


Basic information	
2024/0035(COD) COD - Ordinary legislative procedure (ex-codecision procedure) Directive	Awaiting committee decision
Combating the sexual abuse and sexual exploitation of children and child sexual abuse material. Recast Subject 3.30.25 International information networks and society, internet 4.10.03 Child protection, children's rights 7.30.30.02 Action to combat violence, trafficking in human beings and migrant smuggling 7.40.04 Judicial cooperation in criminal matters	

Key players				
European Parliament	Committee responsible		Rapporteur	Appointed
	LIBE	Civil Liberties, Justice and Home Affairs	LENAERS Jeroen (EPP)	24/09/2024
			Shadow rapporteur KALJURAND Marina (S&D) VARAUT Alexandre (P/E) KANKO Assita (ECR) VAUTMANS Hilde (Renew) BRICMONT Saskia (Greens /EFA) SERRA SÁNCHEZ Isabel (The Left)	
	Former committee responsible		Former rapporteur	Appointed
	LIBE	Civil Liberties, Justice and Home Affairs		
	Committee for opinion		Rapporteur for opinion	Appointed
	CULT	Culture and Education	TOMAŠI Zala (EPP)	31/10/2024
	FEMM	Women's Rights and Gender Equality		
	Former committee for opinion		Former rapporteur for opinion	Appointed
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Key events			
Date	Event	Reference	Summary
06/02/2024	Legislative proposal published	COM(2024)0060 	Summary
25/04/2024	Committee referral announced in Parliament, 1st reading		
25/04/2024	Referral to associated committees announced in Parliament		
13/11/2024	Committee referral announced in Parliament, 1st reading		





Technical information	
Procedure reference	2024/0035(COD)
Procedure type	COD - Ordinary legislative procedure (ex-codecision procedure)
Nature of procedure	Recast
Legislative instrument	Directive
Legal basis	Rules of Procedure EP 57_o Rules of Procedure EP 113 Treaty on the Functioning of the EU TFEU 082-p2 Treaty on the Functioning of the EU TFEU 083-p1-a1
Stage reached in procedure	Awaiting committee decision
Committee dossier	LIBE/10/00339

Documentation gateway

European Parliament

Document type	Committee	Reference	Date	Summary
Committee draft report		PE761.022	16/04/2024	
Amendments tabled in committee		PE766.594	14/11/2024	
Amendments tabled in committee		PE766.593	14/11/2024	
Specific opinion	JURI	PE766.640	27/11/2024	

European Commission

Document type	Reference	Date	Summary
Legislative proposal	COM(2024)0060 	06/02/2024	Summary
Document attached to the procedure	SWD(2024)0032 	07/02/2024	
Document attached to the procedure	SWD(2024)0033 	07/02/2024	
Document attached to the procedure	SEC(2024)0057	07/02/2024	
Document attached to the procedure	SWD(2024)0034 	07/02/2024	

National parliaments

Document type	Parliament /Chamber	Reference	Date	Summary
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Contribution	IT_CHAMBER	COM(2024)0060	30/05/2024	
Contribution	PT_PARLIAMENT	COM(2024)0060	02/06/2024	
Contribution	RO_SENATE	COM(2024)0060	06/06/2024	
Contribution	RO_CHAMBER	COM(2024)0060	13/06/2024	
Contribution	DE_BUNDES RAT	COM(2024)0060	20/06/2024	
Reasoned opinion	FR_SENATE	PE761.180	10/07/2024	
Contribution	ES_PARLIAMENT	COM(2024)0060	03/09/2024	

Other institutions and bodies

Institution/body	Document type	Reference	Date	Summary
ESC	Economic and Social Committee: opinion, report	CES0873/2024	10/07/2024	

Additional information

Source	Document	Date

Meetings with interest representatives published in line with the Rules of Procedure

