

Dear decision-makers,

We, **109 signatories**, urge you to put children's online safety first and pass robust legislation to tackle child sexual abuse and exploitation across Europe.

The EU has a critical opportunity to be a world leader in protecting children online, but continued inaction and lack of ambition means Europe persists as a safe haven for perpetrators. Without strong laws, Europe will leave [millions of children unprotected](#) on online platforms and allow imagery of their abuse to circulate indefinitely online.

For more than three years, EU leaders have debated the Child Sexual Abuse Regulation (CSAR) – a law designed to protect children from online sexual abuse. In that time, Europe's [child sexual abuse crisis](#) has escalated dramatically: [reports](#) of grooming, [sexual extortion](#) and [AI-generated](#) child abuse material have risen exponentially across Europe.

We are deeply concerned that efforts to protect children from sexual exploitation and repeated victimisation have been derailed by a campaign built on misinformation about the technologies involved, alongside a refusal to acknowledge the scale and nature of the harm this regulation is intended to address.

In Europe, [more than three in five parents](#) think that politicians and technology companies are not taking children's online safety seriously enough. [4 in 5 EU citizens](#) support requiring online service providers to detect, report, and remove child sexual abuse online. The CSAR is an essential step toward ensuring stronger protection for children against sexual abuse.

You have an opportunity to establish Europe as a global champion for children's online safety. We urge you to advance an effective, comprehensive and ambitious text. Europe has both the potential and responsibility to lead by example.

Privacy and child protection are [compatible](#). Children have the right not to have their bodily privacy violated, abused, and shared endlessly online. Every user has the right not to encounter traumatic and degrading pictures and videos of children being sexually abused. **The solution is within your power.**

We call on you, as our elected representatives, to act with ambition, put children first, and ensure a robust CSAR is promptly adopted. **Together we can end the child sexual abuse crisis and protect children from further harm.**

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8. Asociace Dítě a Rodina, z.s.
9. Associação P de Potência
10. Association for the Prevention and Handling of Violence in the Family
11. Austrian Network for Children's Rights

12. Awel
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16. Breza Association, Croatia
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21. Center for Missing and Exploited Children, Serbia
22. Centrs Dardedze
23. Child Focus
24. Child Helpline International
25. Childlight - Global Child Safety Institute
26. Childnet International
27. Childproof/CIPOF
28. Children in Scotland
29. ChildX
30. COFACE
31. CONCORDIA Social Projects
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49. Erikshjälpen (ERIKS Development Partner)
50. Estonian Union for Child Welfare
51. ÉTHÉLIOS
52. Eurochild
53. FICE Croatia
54. First Children's Embassy in the World MEGJASHI
55. Fondation pour l'Enfance
56. Fondazione S.O.S. Il Telefono Azzurro ETS
57. Free a Girl Netherlands
58. FUNDACION ANAR
59. Giada Coffari

60. Hıntalovon Foundation-ECPAT Hungary
61. "Hope For Children" CRC Policy Center
62. Hrabí Telefon
63. IFSW Europe
64. Instituto de Apoio à Criança
65. International Child Development Initiatives - ICDI
66. International Justice Mission Deutschland
67. International Justice Mission Netherlands
68. International Justice Mission Inc.
69. Internet Safe Kids Africa
70. Internet Watch Foundation
71. ISPCC
72. Italian Coordination of the European Women's Lobby
73. John Carr OBE
74. Kék Vonal Child Crisis Foundation
75. Kids of Ukraine Charity Fund
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77. Latvian Child Welfare Network
78. Latvian Protect the Children
79. Les Ami(e)s de Romy
80. Linka detskej istoty / Child Safety Line Slovakia
81. Lobby Europeo de Mujeres en España
82. Marie Collins Foundation
83. Missing Children Europe
84. Mulher Século XXI - Associação de Desenvolvimento e Apoio às Mulheres
85. Myriam Hunfeld
86. Netsweeper Inc.
87. Network for Children's Rights (Greece)
88. NGO Dignity Online
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90. OKAJU (Ombudsman for Children and Adolescents)
91. Pancyprian Coordinating Committee for the Protection and Welfare of Children (PCCPWC)
92. Plataforma Portuguesa para os Direitos das Mulheres (PpDM) / Portuguese Platform for Women's Rights
93. Pressley Ridge Hungary Foundation
94. Protect Children
95. Qoria
96. Save the Children
97. SHIELD - APS
98. SISTERS - for the exit from prostitution! e.V.
99. South West Grid for Learning / UK Safer Internet Centre
100. Stichting De Kindertelefoon
101. Stiftung Digitale Chancen
102. Terre des Hommes Netherlands
103. The Brave Movement
104. The Smile of the Child
105. Thorn

- 106. Ukrainian Foundation for Public Health
- 107. VSE
- 108. WeProtect Global Alliance
- 109. YYouth