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1 Introduction

Since the arrival of Internet it has become relatively easy to obtain and exchange images of child sexual abuse. The new media have also made it easier to contact a child, through various channels, such as social networking sites and chat, with the purpose of abusing it. For fifteen years now, Meldpunt Kinderporno/the Dutch Hotline against child sexual abuse images on the Internet (hereafter: Meldpunt) has been fighting against an invariably increasing amount of child pornography and other forms of child abuse on the Internet. As you will see in this report, the year 2010 has known some highs and lows.

In 2010 Meldpunt received 9,164 reports. Through the teen site Helpwanted 327 reports came in. From this year on internet users could also report in case of suspicion of child sex tourism. Through www.meldkindersekstoerisme.nl Meldpunt received 28 reports.

CHILDREN IN AMSTERDAM VICTIM OF SEXUAL ABUSE AND CHILD SEXUAL ABUSE IMAGES. On 7 December 2010 an employee of a child day care centre was arrested for having sexually abused dozens of children as well as for the production and distribution of child sexual abuse images. The matter came to light after a tip-off from the United States Police Force, who had confiscated images of child sexual abuse that were traceable to Amsterdam. Once again, this shows that cooperation on an international level is crucial in order to deal effectively with child sexual abuse images.

We are not alone in the fight against the sexual abuse of children online or by way of internet. For this cause, Meldpunt works in partnership with several national and international organisations:

THE MINISTRY OF SECURITY AND JUSTICE. The Ministry of Security and Justice supports Meldpunt financially through a subsidy. On a regular basis, meetings take place between civil servants of the Ministry of Security and Justice and Meldpunt about how to tackle online child abuse.

ECPAT. ECPAT stands for 'End Child Prostitution, Child Pornography and Trafficking of Children for Sexual Purposes'. ECPAT aims to fight against the sexual exploitation of minors in prostitution, pornography and in tourism and to

this goal it works in partnership with travel organisations amongst others. For years now ECPAT and Meldpunt have been lobbying together in Dutch politics. The foundation of Meldpunt Kinderseksstourisme (Dutch Hotline to report incidents of Child Sex Tourism) is a result of their joint efforts.

DUTCH POLICE. Meldpunt forwards punishable images of child sexual abuse that are hosted on a Dutch server to the Dutch police. They undertake further action. In 2010, 1260 reports have been passed on to the police. Meanwhile, the “Improvement program combating child pornography” of the Dutch police, which is in line with the plans as drawn up by the former Dutch Minister of Security and Justice, Mr. Hirsch Ballin, made a good start. Emphasis is now more on the producers of the child pornographic material and less on the downloaders. However, in order to make the program a success, police capacity should be expanded further.

LEASEWEB. This is one of the biggest web hosting providers in Europe. In close cooperation with the Ministry of Security and Justice, Meldpunt and the Swedish company NetClean, Leaseweb started a pilot to proactively filter so-called upload websites by means of hash technology. These upload websites are the main cause of the increased number of reports in the Netherlands. Hash technology makes digital fingerprints (hashes) of known images of child sexual abuse. The filter checks whether there is a match with these fingerprints of known punishable images, in which case the images will be blocked, even before they can be put on the Internet.

INTERNET SERVICE PROVIDERS (ISPS) IN COOPERATION WITH THE MINISTRY OF SECURITY AND JUSTICE AND ECP-EPN (PLATFORM FOR THE INFORMATION SOCIETY). In November 2010, a letter was sent to the Ministry of Security and Justice on behalf of the ‘blocking child sexual abuse images group’, which is part of the Internet Safety Platform, informing the Ministry about the progress made so far and the process used in blocking images of child sexual abuse. This letter states, however, that after research conducted by Meldpunt, the group has reached the conclusion that blocking child sexual abuse images (at domain level) is not effective. Furthermore, the group indicates that it has decided to temporarily stop the process of developing a facility to block websites containing child sexual abuse content, but it will go on to support potential new activities to combat online child sexual abuse.

INHOPE MEMBERS. In 1999 eight Hotlines, among which Meldpunt, created Inhope, an international association of hotlines. Momentarily, 38 members are active in this network. In 2010, two new hotlines, Slovakia and Romania, became a member.

ECP-EPN. It is a joint responsibility of government and industry to safeguard children online. The online products and services that are aimed at children specifically, as well as other ones they use, should be safe for them. Guidelines, law enforcement, education and self-regulation are the means that could be put to work for this. To this goal ECP-EPN developed the Digivaardig & Digibewust Program (Dutch Awareness Node). Meldpunt participates actively in this program.

Meldpunt would like to thank the Ministry of Security and Justice and the European Commission for their collaboration and financial support in 2010. We also thank our associates, sponsors and contributors for their input and cooperation and hope we can count on their support again in 2011.

Towards an internet free of child sexual abuse!

The board of the Hotline against Child Sexual Abuse Images on the Internet

Chairman: Jules Mulder,
Treasurer: Tom Erents,
Board Member: Jan Mark Wams

"At Gnutella (P2P network)
the word child pornography
is searched for **116,000**
times every day."

