



We call on EU leaders to prevent and combat child sexual abuse

Dear {{decision makers in Austria, Belgium, Bulgaria, Croatia, Republic of Cyprus, Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Ireland, Italy, Latvia, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malta, Netherlands, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain and Sweden}} and all **Members of the European Parliament,**

As public figures, lawyers, human rights experts, and advocates for the well-being of our children, we join over 48 child rights organisations to urge you to support a new EU proposal to safeguard our children from perpetrators of child sexual abuse and grooming online.

We put safety caps on medicine bottles, helmets on heads, and stabilisers on bikes. We cover plug sockets, secure stairs, and fasten seatbelts. We have never been better at keeping our children safe - so why can't we keep them safe online? Children's right to be protected shouldn't be limited to the offline world. Child sexual abuse is a problem that reaches into our homes through our tablets, phones, and laptops. It is a global issue, but hardly anywhere in the world has introduced laws to stop it.

In the coming months, the EU has an opportunity to change that. A new EU proposal would make it compulsory for tech platforms to design safe services for our children; to detect, report, and remove child sexual abuse material from their platforms and protect our children from grooming online. As political leaders in the EU, your actions over the coming weeks will determine the global response to online child sexual abuse.

These measures can be put in place in a way that both protects children online, and respects privacy laws. What's more, research shows that people in Europe [overwhelmingly support these proposals](#).

Our plea is simple: protect our children. We have the chance to transform the internet from a platform of potential harm into a safe haven for our kids. We can protect our children and our privacy. Let's seize this opportunity together.

Yours sincerely,

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