

**Question for written answer E-008059/2016  
to the Commission**

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Subject: Child sexual abuse online - Europol report

In its recent annual report assessing the threat posed by Internet organised crime, Europol (the European Police Office) found that paedophiles are increasingly using social networks, online games, forums, etc., to groom children. The report also reveals that paedophile content is becoming more and more violent. Europol is concerned at the fact that 'live distant child abuse is still being reported as a growing threat'. According to the explanation given by Europol, this type of heinous crime 'involves a perpetrator directing the live abuse of children on a (pre-arranged) specific time-frame through video sharing platforms'.

In March 2015, Parliament passed a resolution on the fight against online child pornography, calling on the EU and its Member States to step up their measures and efforts in this area, despite the fact that there is already an EU directive, Directive 2011/93/EU, which seeks to tackle online sexual child abuse effectively.

In the light of this, what measures does the Commission, in cooperation with the Member States, intend to take to crack down on perpetrators of child abuse? How does it intend to help parents better protect their children against this type of abuse?