(SOURCE: ECPAT INTERNATIONAL)

2 Figures and trends

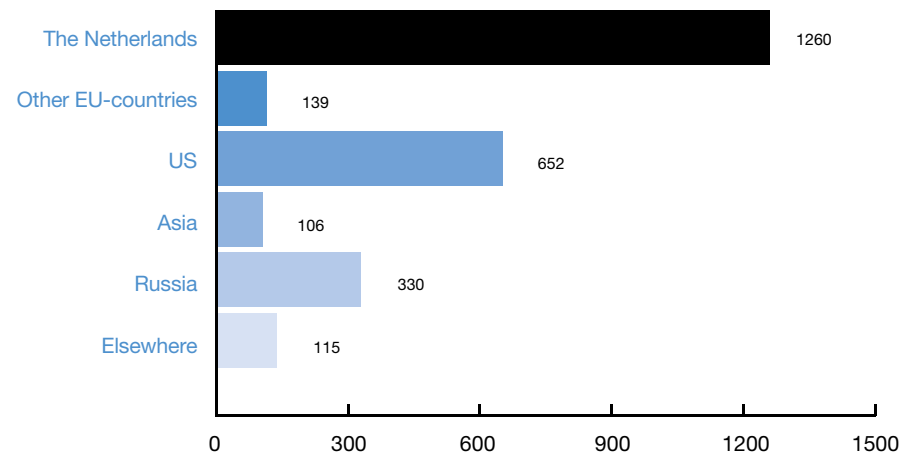
- **An increase in the number of reports**

In 2010 Meldpunt received 9,164 reports, a small increase in comparison with 2009. 1,260 reports contain illegal content hosted on a Dutch server. If distribution takes place from the Netherlands, Meldpunt forwards the report to the Dutch Police.

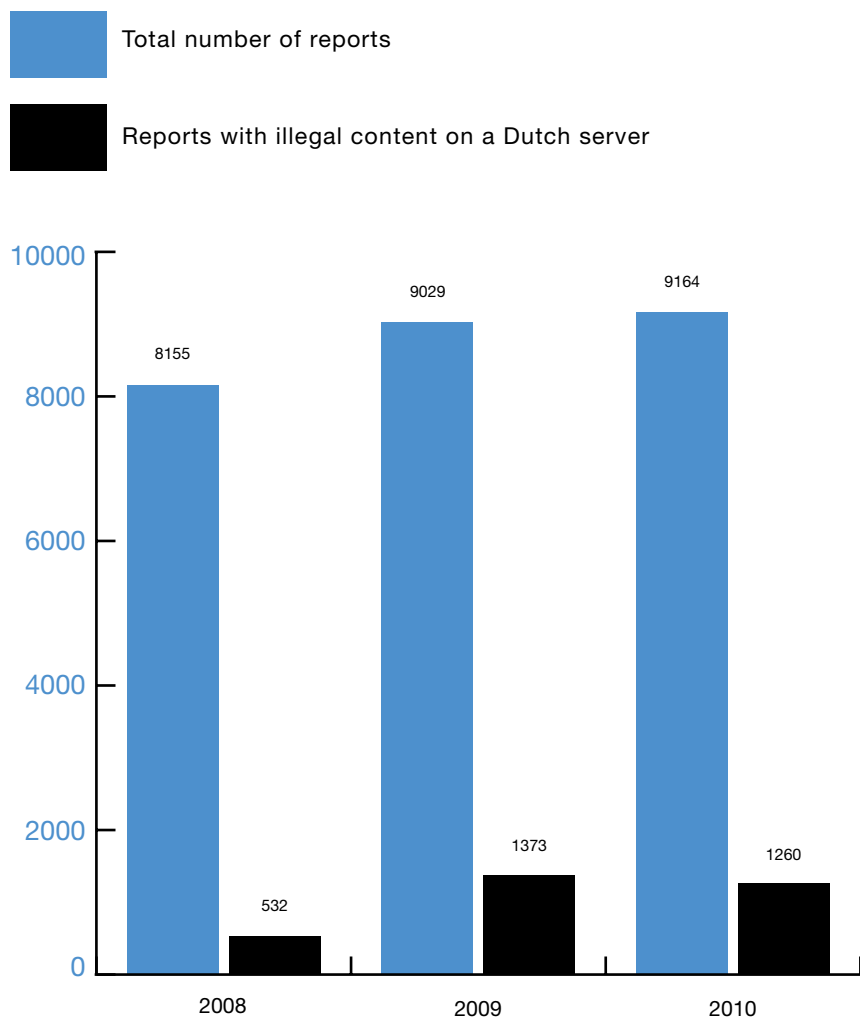
In the recent years Meldpunt has observed that distributors of child sexual abuse images more and more use so-called 'upload' services. These services are partly free and very popular for sending (large) files. Unfortunately, they are also often used to distribute illegal content.

In the past year Meldpunt received 3,013 reports from partner hotlines across the globe. INHOPE, the international network of hotlines appears to be an effective means in the fight against child sexual abuse images.

