



Case Management Team

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Re:	Report on Eurojust cases concerning children (Update 31 May 2010)

Introduction

On 12 February 2008, the Case Management Team (CMT) has been requested to provide the Swedish Desk with the following information on Eurojust cases concerning children:

1. Statistics on cases registered at Eurojust (*Section 1*);
2. EU Member States and third countries involved (*Section 2*);

The first report was produced on 22 May 2008. Further updates have been produced on a regular basis. The current report is the latest update and covers the period till 31 May 2010.

IMPORTANT REMARK:

This report is based on the data available in the Case Management System (CMS), which is sometimes incomplete due to partial data input. In addition, in EPOCIII the CMS search on cases of this nature was only possible through the case summary, the "remark" and "investigation phase" which may not always lead to a complete and accurate result. For the purpose of this statistics some keywords ("child", "children" and "minor(s)") were used in order to obtain the results. Since the EPOCIII+ has been operational, a peculiarity "Children involved" has been added, which facilitates the search for relevant cases.

1 Statistics on cases registered at Eurojust

As mentioned above, the present report is based on the information available in the CMS and covers the total number of cases since Eurojust is fully operational. Considering the limitations mentioned above, the following results have been found:

There are a total number of **114 cases**¹ concerning children that have been registered at Eurojust till 31 May 2010:

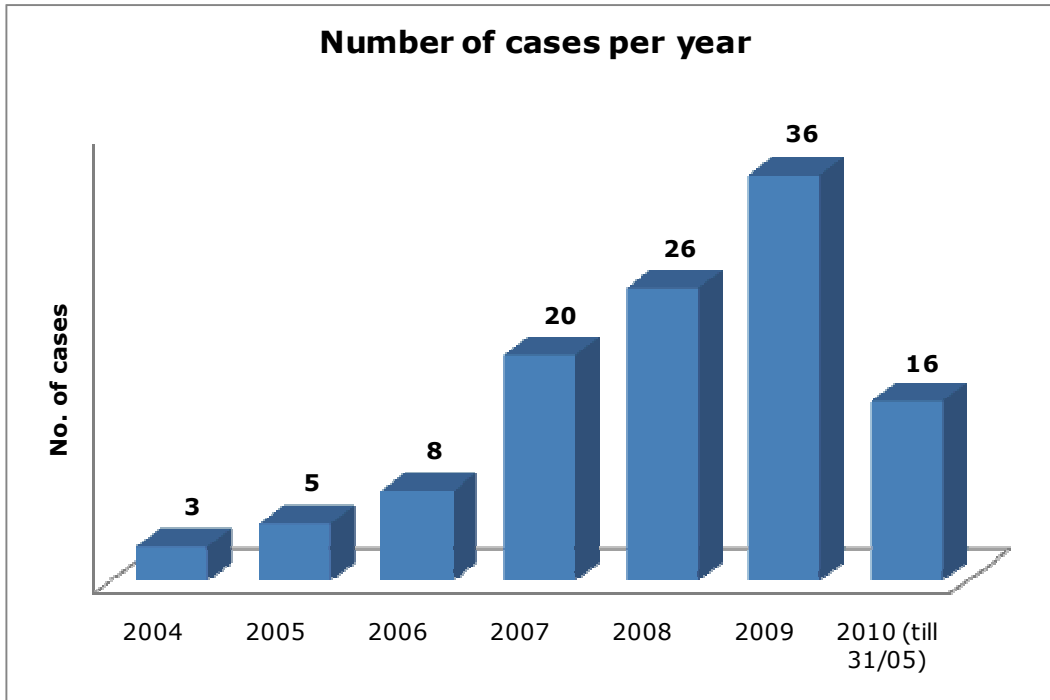
¹ Please note that this number refers only to cases registered at Eurojust by the EU Member States. There have also been 4 cases opened by Norway in child-related matters:

1. A case of sexual abuse of a child, involving Finland, currently closed;
2. A case of possession of child pornography, involving the Netherlands, currently closed;

- **3 cases in 2004;**
- **5 cases in 2005;**
- **8 cases in 2006;**
- **20 cases in 2007;**
- **25 cases in 2008;**
- **36 cases in 2009, and**
- **16 cases in 2010 (till 31 May 2010).**

For an overview of the number of cases per year, please see Chart 1.

