

**Question for written answer E-001084/2023
to the Commission**

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Subject: Combating the online dissemination of crimes against children

Young children are increasingly being used as a means to generate income online by families that are often poor, yet willing to expose their children to sexual predators. This practice, which is traumatising for children, seems to be insufficiently investigated by law enforcement authorities.

At European level, Directive 2011/93/EU sets out a series of measures aimed at protecting children from such crimes. In addition, the European Commission is able to coordinate the actions of the various European agencies involved in combating this abuse, such as Europol and Eurojust, in order to ensure effective cooperation between Member States.

The often transnational nature of this online abuse clearly requires closer cooperation between the criminal authorities of all States.

1. Is the Commission funding projects aimed at combating, even indirectly, all types of crime against children on the internet?
2. What actions are Europol and Eurojust already taking to address this issue?
3. Are there plans to strengthen Directive 2011/93/EU on the protection of children?

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