CHART OF DISTRIBUTION, DISPLAYING THE NUMBER OF REPORTS OF ILLEGAL CONTENT



TOTAL NUMBER OF REPORTS A YEAR (FROM INTERNET USERS AND PARTNER HOTLINES)



“If only now and then, we manage **together** to rescue a child out a situation of sexual abuse, it makes the world of difference to that child, notwithstanding the great number of children that are being abused worldwide and of which child pornography is produced.”

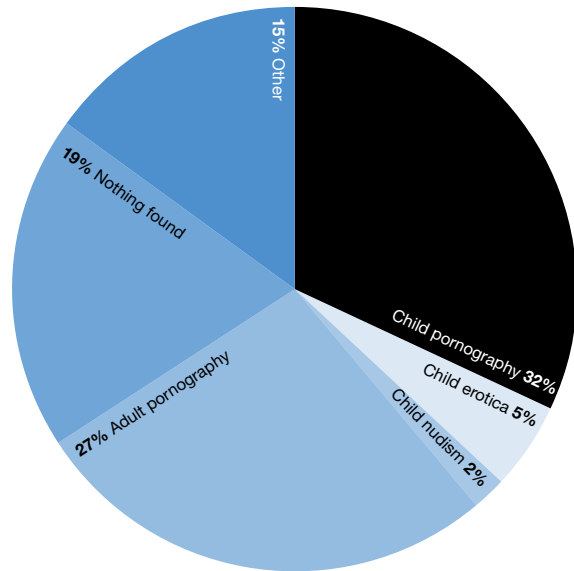
(CHRIS GROENEVELD, DIENST IPOL/KLPD)
DUTCH INTERNATIONAL POLICE INFORMATION SERVICE AND
DUTCH NATIONAL POLICE SERVICES

• **Nature and content of the images**

Meldpunt assesses the images according to the Prosecutor General Guidelines investigating Child Pornography article 240b of the Dutch Penal Code. There still remains, however, a grey area where it is difficult to determine whether a particular image is illegal or not. For instance, in case the young person is alone in the image or when estimating the age. Then the nature and/or the context of the images become defining factors. To further minimize this grey area and to reduce the amount of discussion, the new Guideline Child Pornography, that will provide clarity concerning these aspects, will become effective as of January, first, 2011.

In case of 19% of the reports Meldpunt employees received an error, the material being removed or untraceable. This percentage does not differ much from previous years. It might be that the content has quickly been removed, but distributors of child sexual abuse images often change their location to reduce chances of being traced.

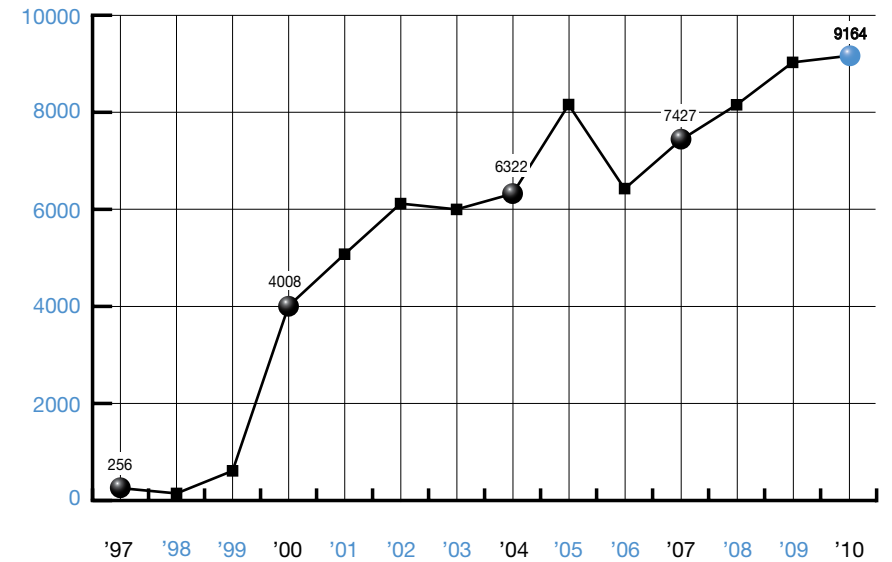
REPORTS ACCORDING TO CATEGORY



• **Report increase 1997-2010**

Since the start of Meldpunt the number of reports has creased considerably. Next to the rising amount of child sexual abuse images on the Internet, the exponential growth of the number of internet users as well as the greater public awareness of Meldpunt also explain the increasing number of reports.

INCREASE IN THE NUMBER OF REPORTS



• Reports according to internet service category

When internet users report (what they suspect to be) illegal content (child pornography) they have to indicate to which category of internet service their report belongs.

Most reports - 8,551 out of 9,164 - were about URL's that contained, according to the reporter, supposedly illegal content.

83 reports came from internet users who found spam in their mailbox containing supposedly illegal images of child sexual abuse. Compared to 2009, this is a strong decrease. Then the number was 391.

149 reports were related to Usenet, a separate part of the Internet, consisting of discussion and news groups. Compared to last year, the amount has almost doubled.

