

European Study Seminar on child abuse in the digital world

Prevention of child sexual abuse online: perspectives from
European countries

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brave movement
End Childhood Sexual Violence

2023-2024 Europe Campaign Goals

Set the foundation for a sustainable, survivor-centred ecosystem of individual survivors activists, survivor organisations, and allied partners across Europe.

Advocate for laws and political changes in the European Union, Council of Europe, UK, and six select EU nations to protect children and bring survivors justice.

Elevate and empower the voices of survivors by creating strategic, safe opportunities for them to tell their stories and share their insights via media, events and online action.

Active European Campaigns & Workstreams

European Union

Child Sexual Abuse
Regulation (CSAR)

2011 Directive Recast

Council of Europe

Lanzarote Committee

National

France

Finland

Sweden

Portugal

Poland

United Kingdom

Collaborative

Child Safety ON

Youth Cohort

Crime Scenes

Every Image Counts

Survivor Voice Research

September 2023 Child Safety ON Brussels Activation **ECLAG**

More than 50 survivors and allies engaged in an advocacy stunt supporting a strong EU Child Sexual Abuse Regulation



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@EU LEADERS: CLEAN UP THE INTERNET FROM SEXUAL PREDATORS

Priority: Safe, Sustainable, Effective Survivor Advocacy Model

EU lawyer,
tech and child
rights specialist

Spanish
Youth
Activist

Spanish
Survivor
Activist



Spanish lawyer,
child rights
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Spanish MEP,
Critical vote for
passing strong
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**In the past year, Brave Europe
has engaged in more than 100
meetings between survivors
and key European
policymakers.**

Child sexual abuse must be prevented at home.

Regulations and directives are not enough to stop CSA

Statistics and facts

1. One out of five children suffer sexual abuse before they become 18.
2. Between 70% and 85% of children know their abuser
3. The vast majority of children are victims of people they trust.
4. 1/3 will never tell anyone because the victims feel guilt, shame and fear.
5. Confusion: some children believe being in a true "relationship".

7 Myths

1. Children do not abuse other children.
2. Sexual abuse is committed by strangers.
3. Abusers are older men.
4. Women do not abuse children.
5. Sexual abuse is always violent.
6. Children recognize when they are being abused.
7. Sexual abuse leaves clearly identifiable signs.

What's sexual abuse?

Foremost is the abuse of power

Power asymmetry can be given by:

1. Physical strength or size.
2. Hierarchy.
3. Knowledge.
4. Age.

Types of child sexual abuse

With physical contact

Without penetration*:

1. Caresses
2. Kisses
3. Tickling
4. Fondling

With penetration:

1. With objects
2. Body parts
3. Penis

Without physical contact

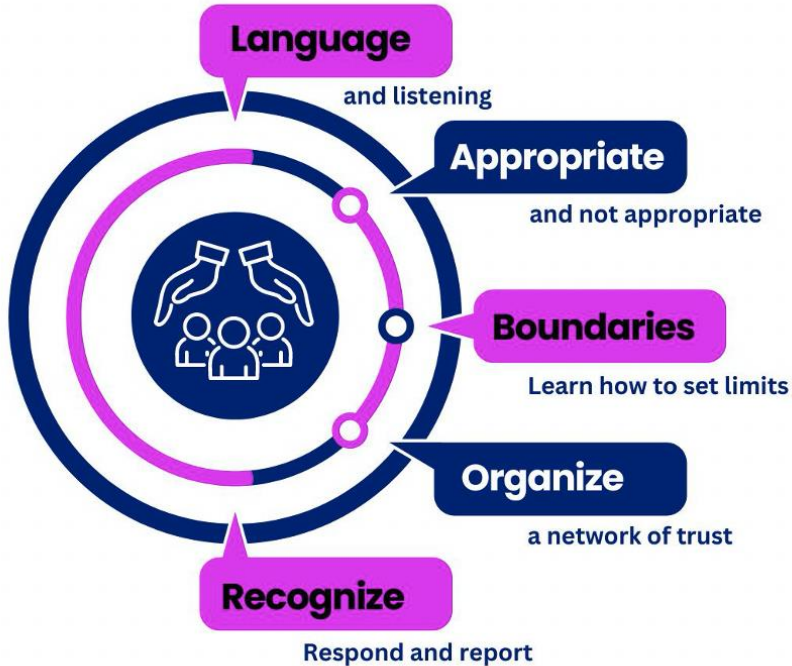
1. Verbal.
2. Voyeurism.
3. Exhibitionism.
4. Exposure.

Undercover sexual abuse

1. It usually occurs in the form of jokes and is often disregarded by family and friends. However, it serves as the gateway to other forms of abuse.

L.A.B.O.R method

By Patricia Cardona



Abuse is traumatic.

Prevention is beautiful.

It reduces in 95% the probability of abuse.

- L. Correct anatomic terms for intimate body parts.
Emotional rich language.
Listen to connect
- A. Inappropriate touch can feel “good”
- B. Say No. No secrets. Body safety.
- O. Select three to five trustworthy people in the child’s environments.
- R. Learn the more than 20 signs of abuse and learn how to respond, support and report.

Online prevention

Everything on the previous slide plus:

1. Be an example on how tech is used.
2. No sharenting
3. Tech contract.
4. Tech talk.
5. Get into their world.
6. Tech time together
7. Talk about porn. “Good pictures, bad pictures”
8. No devices in the bedroom or bathroom.
9. Parental controls.

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