

Crime prevention policy	
EU- priority	Cybercrime; <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Child sexual exploitation • Payment card fraud • Cyber-dependent crimes
Country	NL
Year	2018

1. Overview of the field

Definition of cybercrime

- Child sexual exploitation, child pornography, online sexual child abuse.

Assessment of trends and developments

- The number of reports of child pornography and other forms of online child sexual abuse received by the Dutch Police has increased substantially each year, from around 3,000 in 2014 to nearly 18,000 in 2017.
- Since 2018 a program "Renewed approach online child abuse" (child pornography) has been running by the Dutch government. This is aimed at (1) prevention, (2) PPS and (3) better investigation and prosecution. (Letter to the parliament: 31015 no.135)
- The program consists of many subprojects. Specific attention is paid to the possibilities of fining ICT companies with a new administrative law approach.
- The objective of the Dutch police was 650 interventions in 2017. This objective has been achieved with 712 interventions. The full report of the Public Prosecution Service and the police in which these results are explained in more detail is send to the parliament (31015, no.157).

Recent overview of statistics and research

- A recent letter to the parliament about "Public-private actions against online sexual child abuse and an administrative law approach" (31015 no.160). The appendix is a feasibility study into an administrative law approach of ICT-companies, which are negligent to remove child pornographic content within a short period after their existence has been reported to them.
- One of the five national policy objectives set for the police, for the next four years (2019-2022) concerns ambitions with regard to tackling cybercrime, including online sexual child abuse.

Other national priorities besides child sexual exploitation, payment card fraud and cyber-dependent crimes?

- Approach online terrorist content
- Approach to online hate speech

2. Crime strategy and coordination

Objectives of the crime strategy

- Fewer reports of child pornographic content in the Netherlands.
- More prevention actions aimed at victims and aimed at people with pedophilic feelings.
- Sharpened investigation and prosecution.

Role of prevention in the crime strategy on state/regional/local level

- One third of the actions from the renewed approach are aimed at prevention. These are national actions, because this online issue is primarily of a national (even global) nature.
- The police has specially dedicated teams to prosecute child pornography. There is a national team and there are 11 regional teams. The type of case determines whether it is dealt with nationally or regionally.

Implementation of the policy (which level is responsible for the implementation and how is the implementation coordinated?)

- The preventative and regulatory lines are thus complementary, and certainly do not replace the criminal justice approach to combatting online child sexual abuse. The focus of the Police and the Public Prosecution Service is primarily on eliminating acute cases of child sexual abuse and on dealing with makers and distributors.
- The strategy of the Police and the Public Prosecution Service to combat online child sexual abuse has a solid foundation, which is why in the context of the new strategy outlined here the existing structure of central selection, prioritisation and management of cases, combined with a police commitment in the national and regional units, has been continued and strengthened in 2018 and will be in 2019. There will be extra emphasis on the continued growth of the central steering team, which coordinates this selection, prioritisation and management.
- In addition, the new Computer Crimes Bill III, contains new investigative powers and offences, which will provide additional options for investigation and prosecution.

Stakeholders (working groups, specialised agencies, partners, etc)

- Round table with several public-private partners.
- A few working groups.
- The Dutch Online Child Abuse Expert Office (EOKM).
- Supervisory committees.

Participation in European/ international networks, working groups, etc.

- Council of Europe's Lanzarote committee (committee of parties to the convention on the Protection of Children against Sexual Exploitation and Sexual Abuse).

3. Good practices

Overview of recent good practices, prevention programs, etc.

- Prevention program “Stop it Now!” – EOKM
- The Notice and Takedown Code of Conduct establishes a procedure for intermediaries to deal with reports of unlawful content on the internet. Recently this has received an addendum about: Child pornographic content for which the EOKM acts as notifying party. See: https://noticeandtakedowncode.nl/wp-content/uploads/2018/12/NTD_Gedragcode_English.pdf