In case of 196 reports the indicated category was 'chat/msn'. This category includes for example reports from parents about their children being harassed sexually through internet and reports from adults about chat rooms populated with dubious characters.

118 reports are about illegal child sexual abuse files that came (unintentionally) with other files that internet users downloaded from so-called peer to peer networks or torrent sites.

REPORTS, CATEGORIZED ACCORDING TO INTERNET SERVICES OR MEDIUM

Website	Email	Usenet	Chat/MSN	Peer to peer	Other	Total
8551	83	149	196	118	67	9164

“Working together on online safety for children is vital!”
We have the deepest respect for the work done by Meldpunt and the progress they make daily. Invaluable in the current digital society!....”

(MARJOLIJN BONTHUIS, DEPUTY DIRECTOR ECP-EPN,
DIGIVAARDIG & DIGIBEWUST PROGRAM)

3 **HELPWANTED.NL**

In 2007 Meldpunt established the website Helpwanted.nl for teenagers. This website is intended specially for young people between 12 and 18 years old to report online sexual abuse. Furthermore, there teenagers, parents and caregivers can find information about the safe use of Internet.

In 2010 Meldpunt received 327 reports through www.helpwanted.nl. This is almost double the amount of 2009, when we received 171 reports through this site. Most were about sexual abuse by means of webcam. Reports on online bullying have increased in the past year. The remaining reports are about violation of portrait rights, hacking, images of child sexual abuse on websites and peer-to-peer networks or (shocking) adult pornography.

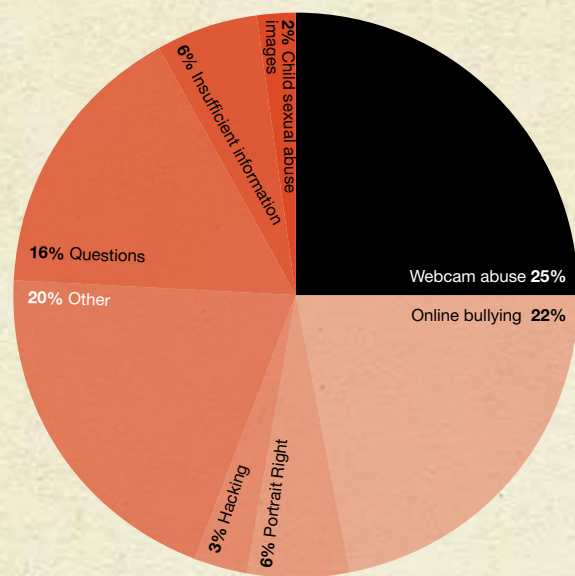
Several activities have contributed to the greater public awareness of Helpwanted and may subsequently also have caused the increase in the number of reports. The 'Cyberlokker' (cyber groomer) video was broadcasted in September 2010. More than 300,000 young people saw this video on TV Stations TMF, MTV or Comedy Central. During the same time Microsoft promoted Helpwanted through the youth channel RU Live TV. In addition 100.000 free cards, so-called Boomerang cards, were distributed over 200 schools and 2000 Hyves pages also received digital cards. Thanks to the support of partner organisations and private enterprises we managed to distribute educational material free of charge. So did My Child Online present educational material about HelpWanted during PTA meetings on Safe Internet.

At the end of 2010 a renewed Helpwanted website was launched. In cooperation with the Dutch Child Helpline, Meldpunt added a chat application to the site. All HelpWanted employees received a chat training from the Child Helpline. Twice a week young people can chat with employees of HelpWanted.



Once every two weeks Meldpunt employees represent HelpWanted in the Habbo Hotel, a virtual world for children. Habbos may start a conversation with the HelpWanted employees and questions can be asked. These chat sessions in the Habbo Hotel are a big success. At the beginning of 2010, Meldpunt also contributed to the Habbo campaign 'Camwise', a campaign about safe webcamming. And lastly, Meldpunt did also chat on GoSuperModel.nl, a community site for young girls. For an hour girls could ask questions about sexual abuse, more than 400 girls were present.

