



NCMEC Data Relating to the Grooming and Online Enticement of Children in the European Union for Sexual Abuse

EU ONLINE ENTICEMENT SUMMARY: JANUARY 2020 - SEPTEMBER 2020

Between January 1 and September 30, 2020, NCMEC's CyberTipline received 1,020 reports categorized as relating to the grooming and online enticement of children for sexual acts that resolved to an EU country. Of these, 115 reports were submitted by members of the public and 905 reports were submitted by electronic service providers. These reports came from the following platforms:

Social Media:	376
Chat or Messaging:	361
Online Gaming:	160
Other:	8

As shown, 40% of these grooming reports arose on a chat or messaging service, and the remaining 60% arose on social media or online gaming platforms that contain also messaging functions.

EU ONLINE ENTICEMENT SUMMARY: JANUARY 2019 - DECEMBER 2019

Between January 1 and December 31, 2019, NCMEC categorized 345 reports submitted to the CyberTipline as relating to the grooming and online enticement of children for sexual acts that resolved to an EU country. Of these, 105 reports were submitted by members of the public and 240 reports were submitted by electronic service providers. These reports came from the following platforms:

Social Media:	175
Chat or Messaging:	55
Online Gaming:	5
Other:	5

As shown, 23% of these grooming reports arose on a chat or messaging service, 75% arose on social media or online gaming platforms that contain also messaging functions, and 2% arose on miscellaneous applications.

CASE EXAMPLES OF GROOMING AND ONLINE ENTICEMENT OF CHILDREN FOR SEXUAL ACTS IN THE EUROPEAN UNION REPORTED TO NCMEC

BELGIUM

In 2020, NCMEC received a report from a social media company concerning a 21-year-old man who was enticing a 14-year-old female child via the platform's private messaging service. Chat logs provided with the report indicated that the man previously had enticed the child victim to meet in person and had exploited her by engaging in sexual activity.

FRANCE

In 2020, NCMEC received a report from an electronic service provider concerning a 46-year-old man who was enticing a 15-year-old female child to meet in person for sexual activity. The man also disclosed he was sexually molesting his minor daughter.

In 2020, NCMEC received a report from an electronic service provider concerning a 36-year-old man who was enticing a 14-year-old female child to engage in sexual activity via the platform's messaging service. Chat information provided with the report indicated the man was the child's uncle and had direct access to her.

In 2020, NCMEC received a report from an electronic service provider concerning a 38-year-old man who was in a position of trust as a youth football coach. The man was enticing a 13-year-old female child via the platform's messaging service to meet for sexual activity. Chat logs submitted with the report indicated the man was known to the child victim as a friend of her father and had frequent access to her during weekend visits.

In 2020, NCMEC received a report from an electronic service provider concerning a 48-year-old man who was enticing a female child to meet for sexual activity. Chat information submitted with the report indicated the man was the child's stepfather and had provided the child victim with a location where they could meet in secret so that he could exploit her through sexual activity.

In 2020, NCMEC received a report from an electronic service provider concerning a 28-year-old man who was enticing a 14-year-old female child to meet for sexual activity. Chat logs submitted with the report indicated the man had direct access to the child victim as her half-brother and the two shared the same biological father.

In 2019, NCMEC received a report from an electronic service provider concerning multiple incidents in which a man was enticing several female children between the ages of 14 and 17 to produce and share sexually explicit imagery of themselves. After the suspect coerced the children to produce images, he then coerced them to produce and send additional content by threatening to publicly expose images he had already received. Chat logs provided with the report indicated the children were under severe distress as the man blackmailed them to produce increasingly egregious content, as indicated by the following statements the child victims sent to the suspect:

"... you really want to ruin my life"

"I've already tried to commit suicide please don't start again"

"It's going to destroy my life"

"I want to die"

"I'm going to kill myself"

Chat logs provided with the report also indicated the suspect coerced the children to record themselves engaging in sexual acts that were physically painful, as indicated by the following statements by the suspect:

"You're gonna be sore after"

"Obey me"
"Are you sore?"

In 2019, NCMEC received a report from an electronic service provider concerning a 42-year old man who was enticing a 12-year-old female child via private chat to engage in sexual activity. Chat logs submitted with the report indicated the man was in a relationship with the child victim's mother and had direct access to the child. Chat logs also indicated the man had already exploited the child by engaging in painful sexual activity with her, which the child victim, as indicated by the following statements he sent to the child:

"I can't anymore with your mom... your Mom and I are done ok"
"We should do it softer... it causes some bleeding usually the first time"
"Wait mom is up... erase everything"

In 2019, the CyberTipline received a report from an electronic service provider regarding a 36-year-old man who was enticing a 14-year-old female child via the platform's messaging service. Chat logs submitted with the report indicated the man was in a position of trust and had access to children as a school teacher. Chat logs also indicated the man had already met and exploited the child victim by engaging in sexual activity and was trying to make plans for future meetings.

