Protection of children against online sexual abuse

Fieldwork
28/6-4/7/2023

Technical note

Survey requested by the European Commission, Directorate-General for Migration and Home Affairs and coordinated by the Directorate-General for Communication

Fieldwork conducted by Ipsos European Public Affairs

Methodology

- The survey was conducted via computer-assisted web interviewing (CAWI), using Ipsos online panels and their partner network. A share of respondents in Luxembourg and Malta was recruited via social media networks.

- Fieldwork: from 28 June to 4 July 2023

- Target population: EU citizens, 18 years and over

- Coverage: EU27

- Number of interviews: 26 270

- Sample size per country: 500 in LU, CY, MT; 1000 in all other countries
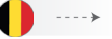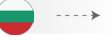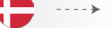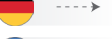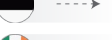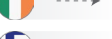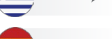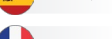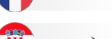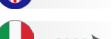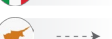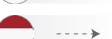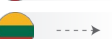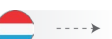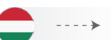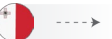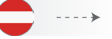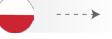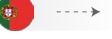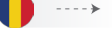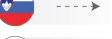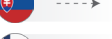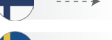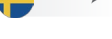
Presentation of survey data

- Survey data are **weighted** to marginal age, gender, activity status and region population distributions using *rim* weighting. The EU27 averages are weighted according to the size of the 18+ population of each country.
  Note: Percentages may not total 100 due to rounding.
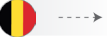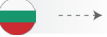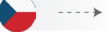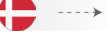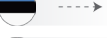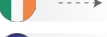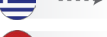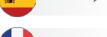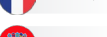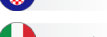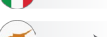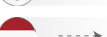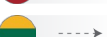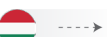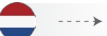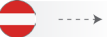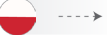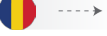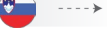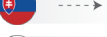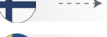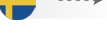
Q1 How widespread do you think the problem of online child sexual abuse is in [YOUR COUNTRY]?

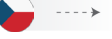|	Very widespread	Fairly widespread	Rather rare	Very rare	Prefer not to answer/ Don't know
EU27	20	53	18	2	6
BE	16	52	19	3	11
BG	12	41	36	6	6
CZ	12	51	29	3	5
DK	6	34	52	5	4
DE	25	54	15	1	6
EE	5	42	38	6	9
IE	19	48	24	3	7
EL	25	61	11	1	2
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NL	29	48	15	2	6
AT	17	53	21	3	6
PL	13	40	31	6	10
PT	21	56	12	2	9
RO	24	52	18	3	3
SI	15	49	29	5	3
SK	8	42	34	8	8
FI	15	47	26	4	10
SE	18	52	25	3	3

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Q2 Which one, if any, of the following statements comes closest to your view?

		The ability to detect child abuse is more important than the right to online privacy	The right to online privacy and the ability to detect child abuse are both equally important	The right to online privacy is more important than the ability to detect child abuse	Prefer not to answer/Don't know
EU27	---->	60	36	2	3
BE	---->	56	39	2	4
BG	---->	58	37	2	3
CZ	---->	48	47	3	2
DK	---->	62	32	2	4
DE	---->	66	31	1	1
EE	---->	50	44	3	3
IE	---->	59	38	1	2
EL	---->	65	33	1	1
ES	---->	55	40	2	3
FR	---->	56	39	2	3
HR	---->	60	38	1	2
IT	---->	72	24	2	2
CY	---->	68	28	1	2
LV	---->	47	42	4	7
LT	---->	55	38	3	4
LU	---->	67	29	2	2
HU	---->	35	61	2	3
MT	---->	51	45	1	3
NL	---->	62	33	2	3
AT	---->	60	37	2	1
PL	---->	53	40	2	5
PT	---->	50	47	1	2
RO	---->	48	47	3	3
SI	---->	57	38	2	2
SK	---->	47	46	4	3
FI	---->	55	38	3	5
SE	---->	64	31	3	3

