

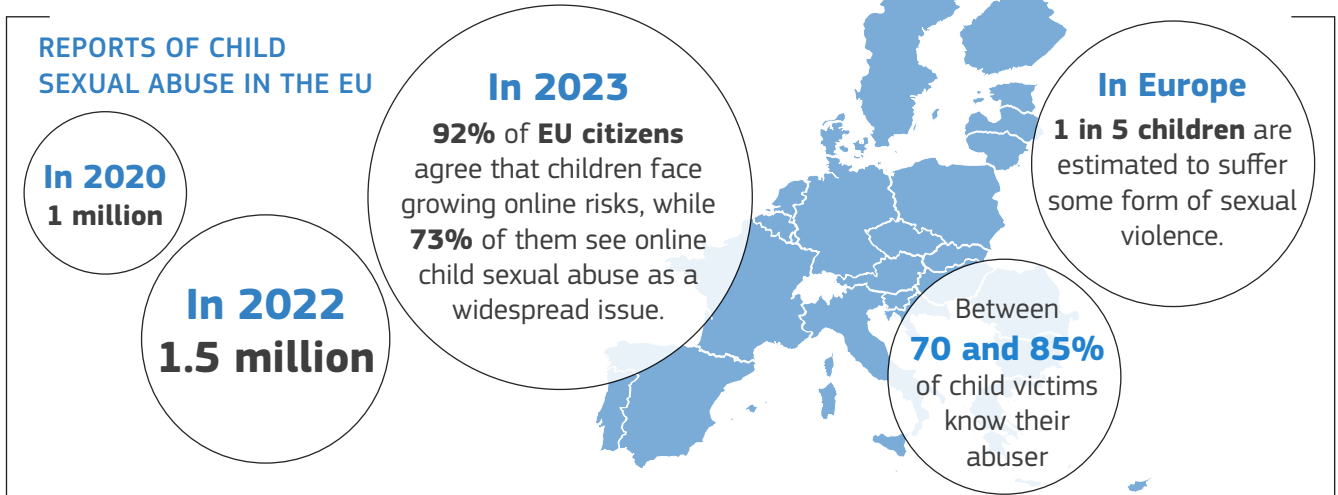
STRONGER CRIMINAL LAW RULES TO FIGHT CHILD SEXUAL ABUSE

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Strengthening the rules to fight Child Sexual Abuse

Child sexual abuse is a growing and complex problem in our society, both online and offline.



The current EU rules criminalising child sexual abuse are outdated

This is why the Commission is proposing an update to the Directive on combating the sexual abuse of children, to strengthen criminal prosecution and support victims facing these challenges:

-  Criminalise new forms of online child sexual abuse and exploitation resulting from technological developments, such as livestreaming of child sexual abuse;
-  Allow victims to seek justice by increasing the timeframe for the prosecution of child sexual abuse, ranging from 20-30 years after the offence has been committed depending on the offence;
-  Improve prevention and awareness raising measures to protect children against sexual abuse and exploitation;
-  Strengthen assistance to child victims and adult survivors;
-  Require Member States to designate national authorities to increase coordination and exchange of data among all involved actors.