REPORTS ACCORDING TO CATEGORY WWW. HELPWANTED.NL 2010

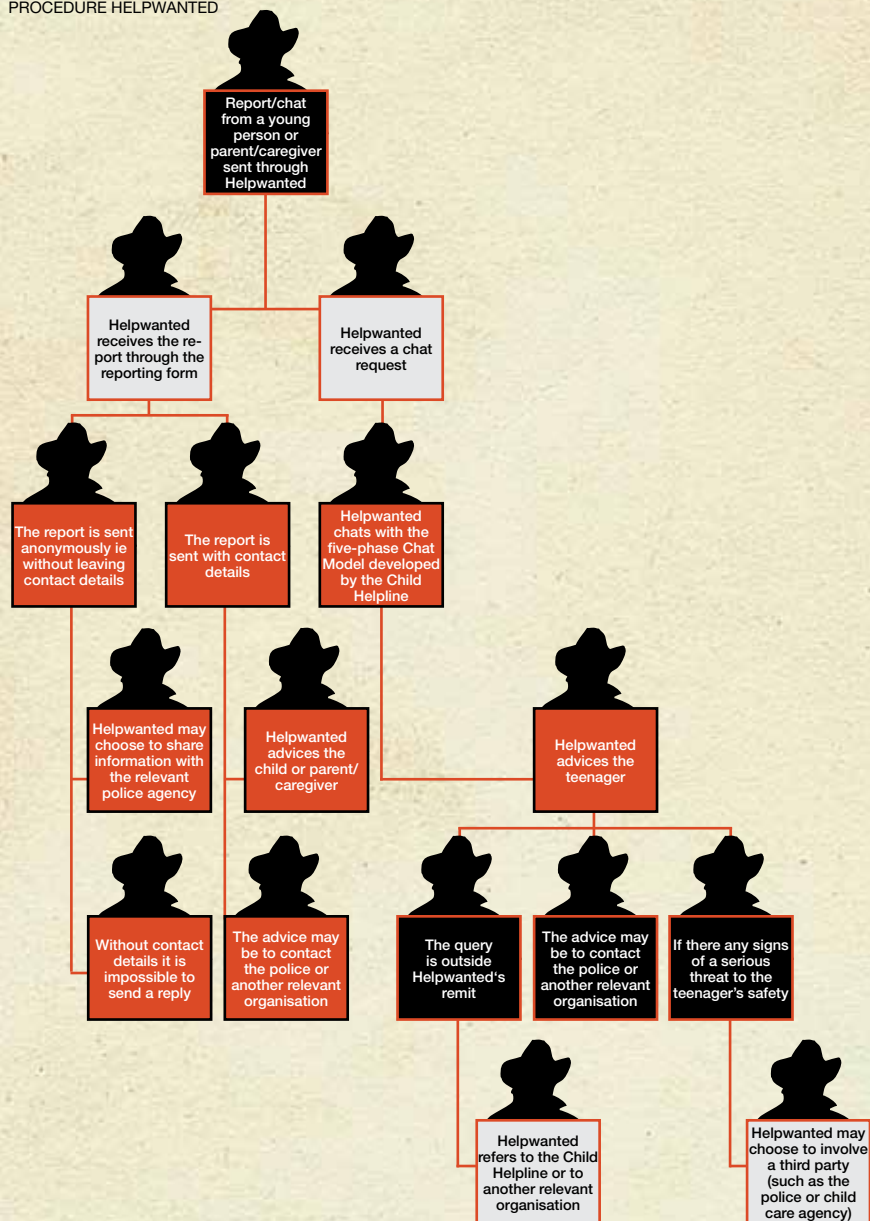


Quote Helpwanted

"I got to know him through a chat site and I only knew him a couple of months but he gave me a feeling of confidence, so we both did some things in front of the cam. Now he is saying that he has got pictures and will spread them all over Hyves if I don't pay him money!"

(A SIXTEEN-YEAR-OLD GIRL)

PROCEDURE HELPWANTED



Quote Helpwanted

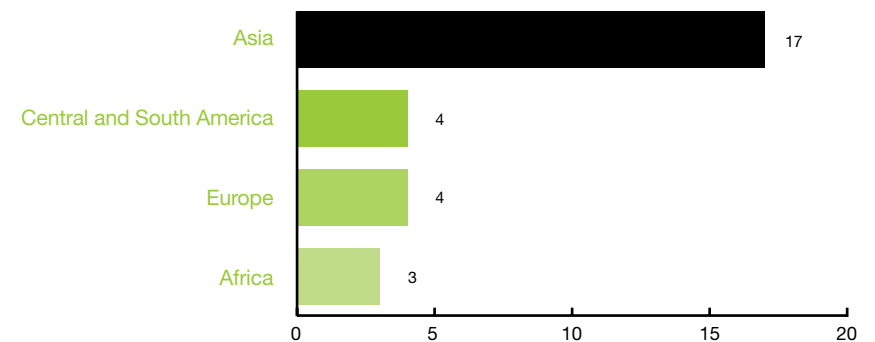
"My fourteen-year-old pupil is being harassed with a video that is placed on the Internet. In this video she is called a whore with sexual details, that she was supposed to have been pregnant. I find that these pictures and the underlining text, especially in combination with the words of the song really **cross all lines**. Is there anything you can do about this?"