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Q3_1 To what extent do you agree or disagree with the following statements?
Children can safely use the internet without being exposed to harmful content
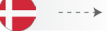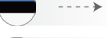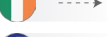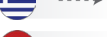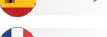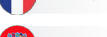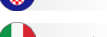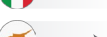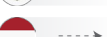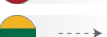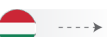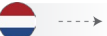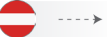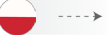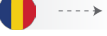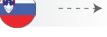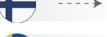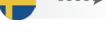
		Strongly agree	Rather agree	Rather disagree	Strongly disagree	Prefer not to answer/ Don't know
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BE		3	12	32	51	2
BG		7	19	43	31	1
CZ		5	18	41	35	2
DK		4	15	43	37	2
DE		3	11	34	49	3
EE		3	15	47	32	2
IE		7	18	32	40	3
EL		7	19	40	33	1
ES		6	16	32	43	3
FR		4	10	25	61	1
HR		9	33	35	22	1
IT		5	17	34	41	3
CY		10	14	42	33	0
LV		4	15	44	36	1
LT		3	13	47	37	1
LU		3	9	39	48	0
HU		4	8	36	51	1
MT		9	16	36	38	1
NL		4	13	29	52	2
AT		4	12	38	45	2
PL		7	21	35	34	3
PT		13	32	27	26	2
RO		9	22	29	38	1
SI		5	20	31	44	1
SK		5	14	39	40	1
FI		3	18	37	40	3
SE		3	12	32	53	1

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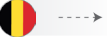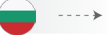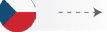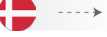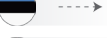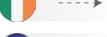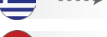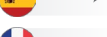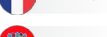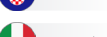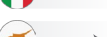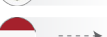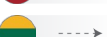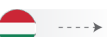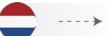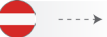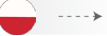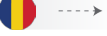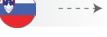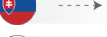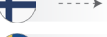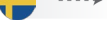
Q3_2 To what extent do you agree or disagree with the following statements?
Children can safely use the internet without being approached by adults seeking to harm them

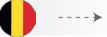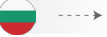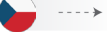|	Strongly agree	Rather agree	Rather disagree	Strongly disagree	Prefer not to answer/ Don't know
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IE	7	18	36	34	5
EL	6	17	40	36	1
ES	8	17	32	40	3
FR	5	10	25	58	2
HR	9	29	37	23	2
IT	6	18	34	39	3
CY	10	16	43	30	1
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PL	7	23	35	28	6
PT	13	28	29	28	2
RO	10	21	29	37	3
SI	5	22	33	40	1
SK	7	15	42	34	3
FI	5	19	40	33	3
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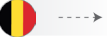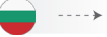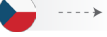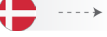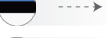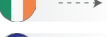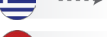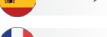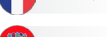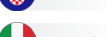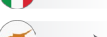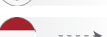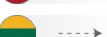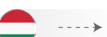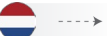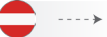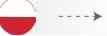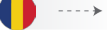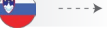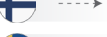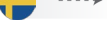
Q3_3 To what extent do you agree or disagree with the following statements?
Children are increasingly at risk online

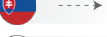|	Strongly agree	Rather agree	Rather disagree	Strongly disagree	Prefer not to answer/ Don't know
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CZ	47	43	7	2	1
DK	31	55	8	2	5
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FR	56	37	4	2	2
HR	55	41	3	2	0
IT	50	42	4	2	2
CY	64	30	5	1	0
LV	33	53	10	2	2
LT	39	52	6	2	2
LU	54	39	6	1	1
HU	52	40	5	2	1
MT	55	41	2	1	1
NL	51	40	5	2	2
AT	53	37	6	3	1
PL	49	42	4	3	1
PT	62	32	4	1	1
RO	65	31	3	2	1
SI	46	45	7	2	0
SK	51	43	4	2	1
FI	42	46	8	1	3
SE	56	37	6	1	1

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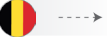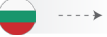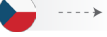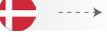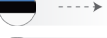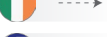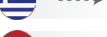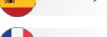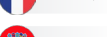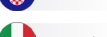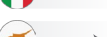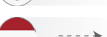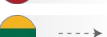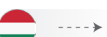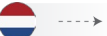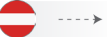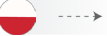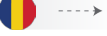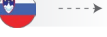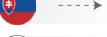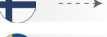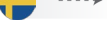
Q3_4 To what extent do you agree or disagree with the following statements?
Parents, in general, know what their children are doing online