Chart 1



From the total of 114 cases, **65 are closed and 49 are still working.**

2 EU Member States and third countries involved

2.1 Involvement of EU Member States

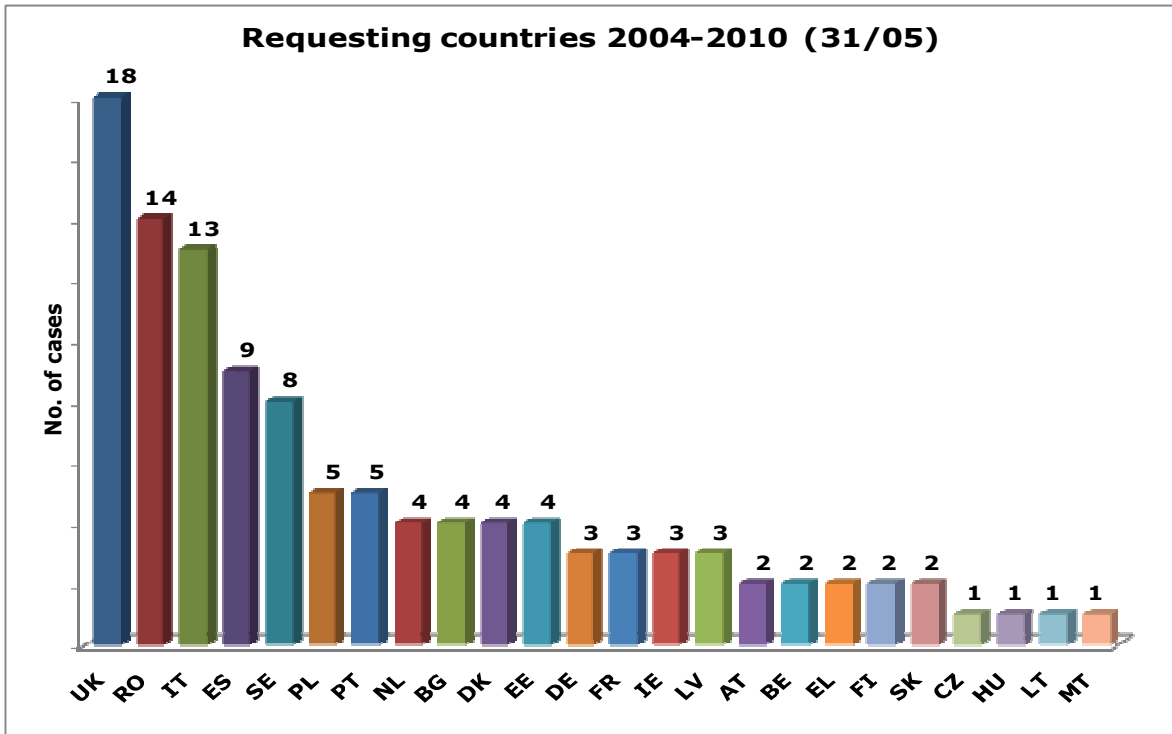
A. Requesting Countries

The majority (24) of the National Desks at Eurojust have registered cases concerning children in the reported period.

For an overview of the number of cases concerning children per requesting country, please see Chart 2.

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3. A case of production of child pornography, involving Italy, Romania, the United Kingdom, the USA, Brazil, and Afghanistan, currently working.
 4. A case of parental abduction, involving the United Kingdom, currently closed.