In 2019, NCMEC received a report from an electronic service provider regarding a 46-year-old man who was enticing a 13-year-old male child via the platform's messaging service to produce and share sexually explicit content of himself. Chat logs provided with the report indicated the man had direct access to the child victim as the child's uncle and had sexually molested the child on multiple occasions. Chat logs also indicated the man was coercing the child to meet him in isolated areas of the home so he could exploit him when no one else was home.

GERMANY

In 2020, NCMEC received a report from an electronic service provider concerning a 42-year old man who was enticing a 13-year old female child via private messages to engage in sexual activity. Chat logs submitted with the report indicated the man had previously enticed the child to meet so he could exploit her through sexual activity. It also appeared the man previously may have had direct access to the child victim.

In 2019, NCMEC received a report from an electronic service provider concerning a 32-year-old man who was enticing a 13-year-old male child victim via the platform's messaging service to produce and share sexually explicit content of himself. Chat logs submitted with the report indicated the man had enticed the child victim to engage in sexually abusive contact with his 9-year old brother and was directing him to continue the abuse as indicated by the following statements:

"Go to him in the room"
"Tell him he should open your pants"
"So you don't want to take the virginity of your brother"
"Tell him to give you a blowjob"
"Come on dare to take your brother's virginity and then you were the first who had"

In 2019, NCMEC received a report from an electronic service provider concerning a 32-year-old man who was using multiple online personas to entice female child victims to engage in sadistic sexual conversation and to produce and share sexually explicit imagery of themselves. Chat logs provided with the report indicated that the man also was in communication with an 18-year-old woman who he had paid to produce imagery of her sexually abusing her infant child.

HUNGARY

In 2020, NCMEC received a report from a social media company concerning a 29-year-old man who was using the platform's messaging services to entice a 13-year-old female child to engage in sexual acts. Based on information submitted with the report, it appeared the man had previously enticed the child to meet so he could exploit her through sexual activity, and the two lived in close proximity to one another.

In 2020, NCMEC received a report from an electronic service provider concerning a 40-year-old man who was enticing a minor female child via the platform's messaging service to meet for sexual activity. Information submitted with the report indicated that the two lived in close proximity to one another, and the man was known to the child as a friend of her family.

In 2019, NCMEC received a report from an electronic service provider regarding a 41-year-old man who was enticing a 12-year-old female child via the platform's messaging service to produce and share sexually explicit content of herself. Based on chat logs submitted with the report, after coercing the child victim to send initial images, the man began to blackmail the child to produce and send additional content. The man threatened to spread the child's images online if she did not comply and threatened her that she had no options but to send more images, as indicated by the following statements sent to the child victim by the suspect:

"I have already saved it on my phone so if you don't obey I post it on the web"

"If you do what I say I won't spread your photos on the internet"

"Oh and you can forget about threatening me with the police, I don't care"

"I'm not afraid of the police, I will upload your photos 1000 times by the time the hearings end"

NETHERLANDS

In 2019, NCMEC received a report from an electronic service provider concerning a 61-year-old man who was enticing multiple male child victims via the platform's messaging service to produce and share sexually explicit imagery of themselves. Chat logs provided with the report spanned several years and information provided in the report indicated the man was in a position of trust with direct access to children as a school teacher and therapist. The man sent the victims requests to record themselves engaged in specific sexual acts, including anally penetrating themselves with foreign objects, and also asked several victims if they had access to younger siblings. The man engaged in grooming tactics such as pretending to be a teenage girl or pretending to be a football recruiter assessing the children's physical fitness by requesting images, as indicated by the following statements sent to the victims:

"Do you see your brother of 12 ever naked?"

"1. Everything we talk about, so the fact that I'm going to scout you stays between us. It stays between us as long as I or another scout is coming to visit you at a match. So no telling trainer, parents or friends. You have to promise that... 2. We try a cam session where I interview you and do a body check and different tests. You have to be in a room alone. Is that possible?"

"Show semen in front of the cam"

POLAND

In 2020, NCMEC received a report from an electronic service provider concerning an 18-year-old man who was enticing an 11-year-old female child victim via the platform's messaging services to create and share sexually exploitative imagery of herself. After the man had enticed the child to create the initial explicit images, he continued to coerce and threaten the child victim to create additional images by threatening to publicly expose her.