Rapporteurs, Shadow Rapporteurs and Committee Chairs

Name	Role	Committee	Date	Interest representatives
VAUTMANS Hilde	Shadow rapporteur	LIBE	07/11/2024	European Women's Lobby Brave Movement
TOMAŠI Zala	Rapporteur for opinion	CULT	05/11/2024	Eurochild AISBL Stichting ECPAT International
BRICMONT Saskia	Shadow rapporteur	LIBE	24/10/2024	Assedel
BRICMONT Saskia	Shadow rapporteur	LIBE	22/10/2024	European Women's Lobby
KALJURAND Marina	Shadow rapporteur	LIBE	22/10/2024	Sexual Assault Center in Netherlands
VAUTMANS Hilde	Shadow rapporteur	LIBE	17/10/2024	5Rights Foundation
KALJURAND Marina	Shadow rapporteur	LIBE	17/10/2024	Future Advocacy Brave Movement
KALJURAND Marina	Shadow rapporteur	LIBE	16/10/2024	INHOPE - International Association of Internet Hotlines
VAUTMANS Hilde	Shadow rapporteur	LIBE	14/10/2024	Stichting ECPAT International
VAUTMANS Hilde	Shadow rapporteur	LIBE	14/10/2024	Thorn
VAUTMANS Hilde	Shadow rapporteur	LIBE	14/10/2024	Eurochild AISBL
LENAERS Jeroen	Rapporteur	LIBE	10/10/2024	Eurochild AISBL
BRICMONT Saskia	Shadow rapporteur	LIBE	02/10/2024	Child Focus
KALJURAND Marina	Shadow rapporteur	LIBE	27/09/2024	The Netherlands' Authority for the Prevention of Online Terrorist Content and Child Sexual Abuse Material
LENAERS Jeroen	Rapporteur	LIBE	26/09/2024	Permanent Representative of the Netherlands
BRICMONT Saskia	Shadow rapporteur	LIBE	17/09/2024	Proton AG
BRICMONT Saskia	Shadow rapporteur	LIBE	13/09/2024	Council of Bars and Law Societies of Europe Save the Children Europe Stichting ECPAT International Terre des Hommes International Federation Victim Support Europe Edri fairtrial • IT Political Association Missing children Europe
LENAERS Jeroen	Rapporteur	LIBE	16/04/2024	European Child Sexual Abuse Legislation Advocacy Group (ECLAG)
LENAERS Jeroen	Rapporteur	LIBE	05/04/2024	Team Bestrijding Kinderpornografie en Kindersekstoerisme (TBKK)
LENAERS Jeroen	Rapporteur	LIBE	21/03/2024	Eurojust
LENAERS Jeroen	Rapporteur	LIBE	21/03/2024	Europol

LENAERS Jeroen	Rapporteur	LIBE	21/03/2024	INHOPE - International Association of Internet Hotlines
LENAERS Jeroen	Rapporteur	LIBE	07/03/2024	European Commission

Other Members

Name	Date	Interest representatives
MORANO Nadine	20/11/2024	Stichting ECPAT International ECPAT France
BELLAMY François-Xavier	12/11/2024	Google
SALLA Aura	16/10/2024	Save the Children Europe
SALLA Aura	08/10/2024	FiCom ry
SIPPEL Birgit	01/10/2024	Permanent Representation of Germany to the EU

Combating the sexual abuse and sexual exploitation of children and child sexual abuse material. Recast

2024/0035(COD) - 06/02/2024 - Legislative proposal

PURPOSE: to revise the current directive on child sexual abuse and sexual exploitation.

PROPOSED ACT: Directive of the European Parliament and of the Council.

ROLE OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT: the European Parliament decides in accordance with the ordinary legislative procedure and on an equal footing with the Council.

BACKGROUND: in 2020, the Commission presented an EU Strategy for a more effective fight against child sexual abuse. This Strategy set out eight initiatives aiming to ensure full implementation and, where needed, further development of the legal framework to combat child sexual abuse and exploitation.

The Strategy recognised the need to assess whether the current EU criminal law framework, namely Directive 2011/93/EU on combating the sexual abuse and sexual exploitation of children and child pornography, is fit for purpose considering the societal and technological changes over the past decade.

In 2022, the Commission conducted an evaluation to assess the implementation of the Directive, assessing possible legislative gaps, best practices and priority actions at EU level. The study raised concerns related to the exponential growth of online sharing of child sexual abuse material and to the increased possibilities for perpetrators to hide their identity (and conceal their illegal activities), most notably online, thereby escaping investigation and prosecution.

The Commission concluded that a renewed legislative framework is needed at EU level to address the latest developments and to strengthen the prevention and protection of victims.

CONTENT: the proposed directive **improves the clarity of the legal landscape** for fighting child sexual abuse across Member States.

Overall, the targeted amendments to the Directive are aimed at improving Member State capacity to fight the crime efficiently, in relation to threats and trends that have emerged and evolved in recent years and with **new technological developments**. New rules applicable to Member States are expected to **improve cross-border cooperation**, both in terms of **investigations and prosecutions**, and for **victim assistance and support**.

The main aspects of the proposal are as follows:

Expanding the definition of criminal offences related to child sexual abuse across Member States: these new offences include livestreaming of child sexual abuse and the possession and exchange of paedophile handbooks. The new rules also update the definitions of the crime to include child sexual abuse material in **deep fakes** or AI-generated material.

Strengthening prosecution, prevention and support: underreporting of child sexual abuse still constitutes a major challenge in the efforts to stop child sexual abuse and prevent further sexual abuse from taking place. The proposal will set a longer time period during which victims can report the sexual abuse they suffered and seek action against the offender. The new rules will also grant victims a right to **financial compensation**, to address the long-term harms that child sexual abuse causes. In addition, Member States are required to put in place a coordination mechanism to make best use of available programmes on prevention and assistance to victims.

Stepping up prevention: Member States are also asked to step up investment in awareness raising especially for online risks to ensure that the internet is safer and better for children and young people.

In addition, new requirements will ensure recruiters for activities involving close contact with children and for organisations working against child sexual abuse must request the criminal records of the candidates.

There will also be **mandatory reporting** of an offence at least by professionals working in close contact with children to address a major challenge in the efforts to stop child sexual abuse.