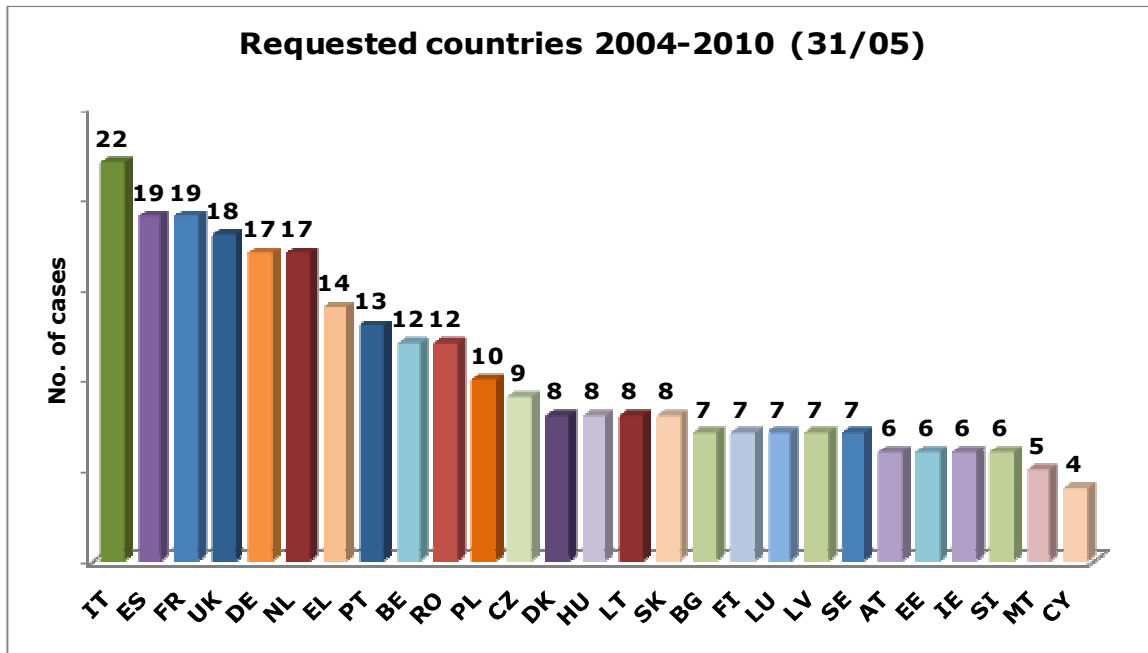


B. Requested Countries

All the 27 EU Member States have been involved, as requested countries, in cases concerning children that have been registered at Eurojust.

For an overview of the number of cases per requested country, please see Chart 3.

Chart 3



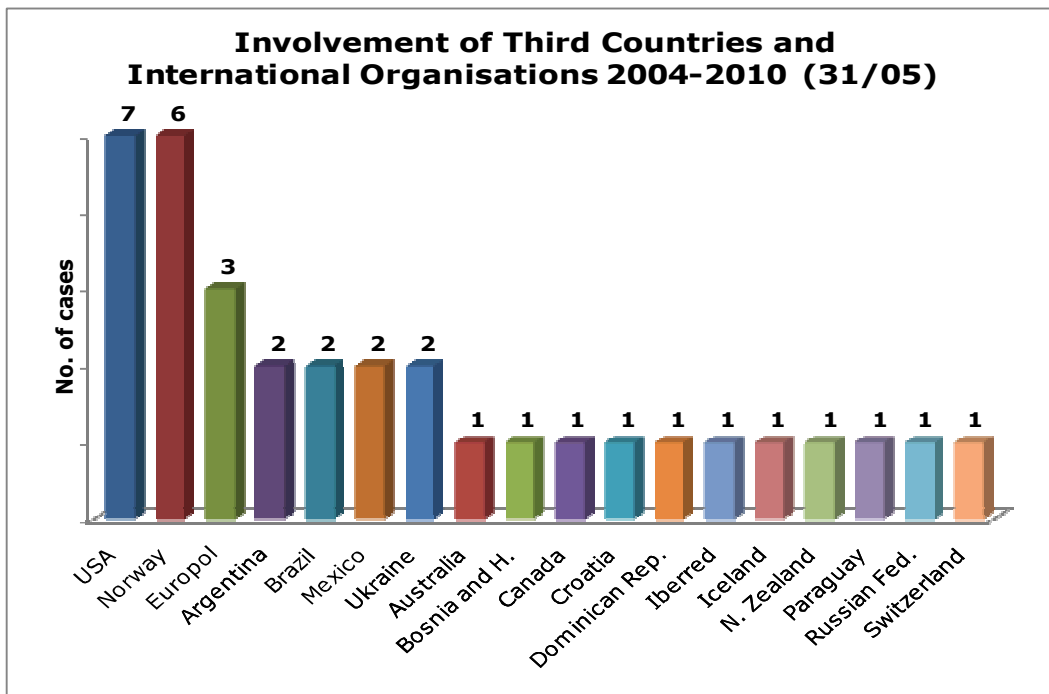
The charts show a relatively high number of relevant cases registered by the United Kingdom, Romania and Italy (18, 15 and 13 respectively) and a significant involvement of Italy, France, Spain and the United Kingdom in cases of such nature (22, 19, 19 and 18 cases respectively). An interesting fact has been detected regarding the Netherlands: it opened only 4 cases as owner, but was involved 17 times in cases registered by other National Desks.