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BG	4	16	55	24	1
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DK	3	17	53	23	3
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IE	5	15	43	34	2
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HU	3	11	49	35	2
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PL	4	15	49	31	2
PT	3	14	42	41	1
RO	7	24	39	27	3
SI	3	15	46	36	1
SK	4	15	53	27	1
FI	3	13	47	35	3
SE	3	16	42	39	1

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Q3_5 To what extent do you agree or disagree with the following statements?
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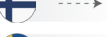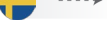
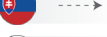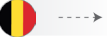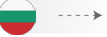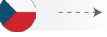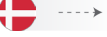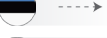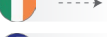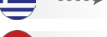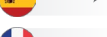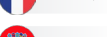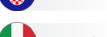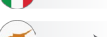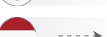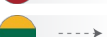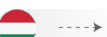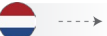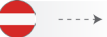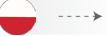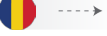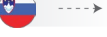|	Strongly agree	Rather agree	Rather disagree	Strongly disagree	Prefer not to answer/ Don't know
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CZ	30	53	13	2	3
DK	34	54	8	2	3
DE	40	48	8	2	2
EE	36	51	10	1	2
IE	56	34	6	2	2
EL	45	48	5	2	1
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SK	28	54	12	4	3
FI	45	47	5	1	2
SE	49	40	7	2	3

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Q3_6 To what extent do you agree or disagree with the following statements?
Tools like parental controls are not sufficient to keep children safe online

	Strongly agree	Rather agree	Rather disagree	Strongly disagree	Prefer not to answer/ Don't know
EU27	31	51	11	3	4
BE	25	53	14	4	5
BG	27	53	17	3	2
CZ	24	55	15	3	3
DK	25	51	14	3	9
DE	30	50	12	2	6
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NL	27	51	14	3	5
AT	29	50	14	4	3
PL	26	55	12	3	5
PT	35	52	9	2	2
RO	39	45	11	3	3
SI	24	55	16	4	2
SK	22	53	16	4	5
FI	21	54	14	3	8
SE	37	45	10	2	6

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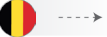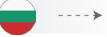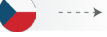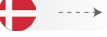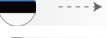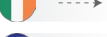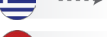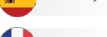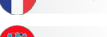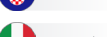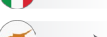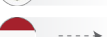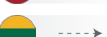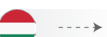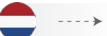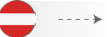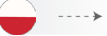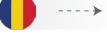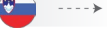
Q3_7 To what extent do you agree or disagree with the following statements?
Online service providers (e.g. social media platforms) can play an important role in the fight against online child sexual abuse
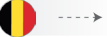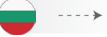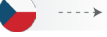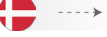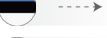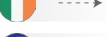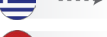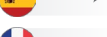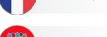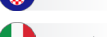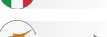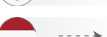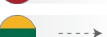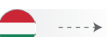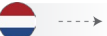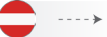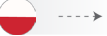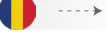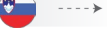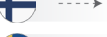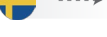
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SI	39	49	8	3	2
SK	41	48	7	2	3
FI	48	43	5	1	3
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Q4_1 Perpetrators increasingly exchange child sexual abuse material (e.g. photos, videos) online among themselves. To what extent do you agree or disagree with the following statements? **This activity should be left undetected**
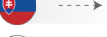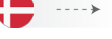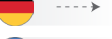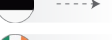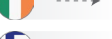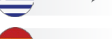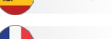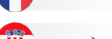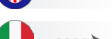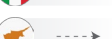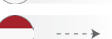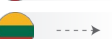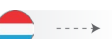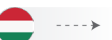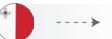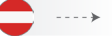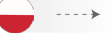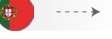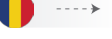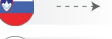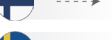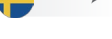
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IE	7	7	10	73	4
EL	10	10	11	66	3
ES	5	10	13	69	4
FR	6	8	11	73	3
HR	6	11	11	65	6
IT	8	12	13	62	5
CY	17	15	8	55	5
LV	5	11	16	60	9
LT	10	11	13	61	6
LU	6	6	10	75	5
HU	4	7	14	72	4
MT	3	5	13	75	4
NL	5	7	10	72	6
AT	8	7	10	72	3
PL	5	7	13	71	4
PT	11	9	7	70	4
RO	15	8	8	67	3
SI	8	11	12	65	4
SK	9	10	16	62	4
FI	6	8	9	74	3
SE	7	9	10	70	4