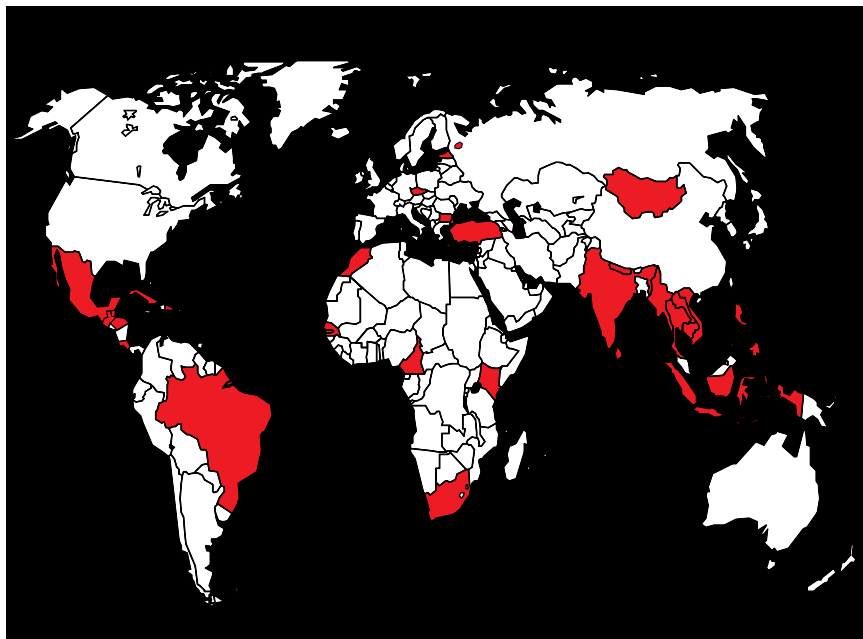
4 Child sex tourism hotline

As from January 2010 Meldpunt offers the possibility to report (suspicion of) child sex tourism on the website www.meldkindersekstoerisme.nl. Reporting can be done anonymously. The data supplied will be treated with the strictest confidence by Meldpunt. After assessment Meldpunt forwards the information to the police.

In order to deal effectively with child sex tourism it is crucial to obtain information about the nature and scale of the sexual abuse. Information provided by people who witnessed child sex tourism or who have suspicions of child sex tourism plays an important role here. In 2010 Meldpunt received 28 reports of (suspicion of) child sex tourism. After assessment, sixteen reports were passed on to the police, since these seemed to contain enough leads for further investigation.

REPORTS RECEIVED BY THE CHILD SEX TOURISM HOTLINE





In the countries hereafter mentioned, child sex tourism is currently known to occur. Over the years the number of countries has only grown. So it seems very likely that in future time the number of countries will increase rather than decrease. Therefore it is not possible to say that child sex tourism does not occur in the countries left unmentioned.

Central and South America: Belize, Brazil, Costa Rica, Cuba, Dominican Republic, Guatemala and Mexico.

Africa: Gambia, Cameroon, Kenya, Morocco, Senegal and South Africa.

Asia: Cambodia, Philippines, India, Indonesia, Laos, Mongolia, Myanmar, Nepal, Sri Lanka, Thailand and Vietnam.

Eastern Europe: Bulgaria, Estonia, North Russia, Czech Republic and Turkey.

“Don't let
child abuse travel!”



5 The organisation

• Its beginnings, objectives and methods

On 6 June 1996, Meldpunt was formally launched by the Minister of Justice at time, Mrs. W. Sorgdrager.

OBJECTIVES:

1. To actively combat the distribution of child sexual abuse images.
2. To prevent child sexual abuse via the Internet.

Through its website **www.meldpunt-kinderporno.nl** Meldpunt receives reports from internet users who came across child sexual abuse images on the internet. The websites **www.surfsafe.nl** and **www.helpwanted.nl** inform children, teenagers and parents about the safe use of the Internet. At the latter website youngsters can also report about online sexual abuse, for instance, if they are being harassed or bullied online or if they come across child pornography. Besides reports from Dutch internet users, Meldpunt also receives reports from hotlines associated to INHOPE (**www.inhope.org**), an international network of hotlines dealing with illegal internet content. In case the reported content is not hosted in the Netherlands, it will be passed on to the partner Hotline concerned.

Since 2010 Meldpunt also receives reports on suspicion of child sex tourism through **www.meldkindersekstoerisme.nl**.

The expertise gained by Meldpunt in the past years is shared actively with a variety of professionals who work hard to achieve an internet that is safe and free of child sexual abuse.

• Collaboration with the Dutch Police Force

Meldpunt supports the Dutch Police Force in their fight against child sexual abuse images. The police not only have the task to trace (digital) child sexual abuse images but they also have to identify the child abusers, producers, distributors, possessors of child sexual abuse images and the victims. The police initiate these investigations, but they also respond to reports of civilians and Meldpunt. Identification of victims and perpetrators has their highest priority. Collaboration between the Dutch Police and Meldpunt is solid, in the sense that both parties keep each other informed about their activities. The Dutch police take on cases Meldpunt passes on.

In 2006 the Dutch police started Meldpunt Cybercrime (www.meldpuntcybercrime.nl). Civilians can report child sexual abuse images and acts of terrorism via the Internet to this police hotline. Among other things Meldpunt distinguishes itself from this hotline by the possibility to report anonymously. Moreover, its independent position gives Meldpunt the opportunity to lobby more extensively for the online safety of children.

• Subsidy

To support its activities Meldpunt receives subsidy from the Ministry of Security and Justice and the European Commission through the Safer Internet Plus Plan. This EU program wants to stimulate the safe use of the Internet and new online communication technologies. Another objective lies in reducing illegal content on the Internet. In 2010 a new joint subsidy request by ECP-EPN for the Digibewust (digital awareness) campaign and Meldpunt has again been granted by the European Commission.

