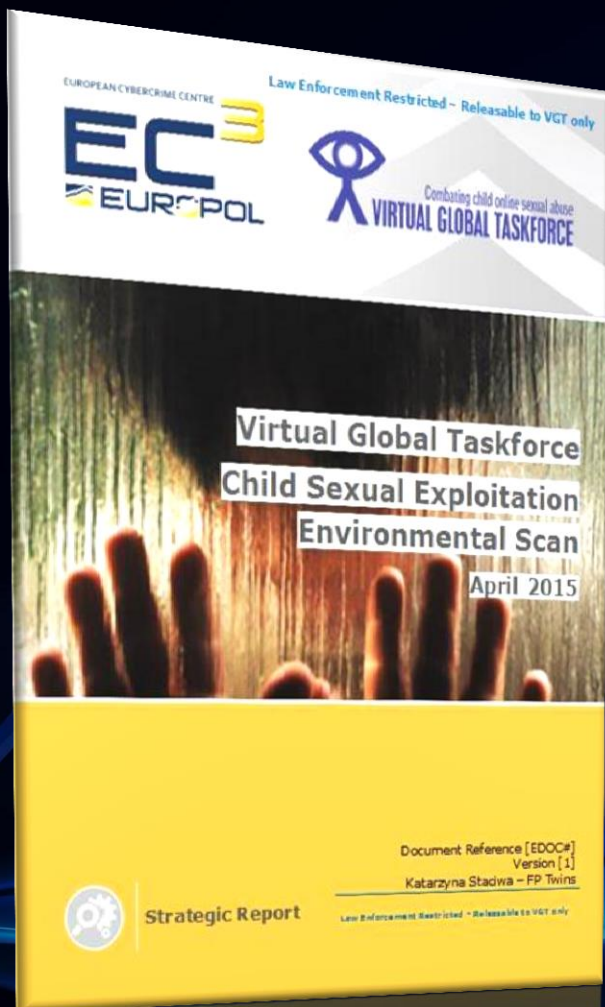


# Trends in the Area of Child Sexual Exploitation

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# VGT CSE Environmental Scan



VGT questionnaires (LEA)



IOCTA survey (LEA)



Europol's expertise (LEA)



Open Source information

# FP Twins: Online Child Sexual Exploitation



Support EU MS in preventing and combating all forms of criminality associated with the sexual exploitation of children online



**CSAM (Child Sexual Abuse Material)**



**Grooming**



**Victim Identification**



**Transnational Child Sex Offenders**

Online child sexual exploitation (CSE) methods of operation continue to develop in line with the adoption of technology. CSE offenders will exploit current and emerging technology, coupled with anonymous networks



Greater levels of Internet adoption, both in terms of territorial coverage and increased bandwidth, as well as further expansion of mobile connectivity, remain key factors that are constantly reshaping online offending

Peer-to-peer (P2P) file sharing methods remain the main platform to access child abuse material (CAM) and the means for non-commercial distribution





# The Invisible Web



## Visible Web

Publicly accessible  
searchable Internet

## Deep Web

Deep web with  
limited access

## Dark Net

Environment accessible only through  
specialised software providing users  
with anonymity and encryption



The use of Dark web in the proliferation of indecent images of children remains a key threat. Restricted areas of the Dark web pose the highest risk to children as it is likely that more abuse of an extreme nature, often created on demand, is being requested and shared there

# Law Enforcement Challenges



**Encryption**

**Loss of location  
(jurisdiction)**



**Loss of data  
(retention)**

**MLA process**



**Transborder access  
to data**

**Cryptocurrencies**





# Victim Identification Taskforce II



**Operational Action: 4-15 April 2016, hosted at Europol HQ**

**Objective: examine new and previously contributed images and videos of child sexual abuse and exploitation**



**Participants: 24 experts from AT, HR, DK, EE, FR, DE, IT, ES, SE, UK, CA, US FBI, US ICE, INTERPOL, EC3**

**Results: 250 series of child sexual abuse images and videos to ICSE  
Additions made to more than 300 existing series**





# Main Law Enforcement Challenge: Need for Increased Resources

Human resources



Technical resources



Financial resources



# Thank you for your attention



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