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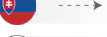Q4_2 Perpetrators increasingly exchange child sexual abuse material (e.g. photos, videos) online among themselves. To what extent do you agree or disagree with the following statements?
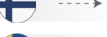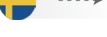**Online service providers (e.g. social media platforms) should have the freedom to decide whether to tackle this problem and how to do so**

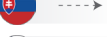|	Strongly agree	Rather agree	Rather disagree	Strongly disagree	Prefer not to answer/ Don't know
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LU	5	13	33	48	2
HU	6	12	32	46	5
MT	13	20	26	37	5
NL	15	22	23	35	5
AT	6	14	28	47	4
PL	23	31	20	20	7
PT	16	25	27	29	4
RO	21	29	24	22	4
SI	16	20	23	39	3
SK	9	22	31	33	5
FI	18	20	22	34	6
SE	10	22	29	34	6

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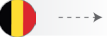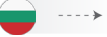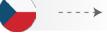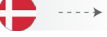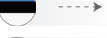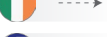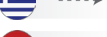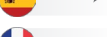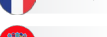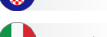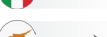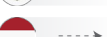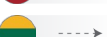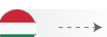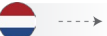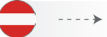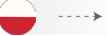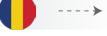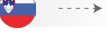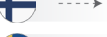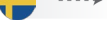
Q4_3 Perpetrators increasingly exchange child sexual abuse material (e.g. photos, videos) online among themselves. To what extent do you agree or disagree with the following statements?
The exchange of child sexual abuse material should be detected and investigated with the aim of rescuing victims, bring perpetrators to justice, and the material should be taken down to prevent the re-traumatisation of victims

	Strongly agree	Rather agree	Rather disagree	Strongly disagree	Prefer not to answer/ Don't know
EU27	77	17	3	1	1
BE	77	18	3	1	1
BG	71	22	4	2	1
CZ	69	23	4	2	2
DK	73	20	4	1	2
DE	79	15	4	1	1
EE	71	24	2	1	1
IE	83	12	2	2	1
EL	81	14	2	1	1
ES	78	16	3	2	1
FR	77	17	4	1	1
HR	79	17	2	1	1
IT	78	17	3	1	1
CY	86	11	1	1	1
LV	72	22	3	2	1
LT	72	23	3	1	1
LU	83	15	2	1	1
HU	73	20	3	2	1
MT	85	12	1	1	1
NL	77	14	6	2	1
AT	80	14	4	2	1
PL	70	21	4	2	3
PT	86	11	2	1	1
RO	80	14	4	2	1
SI	76	20	3	1	0
SK	67	27	4	2	1
FI	78	18	2	1	1
SE	83	12	3	1	1

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Q4_4 Perpetrators increasingly exchange child sexual abuse material (e.g. photos, videos) online among themselves. To what extent do you agree or disagree with the following statements? **Detec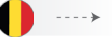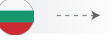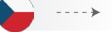tion of this activity should be imposed only when the number of exchanges on a specific platform or service by perpetrators is significant**
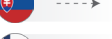
	Strongly agree	Rather agree	Rather disagree	Strongly disagree	Prefer not to answer/ Don't know
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BE	8	15	19	50	9
BG	12	20	32	33	3
CZ	7	17	27	42	7
DK	13	20	27	29	11
DE	6	12	22	54	6
EE	4	11	31	52	3
IE	8	14	22	49	7
EL	8	14	26	47	5
ES	8	13	21	54	4
FR	11	14	19	51	5
HR	7	14	22	52	4
IT	7	15	24	49	5
CY	8	15	20	52	6
LV	9	23	28	34	7
LT	7	14	31	43	5
LU	5	15	23	52	5
HU	5	11	27	53	4
MT	6	19	28	41	5
NL	10	17	22	43	8
AT	8	15	24	48	6
PL	9	17	26	42	7
PT	7	15	20	57	2
RO	15	18	19	45	4
SI	9	14	21	55	2
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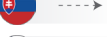Fieldwork: 28/6-4/7/2023   /   (%) Base: n=26 270 - All respondents

