



# PREVENTING CHILD SEXUAL ABUSE

Focus on intervention programmes and awareness-raising campaigns

Online, 22-23 February 2021

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Law**



## Speakers & Chairs

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**Antonio Labrador Jimenez**, Team Leader, Fight Against Child Sexual Abuse, Unit D.4: Cybercrime, DG for Migration and Home Affairs, European Commission, Brussels

**Christoffer Rahm**, Researcher, Karolinska Institute Sweden, Stockholm

**Mike Smyth**, Detective Sergeant, National Online Child Exploitation Unit, Garda National Protective Services Bureau, Dublin

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## Key topics

- European and international legal instruments to fight child sex abuse
- Measures against advertising abuse opportunities & sexual exploitation of children in travel and tourism
- Preventive intervention programmes or measures
- Intervention programmes or measures on a voluntary basis in the course of or after criminal proceedings

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## Monday, 22 February 2021

08:30 Connecting to the videoconference platform and getting familiar with it

09:00 Welcome and introduction to the programme  
*Laviero Buono*

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### I. INTRODUCTORY SESSION

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*Chair: Laviero Buono*

09:15 Preventing child sex abuse: from measures against travelling child sex offenders to (preventive) intervention programmes – an overview of articles 21-24 of the 2011 EU Directive  
*Antonio Labrador Jimenez*

10:00 Discussion

10:15 Legislating, regulating and prosecuting against child sexual abuse: developments in substantive and procedural law  
*Alisdair Gillespie*

10:45 Pushing the boundaries: how technology challenges existing laws on child sexual abuse  
*Alisdair Gillespie*

11:15 Discussion

11:30 Short break

11:45 Detecting and dismantling networks of child-abuse perpetrators: case-building and victim identification – a view from the coalface  
*Mike Smyth*

12:30 Discussion

12:45 Lunch break

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### II. MEASURES AGAINST ADVERTISING ABUSE OPPORTUNITIES, SEXUAL EXPLOITATION OF CHILDREN IN TRAVEL AND TOURISM AND PREVENTIVE INTERVENTION PROGRAMMES

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13:45 Online child abuse and travelling child sex offenders: what is the link, what has been done by the travel and tourism sector and why are people reluctant to report?  
*Celine Verheijen*

14:30 Discussion

14:45 End of the first day

## Objective

Child sexual abuse material refers to the production, possession and/or distribution of photographs or videos that depict child nudity or children engaged in sexual activity – be this with peers or adults. This online seminar aims to assess and debate the legal measures enacted to prevent and combat this phenomenon and to promote the effective investigation and prosecution of these offences. This seminar will focus on the intervention programmes and awareness-raising campaigns.

## Who should attend?

Judges, prosecutors, lawyers in private practice, law enforcers, ministry officials, academia, victims' support units and representative of children rights from Croatia, Germany, Austria and Slovenia ("Regional approach").

## About the project

This seminar is part of a large-scale project sponsored by the European Commission under the "Internal Security Fund – Police" Programme. It consists of six events to take place in Lyon, Tallinn, Cracow, Zagreb, Trier and Lisbon.

## Interactive online seminar

The online seminar will be hosted on ERA's own online platform. You will be able to interact immediately and directly with our top-level speakers and other participants. We will make the most of the technical tools available to deliver an intensive, interactive experience. As the platform is hosted on our own server, the highest security settings will be applied to ensure that you can participate safely in this high-quality online conference.

**More information on:**  
[www.era.int/?130401&en](http://www.era.int/?130401&en)

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## Tuesday, 23 February 2021

- 08:45 Connecting to the videoconference platform
- 09:00 Taking the necessary measures to ensure that persons who fear that they might commit offences against children may have access to intervention programmes: lessons to be learnt  
*Christoffer Rahm*
- 09:45 Discussion

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### III. PREVENTING CHILD SEXUAL ABUSE MATERIAL THROUGH AWARENESS-RAISING CAMPAIGNS, RESEARCH AND EDUCATION PROGRAMMES

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- 10:00 Child sexual abuse online: the work of international organisations raising awareness, reducing the risks and removing the content  
*Denton Howard*
- 10:45 Discussion
- 11:00 Short break

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### IV. INTERVENTION PROGRAMMES OR MEASURES ON A VOLUNTARY BASIS IN THE COURSE OF OR AFTER CRIMINAL NATIONAL PROCEEDINGS

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- 11:15 Preventing and minimising the risks of repeated offences of a sexual nature against children: experiences to share  
*Nina Vaaranen-Valkonen*
- 12:00 Discussion
- 12:15 End of the online seminar

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**Times indicated are CET  
(Central European Time)**



## Save the date

**Annual Conference on White-Collar Crime in the EU 2021**  
Online, 18-19 March 2021

**Anti-Money Laundering for the Judiciary and Law Enforcement**  
Online/Trier, 29-30 April 2021

**Artificial Intelligence (AI) and the Criminal Justice System**  
Warsaw, 17-18 June 2021

**Summer Course on European Criminal Justice**  
Online, 21-25 June 2021



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