

The Swedish Financial Coalition

Stop! Not a single penny to child pornography through our bank.



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**Financial Coalition Against
Commercial Sexual Exploitation of Children**

Launched in 2008



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- ❖ **Purpose:** to prevent and obstruct payments for child sexual abuse material through the financial systems.
- ❖ **Legal status:** Coalition of stakeholders from the public and private sector and the civil society.
- ❖ **Stakeholders:** The majority of the banks in Sweden, other financial stakeholders, Swedish Bankers' Association, ECPAT Sweden, the Swedish Financial Supervisory Authority, the Swedish National Criminal Police, the Swedish Finance Intelligence Unit, the Swedish National Economic Crimes Bureau, the Ministry of Justice and the Ministry for Financial Markets.
- ❖ **Members:** In total 23 members, the majority of the banks in Sweden.

Stakeholders



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Membership criteria

- ❖ **Prevent and obstruct payments** through the financial systems in co-operation with the police.
- ❖ **Increase the knowledge about CSEC*** in order to be able to contribute to the proactive work.
- ❖ **Taking an internal and external standpoint against CSEC** by e.g. informing employees as well as customers and partners and implement a policy against CSEC.
- ❖ **Taking part in meetings and workgroups** organised by the Coalition in order to contribute to the main and overall objective of the Coalition.

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❖ Structure

The steering committee consists of members of the coalition, elected on a two year term. Chairman is the former minister of finance.

The secretariat is formed by ECPAT Sweden and the Swedish Bankers' Association.

❖ Activities

Two member meetings yearly, hosted by members of the coalition – purpose: sharing results, good practise and gaining new knowledge.

Working groups on payment systems, social responsibility, awareness raising.

Participating in the activities of the European Financial Coalition, WG 3 WG 5.

All members of the coalition have an agreement with ECPAT based on CSR.

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Written agreements with ECPAT Sweden includes

- ❖ Training on CSEC for management and employees.
- ❖ Implementing a policy against CSEC.
- ❖ Informing customers and partners about the co-operation with ECPAT and the objective of the membership in the Financial Coalition.
- ❖ Spreading information about the work of the Financial Coalition at international meetings.

Crime prevention method

- ❖ Unique voluntary collaboration between public authorities, the private sector and the civil society. Including mutual exchange of knowledge between the payment service providers, technology providers and the police in order to prevent payments.
- ❖ Focus on finding the point of sale in order to shut down the seller's ability to receive payments. Advantage: crime prevention work that does not invade the individual's privacy.

Results and activities so far

For example:

- ❖ It is now difficult and risky for a perpetrator to pay with a bank card on sites that sell sexual abuse material.
- ❖ The number of dedicated websites expressly for the purpose of selling sexual abuse material has decreased radically.
- ❖ Finance Coalition has been a key player in the work of detecting new behaviours and finding solutions to stop transactions.
- ❖ Activities to raise awareness both on internal and external levels, i.e, employees, costumers and the public.
- ❖ Studies and reports on this topic has been initiated, in order to gain a better understanding of the problem and its evolution

Challenges ahead

- ❖ New ways to sexually exploit children are generated at the same pace as the development of technology and access to the Internet.
- ❖ The criminality is cross-border and worldwide and many of the buyers of material are located in Europe.

=> It is therefore important that the cooperation between different parties (authorities, private sector and civil society) be spread to more countries in order to increase the knowledge of this type of criminality.

Thank you very much for your attention.

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