• Handling reports

The primary task of Meldpunt lies in handling reports. Most complaints come directly from private internet users who came across child sexual abuse images unintentionally. A smaller number comes from Hotlines associated with Inhope. Like in the Netherlands internet users can submit a report to these hotlines. Meldpunt does not do any investigating work and advises reporters against doing detective work themselves, however well-intentioned. Active detection remains a police matter.

• Report process

- 1 An internet user submits a report via the online form on the website www.meldpuntkinderporno.nl or www.helpwanted.nl.
- 2 Meldpunt staff assesses and categorizes the report. They check whether the reported content is potentially illegal according to article 240b paragraph 1 of the Dutch Penal Code. If there is any doubt about it being a criminal matter, the Dutch Police will be consulted.
- 3 In case the content reported is potentially illegal, the employee locates the country the illegal content was distributed from.
 - If the material is distributed from the Netherlands, Meldpunt passes the report on to the Dutch Police, who are responsible for the subsequent steps to be taken.
 - If distribution takes place from another country and if this country has a hotline associated to INHOPE, the information will go directly to the partner hotline concerned. Subsequently, this hotline will contact the local police force.
 - If distribution takes place from another country than the Netherlands and this country does not have a hotline associated to INHOPE, the information will be forwarded to the Dutch police, who then will undertake action through Interpol or otherwise.
- 4 When requested and if possible the reporter will be informed of the assessment and action taken. If the content of the report is not potentially illegal according to article 240b of the Dutch Penal Code, Meldpunt refers, if necessary, the reporter to the right authorities. Often these are other hotlines, such as the Cyber Crime Hotline, Stichting Meld Misdaad Anoniem (Report Crime Anonymously), the Discrimination Hotline, the Advice and Child Abuse Reporting Centre or the police local to the reporter.

Sharing knowledge about (online) sexual child abuse

Because the combat against online child sexual abuse is very extensive, collaboration with national and international organisations is of vital importance. In the past years Meldpunt has gained a lot of expertise, important knowledge that needs to be shared.

Relating to this expertise Meldpunt also:

- Provides information to (Dutch) internet users;
- Informs the media;
- Collaborates with Dutch organisations who aim to achieve a safe internet and/or to prevent (online) sexual abuse of minors;
- Collaborates with internet companies;
- Is lobbying in the Netherlands and at international forums;
- Collaborates internationally with partner hotlines associated with INHOPE in projects and networks within and outside the European Union.

On a regular basis Meldpunt consults with members of Parliament and staff of the Ministry of Security and Justice in order to keep the issue high on the political agenda.

Other organisations with whom Meldpunt consults regularly are for instance:

- ECPAT (campaigns against commercial sexual exploitation of children),
www.ecpat.nl
- **ECP-EPN**, initiators of Digivaardig & Digibewust (Dutch Awareness node),
www.mijndigitalewereld.nl
- **Cyber Crime Hotline** (Police Hotline)
www.meldpuntcybercrime.nl
- **NICC** (National Cyber Crime Infrastructure),
www.samentegencybercrime.nl
- **Child Helpline** (Youth Care Agency),
www.kindertelefoon.nl
- **My Child Online** (Expertise Centre Youth and Media),
www.mijnkindonline.nl
- **The Child Consumer** (the Child Consumer Foundation),
www.kinderconsument.nl
- **Expertise Centre Media Literacy**
www.mediawijsheidexpertisecentrum.nl
- **De Waag Clinic** (treatment centre for sex offenders),
www.hoevenstichting.nl
- **Internet Safety Platform** (the blocking child sexual abuse images group and the 'notice and takedown' group),
www.ecp-epn.nl

“The Child Helpline and Helpwanted work together to be able to offer young people the help they are entitled to. By this collaboration we hope to achieve a **SAFE environment online** for young people.”

(BIRGIT WAARTS, THE CHILDREN'S HELPLINE)

Board and staff

The executive board consists of three persons. Each board member has his own relevant area of expertise.

- Chairman Mr. Jules Mulder is director of De Waag, a polyclinic for forensic psychiatry that treats for instance downloaders of child sexual abuse images and child sexual offenders.
- Treasurer Mr. tom Erents is a retired police officer, formerly working for the National Criminal Intelligence Service.
- Board member Mr. Jan Mark Wams is an ICT expert.

A staff of five perform the daily activities of Meldpunt. Every year, they see thousands of images and videos depicting children while they are being sexually abused. Because of the onerous aspects of their work, Meldpunt employees receive structural support from a psychologist.

Grooming,
To intentionally approach and
seduce young people with the
object to commit sexual acts,
is an offence as from
1 January 2010.



6 Results political lobby

Meldpunt and ECPAT have been lobbying together for many years. As a result the following issues have (again) received attention from politics and trade and industry.

- **Watching child sexual abuse images and grooming are criminal offences**

As of 1 January 2010, it is illegal to access child sexual abuse images via the Internet without actual possession. No need anymore for the file to have been downloaded. Evidence against the offender can for instance be established through credit card payments, since these images via the Internet are mostly not free of charge.