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Q5 Online service providers (e.g. social media platforms) can currently use several safety measures, including a combination of automated technology tools and human oversight, to detect and report sexual abuse of children, helping to rescue victims and bring perpetrators to justice. Which of the following statements is closest to your view?

Online service providers (e.g. social media platforms)...

	...should be able to take voluntary actions to detect, remove and report online child sexual abuse	...should, under certain circumstances, be obliged by law to detect, remove and report online child sexual abuse	...should not detect, remove and report online child sexual abuse	Prefer not to answer/Don't know
EU27	41	55	2	2
BE	45	49	2	4
BG	35	62	2	2
CZ	26	59	12	4
DK	41	52	2	4
DE	26	71	2	2
EE	29	67	1	2
IE	44	51	2	2
EL	42	54	3	2
ES	46	50	1	3
FR	64	33	1	2
HR	40	58	1	2
IT	30	65	3	2
CY	31	64	3	2
LV	28	63	4	5
LT	49	44	3	5
LU	26	67	3	4
HU	48	47	1	4
MT	42	55	1	2
NL	27	64	5	4
AT	24	71	3	3
PL	50	46	2	2
PT	55	44	1	1
RO	54	42	2	2
SI	45	51	2	2
SK	43	50	4	3
FI	39	57	1	3
SE	36	59	2	4

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Q6 At the moment, due to the voluntary nature of the current temporary legislation, only a small number of service providers detect, remove and report online sexual abuse on their platforms, while a significant number take no action. With that in mind, which of the following statements is closest to your view?

Online service providers (e.g. social media platforms) …

	… should be able to take voluntary actions to prevent, detect, remove and report online child sexual abuse	… should, under certain circumstances, be obliged by law to prevent, detect, remove and report online child sexual abuse	…should not prevent, detect, remove and report online child sexual abuse	Prefer not to answer/Don't know
EU27	38	57	3	3
BE	41	52	3	4
BG	32	66	1	1
CZ	27	63	6	4
DK	32	60	3	5
DE	23	73	2	2
EE	26	71	1	2
IE	38	58	2	3
EL	40	55	2	3
ES	41	54	2	2
FR	60	36	2	2
HR	38	60	1	1
IT	32	64	2	2
CY	27	67	4	2
LV	28	65	2	5
LT	47	48	1	4
LU	23	72	3	3
HU	50	47	1	3
MT	38	59	1	2
NL	23	68	5	4
AT	20	75	2	3
PL	46	44	5	5
PT	52	47	1	0
RO	49	48	1	2
SI	43	51	3	3
SK	40	52	4	4
FI	36	60	1	3
SE	30	65	3	3

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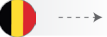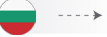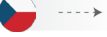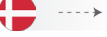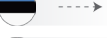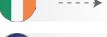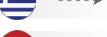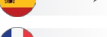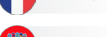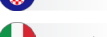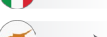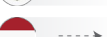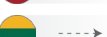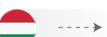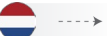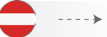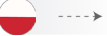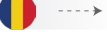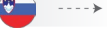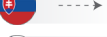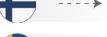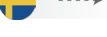
Q7 On 3 August 2024, the EU law that allows online service providers to voluntarily detect and report online child sexual abuse will expire. The EU has proposed a new law that would oblige online service providers to prevent child sexual abuse from happening on their services. If prevention fails, and in case of significant risk of child sexual abuse, the service provider could be temporarily obliged to detect and report online child sexual abuse. If this new legislation is not agreed upon by August 2024, the detection of online child sexual abuse in online exchanges – voluntary or not – becomes illegal. **With that in mind, to what extent would you support or oppose this proposed law?**

