COP Partners' Ongoing Project Summary (based on ITU Secretary General's call for action 2009)

Name of the Partner Organization: European Commission - Safer Internet Programme

Area 1: Create public awareness on the issues related to protecting children in cyberspace and to share policies, best practices, tools and resources

Name of the program related to Area 1:

Safer Internet Centres

Website: europa.eu.int/saferinternet

Short summary:

Safer Internet Centres are responsible for promoting safe and responsible use of the Internet and mobile devices by young people in 27 European countries all with an awareness centre, and most including a helpline and a hotline.

The awareness centres' main aim is to develop awareness raising material, organize campaigns and information sessions for young people, parents and teachers in order to make them more aware of the potential risks young people may encounter online and to empower them to stay safe online. The awareness centres and helplines belong to the INSAFE network coordinated by the European Schoolnet.

Helplines offer personalized advice about how to stay safe online. The awareness centres and helplines belong to the INSAFE network www.saferinternet.org coordinated by the European Schoolnet. Hotlines are places where the public can report illegal content they encounter online, and in particular child sexual abuse material. The hotline will investigate these reports to determine if they are illegal and if so, trace the origin of the content. If the content is illegal, the hotline will refer this onto law enforcement agencies in the country and also the Internet Service Provider for removal. If the content is hosted in another country, it will be passed on to the hotline in that country.

Additional information if any:

Area 3: Identify risks and vulnerabilities to children in cyberspace

Name of the program related to Area 3:

SIP-Bench study- Filtering and content labeling

Website: europa.eu.int/saferinternet

Short summary:

A benchmarking study of filtering software and services is running in the period 2010-2012. Every 6 months a ranking list will be produced to help European parents to choose the parental control tool that best fi ts their needs. First results will be available in October 2010. The current study builds upon the results of the fi rst SIP-Bench study (2006-2008), which carried out an annual benchmarking exercise of approximately 30 parental control products or services. Its results showed that, overall, tools improved over this three year period and that they have become easier to install.

Additional information if any:

Area 4: Share resources and build platforms and repositories to share information on child

online protection

Name of the program related to Area 4:

Fighting online child sexual abuse material, Industry self-regulation

Website: europa.eu.int/saferinternet

Short summary:

Alongside INHOPE, the Safer Internet Programme co-funds a number of other initiatives, aimed at supporting law enforcement bodies in their fi ght against child sexual abuse material including CIRCAMP (COSPOL Internet Related Child Abusive Material Project), i-Dash (The Investigator's Dashboard), FIVES (Forensic Image and Video Examination Support), INTERPOL, EU KIDS Online II and POG.

- CIRCAMP (COSPOL Internet Related Child Abusive Material Project) This thematic
 network coordinates European Law Enforcement communities in order to facilitate the
 exchange of information and best practice between countries in Europe, and thereby
 increase the effectiveness of international police cooperation. 14 partners from 13
 different countries, as well as Interpol and Europol, take part in the network.
- 2. i-Dash The objective of i-Dash is to develop an operational system capable of handling thousands of hours of videos potentially containing child sexual abuse images. Furthermore, it aims to establish a model allowing for multi-national exchange of information on known child sexual abuse videos. 5 partners from 3 diff erent European countries are cooperating in this project.
- 3. FIVES (Forensic Image and Video Examination Support) Police investigations of child sexual abuse cases often face the problem of handling large amounts of seized equipment. The objective of the FIVES project is to develop novel investigative tools specifically tailored for investigations involving images and videos of child sexual abuse. 6 partners from 5 different European countries cooperate in this project.
- 4. INTERPOL The main objective of the International Child Sexual Exploitation Image Database (ICSEDB) is to increase the number of victims identified and rescued from abuse. To this end, it uses sophisticated image comparison software to make connections between victims and places. It also allows authorized users in INTERPOL member countries to access the database directly and in real time. The objective of the project is to provide 30 additional countries with access to the system.
- 5. EU KIDS Online II (Enhancing knowledge regarding European children's use, risk and safety online) -EU KIDS Online II is the first study across most of the EU Member States which is conducted on both parents and children in order investigate their attitudes and actions towards online safety. 25 European countries will work together on this project, coordinated by a management group from 5 countries. The project builds on the work of EU Kids Online I, which compared available research across 21 European countries.
- 6. POG (Understanding the process of online grooming: the behaviors of men who target young people online) POG is the first European research project that will study the characteristics and behavior of sexual off enders who have used the internet to groom young people. Researchers will conduct a scoping study that will review online groomers' case fi les, provide a report of the research and policy literature from each partner country, and interview strategic stakeholders concerned with the management and prevention of online grooming. The main phase of the research will involve in-depth interviews with online groomers in the UK, Italy, Belgium and Norway. 6 partners from 4

different European countries are cooperating on this project.

In February 2007, leading mobile operators and content providers signed a European

Framework for Safer Mobile Use by Younger Teenagers and Children.

Additional information if any:

Area 5: Promote capacity building to contribute to and strengthen the global response in protecting children

Name of the program related to the Area 5:

The European NGO Alliance for Child Safety Online (ENACSO), INHOPE's international membership, Organization of conferences (Safer Internet Forum, Safer Internet day)

Website: europa.eu.int/saferinternet

Short summary:

The European NGO Alliance for Child Safety Online (eNACSO) consists of European children's rights organisations engaged in child online safety. The network will forge joint strategies for change, and promote its recommendations to national, European and international decision-makers and other relevant stakeholders, including in relation to the way the governance of the internet develops into the future. 18 partners from different countries cooperate in this network. In addition to its European members, INHOPE, the network of hotlines, also includes members from Australia, Canada, Taiwan, Japan, Russia, South Africa, South Korea and the US. They all contribute to fi ghting against illegal content on a global scale.

On 12-13 November 2009, a conference on Safer Internet for Children took place in Moscow. It represented a milestone in EU-Russia co-operation in the fi led of child safety online, and was attended by 180 participants from all over the EU and Russia, gathering stakeholders from government, industry, child protection experts, researchers and child welfare workers. The conference was also attended by high representatives from the Russian Duma. Co-operation with Russian stakeholders will continue with the establishment of a Russian Safer Internet Centre.

The Safer Internet Forum has been organized by the Safer Internet Programme as an annual conference on online safety issues since 2004. It brings together representatives of industry, researchers, law enforcement authorities, child welfare organizations and policy makers from Europe and beyond. Each year, the Safer Internet Forum has a diff erent main topic. Over the years, the topics have ranged from child safety and mobile phones, to fi ghting against illegal content and conduct, awareness-raising mechanisms, age verifi cation and social networking, children and online safety education. The 2010 edition of the Safer Internet.

Safer Internet Day, organised by INSAFE, has been celebrated since 2004 in more than 50 countries. Held every second Tuesday in February, it is part of a global drive to empower young people and to rally a wide range of online safety stakeholders to the cause. The Safer Internet Programme supports the local initiatives and organizes a central event to increase the visibility of Safer Internet Day.