

Global Alliance against Child Sexual Abuse Online

Albania

Policy target No. 1: Enhancing efforts to identify victims and ensuring that they receive the necessary assistance, support and protection

Operational Goal:	Increase the number of identified victims in the International Child Sexual Exploitation images database (ICSE database) managed by INTERPOL by at least 10% yearly
Actions ALREADY UNDERTAKEN	
<i>Description of the actions <u>already undertaken</u></i>	In any criminal proceedings, or police investigation regarding child abusive materials on the Internet, one of the main steps of the investigation is the identification of the victim. This is done through cooperation with the other police bodies, and other institutions involved in this area and National Office of INTERPOL. This is not a written procedure but it is an investigation procedure.
Actions that WILL BE UNDERTAKEN	
<i>Description of the actions that <u>will be undertaken and timeframe</u></i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • New standard procedures within police units in charge for investigation of abusive materials of children on Internet will be developed. Those procedures will provide standard actions for investigators to perform identification of victims. (Till December 2013) • For any case of abusive materials on Internet, which has the need for international investigation, international cooperation channels, cooperation agreements, and any other cooperation instrument will be used for the purpose of the identification of the victim. (Till September 2013). • Any abusive material with children encountered in investigation cases, will be given to the Interpol for contributing with images to the ICSE Database.(Till September 2013). • In cooperation with the National Contact Point of INTERPOL, will request access to the ICSE Database. (Till May 2013). • The Ministry of Justice is willing to closely cooperate with the Ministry of Interior regarding any issues related to our field of competence.

Policy target No. 2: Enhancing efforts to investigate cases of child sexual abuse online and to identify and prosecute offenders

Operational Goal:	Establish the necessary framework for the criminalization of child sexual abuse online and the effective prosecution of offenders, with the objective of enhancing efforts to investigate and prosecute offenders
Operational Goal:	Improve the joint efforts of law enforcement authorities across Global Alliance countries to investigate and prosecute child sexual abuse online
Actions ALREADY UNDERTAKEN	
<i>Description of the actions already undertaken</i>	<p>Shortcomings in legislation are identified and the necessary legislative amendments are finished, including criminalization of all forms of online child sexual abuse offences in line with international standards including, for instance, the possession of child pornography and the disqualification of offenders from working with children.</p> <p>The Sector Against Computer Crimes, in Albanian State Police is already a specialized unit for combating child pornography.</p> <p>The Department for Police Training, within ASP, has delivered (in cooperation with the Sector of Computer Crimes) trainings in computer crime, including child pornography. Police specialist, have been part of trainings organized by TAIEX, ICITAP regarding this type of crime. One of the police officers in the Sector Against Computer Crime, is finishing the Msc program “Computer Crime Investigation and Digital Computer Examination”, at University College of Dublin in Ireland, which includes modules on child pornography investigations.</p> <p>ASP is already using “NordicMule” software, developed by Norway Police Department, in order to catch pedocriminals in Emule network.</p> <p>Cooperation for criminal investigation purposes, between Police and Prosecutors are established through law such as Criminal Procedure Code, Criminal Code, Judicial Police Law, and Joint Directive of both Ministry of Interior and General Prosecutor.</p> <p>The Electronic Communication law, ensure that the ISP and any communication service provider, to retain subscriber data for investigation purposes with the term of 2 years. The Criminal Procedure Code, ensure that these providers give the expedited data or specified computer data in connection with a specific criminal investigation, including child pornography.</p> <p>As regards the necessary framework for the criminalization of child sexual abuse online, the following articles of the Criminal Code cover this issue:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Article 108- Serious immoral acts¹ - Article 117- Pornography <p>With the new amendments to the Criminal Code approved in Parliament on 2nd</p>

¹Vepra të turpshme in the Albanian original.

	<p>May 2013, article 108 has been amended to include minors as subjects of the criminal offence.</p> <p>After article 108, new article 108/ a “Sexual harassment” has been added. The commission of this criminal offence against minors is provided for as an aggravated circumstance.</p> <p>Article 117 was also amended to include more elements of this criminal offence related to minors.</p>
Actions that WILL BE UNDERTAKEN	
<p><i>Description of the actions that will be undertaken and timeframe</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Setting up a specialized section for child pornography investigations within the Sector Against Computer Crime. (Within 2013) • Providing training on child pornography investigations for computer crime investigators in joint trainings with prosecutors. (Within 2014) • Extending software equipment for investigation purposes from resources.(Within 2014) • Enhancing cooperation with prosecution offices, for child pornography investigation. • Promoting a Memorandum of Understanding with the ISP companies in Albania through AKEP (Electronic and Postal Communications Agency). (Within 2013).

Policy target No. 3: Enhancing efforts to increase public awareness of the risks posed by children's activities online, including grooming and self-production of images that results in the production of new child pornography that may be distributed online

Operational Goal:	Develop, improve, or support appropriate public awareness campaigns or other measures which educate parents, children, and others responsible for children regarding the risks that children's online conduct poses and the steps they can take to minimize those risks
Operational Goal:	Share best practices among Global Alliance countries for effective strategies to inform the public about the risks posed by online, self-exploitative conduct in order to reduce the production of new child pornography
Actions ALREADY UNDERTAKEN	
<i>Description of the actions <u>already undertaken</u></i>	There have been public notifications from press office of ASP, for the community about threats of the Internet including abusive usage of the Internet against the childrens.
Actions that WILL BE UNDERTAKEN	
<i>Description of the actions that <u>will be undertaken</u> and <u>timeframe</u></i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Develop, improve, or support age-appropriate public awareness campaigns or other measures to educate children on how to be safe online. • Develop, improve, or support public awareness campaigns or other measures to educate parents, teachers, and others responsible for children regarding the problems of grooming and of online, self-exploitative conduct and methods to prevent such conduct.

Policy target No. 4: Reducing as much as possible the availability of child pornography online and reducing as much as possible the re-victimization of children whose sexual abuse is depicted

Operational Goal:	Encourage participation by the private sector in identifying and removing known child pornography material located in the relevant State, including increasing as much as possible the volume of system data examined for child pornography images.
Operational Goal:	Increase the speed of notice and takedown procedures as much as possible without jeopardizing criminal investigation
Actions ALREADY UNDERTAKEN	
<i>Description of the actions already undertaken</i>	No action taken.
Actions that WILL BE UNDERTAKEN	
<i>Description of the actions that will be undertaken and timeframe</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Promoting a Memorandum of Understanding with the ISP companies in Albania through AKEP (Electronic and Postal Communications Agency). (Within 2013). • Facilitate the development and the use of technologies to identify and remove known child pornography images uploaded into, downloaded from or hosted in servers under each country's jurisdiction. • Set up hotlines for Computer Crime and Abusive materials on Internet • Develop, improve or support easier reporting mechanisms.