		Strongly support	Tend to support	Tend to oppose	Strongly oppose	Prefer not to answer/ Don't know
EU27		56	22	6	7	9
BE		48	25	5	6	15
BG		54	26	7	7	6
CZ		45	38	4	4	9
DK		55	23	5	4	12
DE		63	19	4	5	9
EE		43	28	10	9	11
IE		63	19	4	6	8
EL		42	28	9	14	7
ES		51	25	7	8	9
FR		55	24	6	6	9
HR		56	23	6	9	7
IT		58	21	4	9	8
CY		41	24	9	17	10
LV		43	32	7	5	13
LT		36	29	11	11	12
LU		64	19	4	5	8
HU		51	24	7	7	12
MT		58	19	3	13	6
NL		58	20	7	6	8
AT		63	18	4	5	9
PL		45	26	7	11	12
PT		62	18	4	10	6
RO		67	14	5	8	6
SI		47	28	8	11	7
SK		49	27	8	6	10
FI		59	18	5	8	11
SE		57	16	6	13	9

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Q8_1 Online services providers can use various tools, including a combination of automated technology tools and human oversight, to detect child sexual abuse online. These tools may interfere to a different extent with the privacy of the users. To what extent would you support or oppose the detection of child sexual abuse by online service providers via… **Tools that automatically detect images and videos of child sexual abuse material already known to the police, to identify where these images and videos are shared online again**

		Strongly support	Tend to support	Tend to oppose	Strongly oppose	Prefer not to answer/ Don't know
EU27		61	28	5	2	4
BE		60	28	6	2	5
BG		52	35	6	3	4
CZ		40	41	8	4	6
DK		61	28	5	2	5
DE		65	25	4	2	4
EE		54	37	4	2	3
IE		68	23	3	3	3
EL		61	29	5	2	3
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FR		62	27	5	2	4
HR		63	27	5	3	2
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CY		65	25	2	3	6
LV		47	40	5	3	5
LT		53	36	5	2	4
LU		67	25	2	3	3
HU		55	34	5	2	5
MT		74	19	2	3	4
NL		61	26	6	2	5
AT		66	25	4	2	4
PL		50	36	5	4	5
PT		73	22	3	2	1
RO		71	19	5	2	3
SI		58	30	6	3	3
SK		51	35	7	3	5
FI		65	26	3	1	5
SE		71	18	5	2	5

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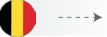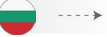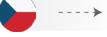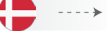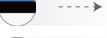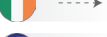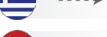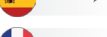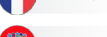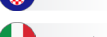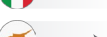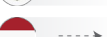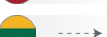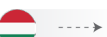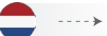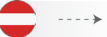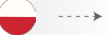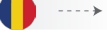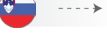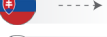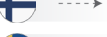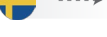
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		Strongly support	Tend to support	Tend to oppose	Strongly oppose	Prefer not to answer/ Don't know
EU27		52	33	7	4	6
BE		48	34	7	3	8
BG		45	39	9	5	3
CZ		37	40	12	5	7
DK		43	38	8	4	8
DE		52	33	6	3	6
EE		42	44	7	3	5
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LT		43	40	9	2	7
LU		53	34	5	3	4
HU		48	36	7	3	5
MT		65	26	3	2	4
NL		46	34	8	4	8
AT		52	31	9	4	5
PL		45	38	6	5	6
PT		65	28	3	2	2
RO		64	25	6	3	3
SI		53	33	9	3	3
SK		41	37	10	6	6
FI		49	37	6	2	6
SE		54	28	9	4	4

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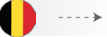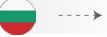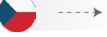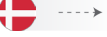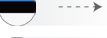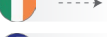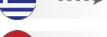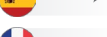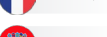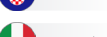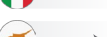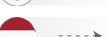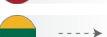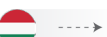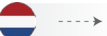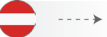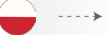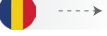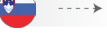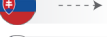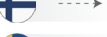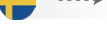
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		Strongly support	Tend to support	Tend to oppose	Strongly oppose	Prefer not to answer/ Don't know
EU27		53	31	6	3	6
BE		47	33	7	3	10
BG		48	36	9	5	3
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FR		52	30	8	3	8
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PT		68	26	3	2	3
RO		67	24	3	3	3
SI		55	30	8	4	3
SK		40	38	10	5	8
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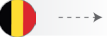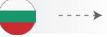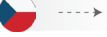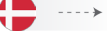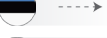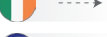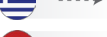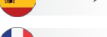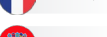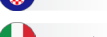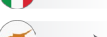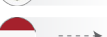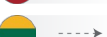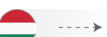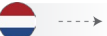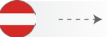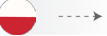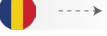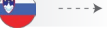
Q9_1 Last year, service providers sent 1.5 million reports of child sexual abuse online stemming from the EU. Over one million of these reports - 70 per cent – came from online messages, email and chat, the rest from other sources, such as social media and gaming platforms. To what extent would you support or oppose the following? **Service providers detecting child sexual abuse material and grooming conversations shared publicly (e.g. on forums, gaming platforms)**

