

Category	Sexual Crime
Country	The Czech Republic
Policy Page	<p><i>C. National Strategy of Preventing Violence Against Children in the Czech Republic for the period of 2008 - 2018 (with the Action Plan of realization of National Strategy for 2009-2010)</i></p> <p>- The main prevention strategy material in the Czech Republic, which replaced the previous National plan on the fight against commercial sexual exploitation of children for 2006 – 2008 (thereinafter Plan), concerning every form of violence against children, not only sexual and commercial sexual abuse of children, but also the government program regarding preventive activities related to other sexual crimes and rehabilitation of victims.</p> <p>The National Strategy of Preventing Violence Against Children in the Czech Republic (thereinafter Strategy) complies with the recommendations of the World Report on Violence Against Children, and aims to remove the fragmentation of primarily preventive programmes, thus helping to increase their effectiveness. It identifies 7 main tasks, to be fulfilled through the National Action Plan which will define specific objectives. By developing the Strategy, the Czech Government implements the recommendations of the World Report on Violence Against Children, and delegates coordination to the Minister for Human Rights and National Minorities. It creates a conceptual framework for coordinating the activities of all the ministries and other central state administration bodies aimed at preventing.</p> <p>The Strategy followed on the Plan which was regularly updated. It includes long-term legislative, organizational, technical and educational tasks and steps of preventive nature, focusing principally on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Continuous education and prevention (human rights and sexuality agenda in all types of schools as a tool for prevention of social-pathological behavior); • Protection of victims and witnesses and re-socialization of victims; • Treatment of perpetrators; • Developing a standardized approach of specialists to sexually abused child; • Special courses for police and judges on sexual violence victims and perpetrators, methods of cross-examination; • Street work in high-risk localities; • Leisure activities for children. <p>The Ministry of Interior coordinates the work of other ministries involved in the fight against commercial sexual abuse (Ministry of Health, Ministry of Labor, and Ministry of Education etc.) and main NGOs. To make their work more effective, there are regular round-tables where representatives of public administration, NGOs, Police and academics meet with the aim to inform others about their activities and prospects. On the basis of continuous analysis and round-tables, the schemes are directed for joint coordinated action.</p>

Tasks for 2008 - 2018

1. Prevention, research, education

A. Children

- Better access and quality of spare-time activities for children;
- Creating a climate of equal partnership in schools and at workplaces, and respectful social communication;
- Education for human rights, multicultural, sexual education in all school levels, information on risk behavior on the Internet.

B. Parents

- Supporting the development of parental competencies;
- Making out effective methods for wide spreading knowledge on all pathological phenomena endangering children (sexual abuse, child prostitution, risks of using Internet, antisocial behavior etc)

C. Specialists

- Trainings for police on modern examination of children;
- Using special hearing rooms for child victims and witnesses (child friendly environment)

D. Media

- Awareness raising about the importance of sensitive information about the child victims of crime.

E. Offenders and potential offenders

- Implication of new methods for sexual offenders in prison, risk assessment and their re-socialization.

2. Research

Prepare and realize research concerning:

- Reasons for commercial sexual exploitation of children (child trafficking, pornography and prostitution);
- Typology of victims and offenders;
- Reasons for latency of sexual abuse of children.

3. Awareness

New campaign about sexual exploitation aimed on children between 6 – 16 years; the poster will be placed in all czech Tesco stores and in cinemas.

4. Removal of cause of commercial sexual exploitation of children

Developing a complex system of care for children leaving child homes and institutional homes.

5. Fighting the commercial sexual abuse of children

- Establishing specialization of judges for crimes committed at and by children and youth;
- Establishing provision of Penal Code to make Mere possession of child pornography punishable.

6. Removal of consequences of commercial sexual abuse of children

- Improve the system of free assistants helping to child victims and witnesses acting in legal process.

7. Systematic and organizational measures

- Establish an ombudsman for child rights as an advisory body for Czech government;
- Establish the specialist for abused and neglected children within local authorities;
- Unify the process for dealing with minors - foreigners without adult company;
- Arranging education seminars for police officers witch are using special hearing rooms for child victims and witnesses.