2.2 Involvement of Third Countries and International Organisations

A number of Third Countries and international organisations have been involved in Eurojust cases concerning children.

For an overview of the number of cases in which Third Countries and international organisations have been involved, please see Chart 4.

Chart 4

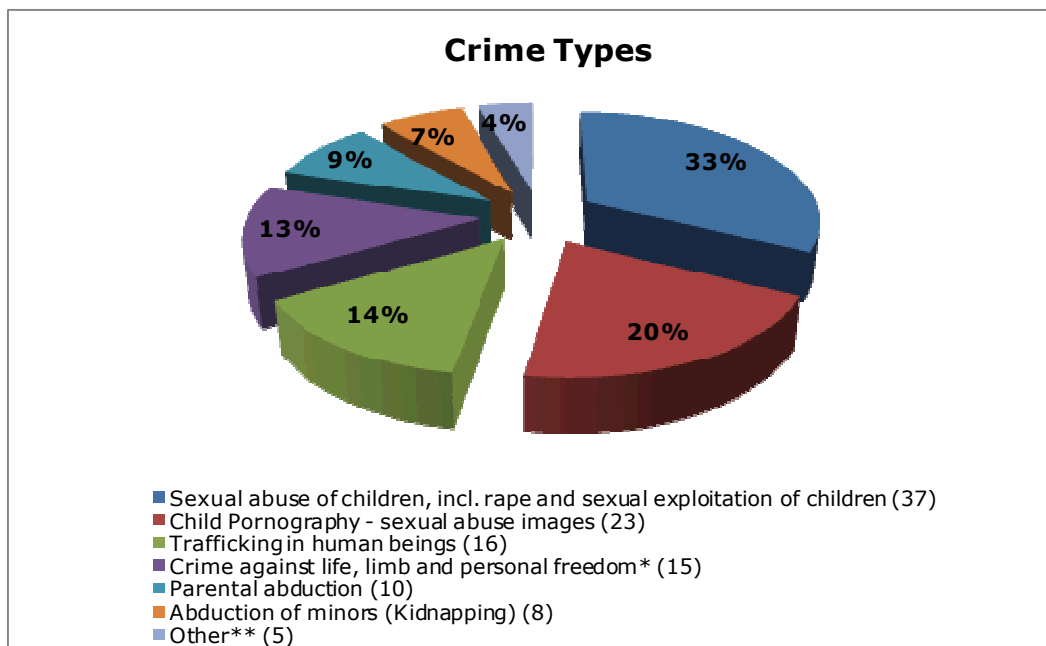


3 Types of crime committed against children in the relevant Eurojust casework

The analysis of the information available in the CMS regarding the types of crime in the Eurojust cases concerning children shows that **Sexual abuse, incl. rape and sexual exploitation, Child pornography – sexual abuse images** and **Trafficking in human beings** are the main crimes committed against children in the relevant Eurojust cases.

For a detailed overview of all the crime types in the cases concerning children, please see Chart 5.

Chart 5



* "Crime against life, limb and personal freedom" includes murder (9 cases), grievous bodily harm (4 cases), manslaughter (1 case) and slander (1 case).

** "Other" includes 3 cases related to child alimony, 1 to incest and 1 to theft.