		Strongly support	Tend to support	Tend to oppose	Strongly oppose	Prefer not to answer/ Don't know
EU27		59	28	5	2	5
BE		54	28	7	3	7
BG		51	34	7	3	5
CZ		42	42	8	2	6
DK		53	28	7	5	7
DE		59	28	5	2	7
EE		54	34	6	2	5
IE		61	24	4	3	7
EL		64	29	4	1	2
ES		60	31	4	2	3
FR		60	28	5	2	5
HR		53	29	7	8	4
IT		60	27	6	2	6
CY		65	26	5	1	4
LV		42	38	6	5	10
LT		58	33	5	1	4
LU		61	30	3	3	4
HU		52	38	3	1	6
MT		65	23	4	3	4
NL		55	27	7	4	6
AT		61	27	5	2	4
PL		54	33	4	4	5
PT		72	22	2	1	2
RO		75	18	4	1	2
SI		49	30	8	7	6
SK		45	35	8	4	8
FI		66	25	2	2	5
SE		71	19	4	3	4

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Q9_2 Last year, service providers sent 1.5 million reports of child sexual abuse online stemming from the EU. Over one million of these reports - 70 per cent – came from online messages, email and chat, the rest from other sources, such as social media and gaming platforms. To what extent would you support or oppose the following? **Service providers detecting child sexual abuse material and grooming conversations in messages (e.g. e-mail, chat) in case of a significant risk of child sexual abuse on a specific platform**

	Strongly support	Tend to support	Tend to oppose	Strongly oppose	Prefer not to answer/ Don't know
EU27	58	29	5	2	5
BE	55	31	5	2	8
BG	51	36	7	3	4
CZ	43	41	8	3	6
DK	52	30	7	4	8
DE	58	28	4	3	7
EE	47	39	7	2	5
IE	62	26	3	3	6
EL	64	29	4	2	2
ES	58	31	5	2	4
FR	59	29	5	2	5
HR	53	33	6	4	4
IT	63	26	3	2	6
CY	62	26	5	2	5
LV	36	43	9	4	9
LT	50	37	7	1	5
LU	59	32	3	3	4
HU	40	40	8	3	10
MT	65	26	2	3	4
NL	56	28	6	3	6
AT	58	28	6	2	6
PL	53	34	5	3	6
PT	69	24	3	1	3
RO	75	18	4	2	2
SI	51	31	9	5	4
SK	44	38	8	3	7
FI	59	30	5	2	5
SE	66	21	6	3	4

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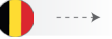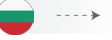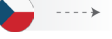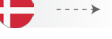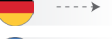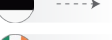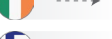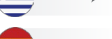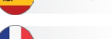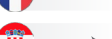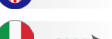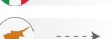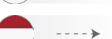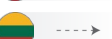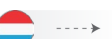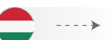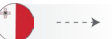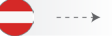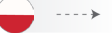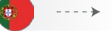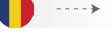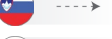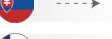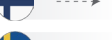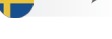
Q9_3 Last year, service providers sent 1.5 million reports of child sexual abuse online stemming from the EU. Over one million 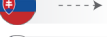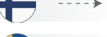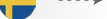of these reports - 70 per cent – came from online messages, email and chat, the rest from other sources, such as social media and gaming platforms. To what extent would you support or oppose the following? **Service providers detecting child sexual abuse material and grooming in messages using end-to-end encryption* in case of a significant risk of child sexual abuse on a specific platform** (*end-to-end encryption prevents material or conversations from being viewed by anyone other than the sender and recipient)