‘Grooming’ has also been made punishable by law. An adult who via internet arranges to meet a minor off-line with the intent to commit a sexual act and who makes preparations for such a meeting, is punishable by law. However, a problem may be that the intention with which a person acts (on the Internet) is often hard to prove.

In November 2010, for the first time, a suspect was convicted for ‘grooming’ at the court of the city of Middelburg. Via Internet the man approached two girls of nine and eleven years old, with the intention to abuse them sexually.

- **Working together on blocking child sexual abuse images on the Internet**

On 8 December 2009, the Minister of Security and Justice, Mr. Hirsch Ballin and the State Secretary of Economic Affairs, Agriculture and Innovation Mr. Heemskerk, together with various ICT companies, officially launched the Internet Safety Platform. One of its issues is the combat of child sexual abuse images on the Internet. In November 2010, as a result of research done by Meldpunt, the Blocking Child Sexual Abuse Images Group from the Internet Safety Platform concluded that blocking websites containing child sexual abuse material on domain level and distributed from countries with which no bilateral request for

assistance exists, cannot be done effectively. A number of developments have led to this decision. For instance, the fact that images of child sexual abuse are more often distributed through (free) upload services. Moreover, in the past year we have seen a huge increase in the national and international detection of child sexual abuse images as well as in public attention for the online distribution of child sexual abuse images.

The Internet Safety Platform group for blocking child sexual abuse images will look at national and international developments and initiatives. Meldpunt will go on to support potential new activities to combat distribution of child abuse material online.

• **Protecting minors receives more attention**

In 2008 the Dutch Parliament asked the Minister of Security and Justice to make a law that obliges operators of porn sites to prove that their models have actually reached the age of majority (reversed burden of proof). The Minister of Security and Justice at the time turned down this request, arguing that the current section of law includes the concept 'apparent age of 18 years', which should make it possible to deal with the problem of assessing if the age of a person is less than 18 years. In 2009 the Minister announced that the new Guideline "Child pornography, investigation and prosecution" explicitly seeks attention from the legal system to increase protection by way of penalization. This guideline will come into force 1 January 2011. In 2011 new legislation concerning prostitution will be carried out, which will include a provable minimum age of 18 years for suppliers of webcam sex. The socialist party (SP) and the labour party (PvdA) intent to introduce a bill to the Minister of Security and Justice, in which this minimum age limit will also be applied to the producers of pornographic material. Meldpunt supports this initiative.

• **Report button**

For some years now, Meldpunt has been arguing in favour of a report button against abuse. This report button is intended for teenagers to have a direct way of calling for help when they get into difficulties online. In 2010 a partnership has been reached between public and private stakeholders. A universal report button is expected to become available in 2011.

• **Penalties for child pornography and human trafficking have become more severe**

Since penalties have increased the public prosecutor has more possibilities to

fight child sexual abuse images. For instance, it is now possible, due to this increased maximum punishment, to place on the suspect's home computer a tapping device with which his communication with others can be retrieved.

• **International collaboration with financial institutions**

For several years Meldpunt has been arguing in favour of forming a European Financial Coalition (FCACP, the financial coalition against child pornography). The FCACP is an international union of banks, credit card companies and internet businesses, who together fight child pornography. The European variant of this coalition has become operational in 2010. The Dutch variant is expected in 2011.

• **The Dutch National Rapporteur on Trafficking in Human Beings and Child Pornography**

As from 1 October 2009 the tasks of the National Rapporteur on Trafficking in Human Beings also include the subject of Child Pornography. Starting in 2010, the rapporteur will bring out an annual report about the extent of child pornography and sexual exploitation of minors in the Netherlands and about the implementation and effectiveness of the Dutch policy concerned. The first report will be published mid 2011. Meldpunt expects this report to contribute to the improvement of the fight to eradicate the production and distribution of child sexual abuse images.

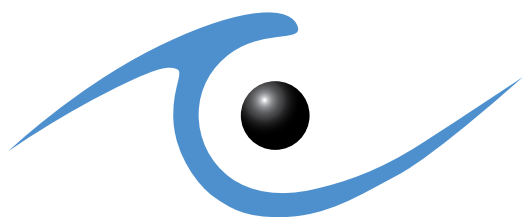
• **Expanding police capacity for victim identification and dealing with child pornography**

Because the identification of victims costs a lot of time and human resources, its success largely depends on the number of staff available. In view of what happened in Amsterdam and the ever increasing workload, the police claim to be understaffed and cannot adequately deal with child pornography in this way. Thousands of cases are lying on the shelves waiting to be dealt with. The police say they need double the amount of police officers with expertise in this specific area, to achieve the right victim-focused approach. Although the issue of child pornography is high on the political agenda currently, it is not sure this still will be the case in the years to come. The need to cut spending may have its effect on the fight against child sexual abuse images. Meldpunt pleads for a lasting expansion of police and justice capacity.

Every image of child sexual abuse on the Internet is based on the sexual abuse of a child.

After the physical abuse has stopped, the abuse still goes on

Evidence keeps floating around on the Internet forever.



www.meldpunt-kinderporno.nl