

STRONGER CRIMINAL LAW RULES TO FIGHT CHILD SEXUAL ABUSE

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1.5 million

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70 and 85%

of child victims know their abuser

Strengthening the rules to fight Child Sexual Abuse Child sexual abuse is a growing and complex problem in our society,

both online and offline. **REPORTS OF CHILD** SEXUAL ABUSE IN THE EU In 2023 In Europe 1 in 5 children are 92% of EU citizens estimated to suffer agree that children face In 2020 some form of sexual growing online risks, while 1 million violence. 73% of them see online. child sexual abuse as a In 2022 widespread issue. Between

The current EU rules criminalising child sexual abuse are outdated.

This is why the Commission proposed to complement its previous Regulation proposal 2022/209, with one focusing on criminal rules:



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 establish national authorities to increase coordination and exchange of data among all involved actors.

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