		Strongly support	Tend to support	Tend to oppose	Strongly oppose	Prefer not to answer/ Don't know
EU27		55	28	6	3	8
BE		52	29	5	2	11
BG		48	37	6	4	5
CZ		41	38	8	3	10
DK		49	29	7	4	11
DE		51	27	7	4	12
EE		44	35	8	4	10
IE		59	25	4	3	9
EL		58	30	5	2	6
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LV		32	41	10	5	12
LT		48	38	5	2	7
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HU		38	35	8	4	14
MT		60	27	4	4	6
NL		53	27	6	4	10
AT		49	30	8	4	10
PL		48	35	5	4	9
PT		65	26	3	2	4
RO		72	20	4	2	3
SI		48	31	10	5	6
SK		41	38	8	3	10
FI		53	29	5	4	9
SE		64	21	5	3	7

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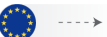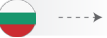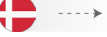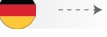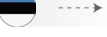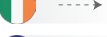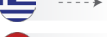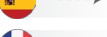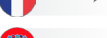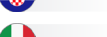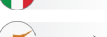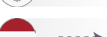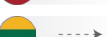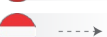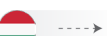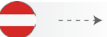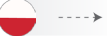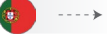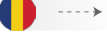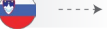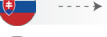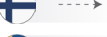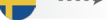
Q10 Do you know of a child who has been a victim of online child sexual abuse (e.g. having images and videos of their abuse shared online or being groomed)?

	Yes	No	Prefer not to answer/ Don't know
EU27	8	90	2
BE	8	89	2
BG	10	87	3
CZ	9	90	1
DK	14	84	2
DE	6	93	2
EE	9	87	4
IE	11	87	3
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SI	9	89	2
SK	7	92	1
FI	10	87	3
SE	14	83	3

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Q11 Have you ever come across or been exposed to child sexual abuse material online (e.g. pictures and videos, grooming activities)?

	Yes	No	Maybe/not sure	Prefer not to answer/Don't know
EU27	9	82	9	1
BE	8	87	4	1
BG	15	68	16	1
CZ	10	77	13	1
DK	8	84	7	1
DE	6	87	6	1
EE	6	81	12	1
IE	10	81	9	1
EL	9	84	6	1
ES	10	82	7	1
FR	7	86	6	1
HR	11	70	19	1
IT	8	83	8	1
CY	6	83	10	1
LV	7	75	16	2
LT	6	73	20	1
LU	10	78	12	0
HU	14	72	13	1
MT	6	82	10	2
NL	7	87	5	1
AT	8	84	7	2
PL	11	71	18	1
PT	9	83	7	1
RO	13	70	16	1
SI	10	73	16	1
SK	8	72	19	1
FI	10	75	14	1
SE	8	79	13	1

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Q12 What would you do if you came across child sexual abuse material online?
[MULTIPLE ANSWERS ALLOWED]

	Report it to the online service provider (e.g. social media platform hosting the material)	Report it to the police	Report it to an organisation working to remove online child sexual abuse material	Delete the material	You are not sure	You would not do anything	Prefer not to answer/ Don't know
EU27	43	69	26	16	5	1	2
BE	40	63	28	14	9	1	3
BG	49	59	34	12	6	1	2
CZ	34	59	17	10	13	2	2
DK	44	78	28	14	5	0	1
DE	44	78	30	16	4	1	2
EE	31	68	31	9	11	1	1
IE	55	68	36	19	6	1	2
EL	31	78	33	10	3	0	0
ES	35	75	17	13	5	0	2
FR	54	66	35	22	4	0	2
HR	50	60	25	12	6	1	2
IT	38	67	18	18	3	2	2
CY	33	77	25	11	5	1	1
LV	36	50	22	10	16	2	2
LT	35	60	31	13	7	1	5
LU	45	77	23	12	4	0	1
HU	51	60	28	9	4	1	5
MT	45	66	28	17	7	0	2
NL	45	66	36	22	7	1	4
AT	45	76	35	18	3	1	1
PL	37	65	21	14	8	1	3
PT	55	71	23	18	3	0	1
RO	51	63	26	9	8	1	1
SI	41	64	32	11	6	1	3
SK	41	47	20	13	11	2	4
FI	46	64	24	13	8	1	2
SE	43	71	26	10	10	1	2

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