Question for written answer E-000320/2013 to the Commission Rule 117 Erik Bánki (PPE)

Subject: The future of the Safer Internet Programme

As part of the Commission's Safer Internet Plus (SIP) programme, Hungary established a Safer Internet Centre in April 2009 in the form of a consortium.

The consortium's aims are to take a holistic approach to protecting children and young people by deterring offenders, removing abusive content and helping to shape a safer online environment. However, the currently running, and EU co-financed, 24-month project will expire on 31 March 2014, but there is still a lot of work to be done, especially in the field of cybercrime against children.

Given the widely acknowledged positive achievements and practices of these kinds of national projects, is the Commission planning to continue to fund such programmes under existing or future EU funding schemes?

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