both reach out to the helpline – this is very time consuming.</p>
Norway	Ongoing cases related to sextortion
Slovenia	A trusted flaggers has been appointed in Slovenia – Zavod Pip from Maribor. The recruitment of new volunteers for the helpline is proving particularly challenging.
Spain	Increasing numbers of calls concerning sextortion.
Sweden	<p>A trial of an 18 year old defendant in a widely publicised 764 case has started. He is charged with over 70 offences including online coercion, self-harm, sexual abuse and violence involving children and young people. There is a lot of media attention around the case and the helpline anticipates more young people reaching out about this.</p> <p>The first report from the government enquiry into social media was published and proposes a minimum age of 15 to access social media platforms. Again the helpline expects to receive contacts about this.</p> <p>https://www.reuters.com/business/media-telecom/sweden-weighs-social-media-age-limit-15-2026-06-02/</p>
UK	Cases relating to TikTok where a user had videos taken or screenshots of videos which were then nudified using AI. Someone then made an impersonation account on X and shared the images. These were images and videos of children and young people under 18. The victims only discovered this because a stranger on TikTok alerted them. There is some concern about whether this is also the perpetrator and the helpline is trying to discover the motivations behind this.

Please let Manon at the EC know if there are any concerns about other non-VLOPs platforms.

Useful links

To help with the removal of images and prevention of re-sharing

<https://takeitdown.ncmec.org/> <https://stopncii.org/>