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on behalf of the European Commission  
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The interinstitutional negotiations on the Commission's proposal for a regulation to prevent and combat child sexual abuse, which includes provisions setting up the EU Centre to prevent and combat child sexual abuse<sup>1</sup> ('EU Centre'), are still ongoing. The Parliament confirmed its negotiation mandate on 22 November 2023, while the Council still needs to reach an agreement on its general approach. The recast of Directive 2011/93<sup>2</sup>, also in interinstitutional negotiations, includes provisions on prevention and assistance to victims which also refer to the EU Centre.

The Commission is setting up a network on Child Sexual Abuse Prevention<sup>3</sup> to bring together researchers and frontline practitioners to support Member States in putting in place effective prevention measures. Its work serves as a starting point for the possible functions that the EU Centre would carry out in the area of prevention.

Further work on the establishment of the EU Centre is not possible while interinstitutional negotiations on the proposal are ongoing. The Commission will continue to support the co-legislators during the negotiations.

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<sup>1</sup> Proposal for a regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council laying down rules to prevent and combat child sexual abuse, COM/2022/209 final of 11.05.2022, <https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/?uri=COM%3A2022%3A209%3AFIN>.

<sup>2</sup> Proposal for a Directive of the European Parliament and of the Council on combating the sexual abuse and sexual exploitation of children and child sexual abuse material and replacing Council Framework Decision 2004/68/JHA (recast), COM/2024/60 final of 06.02.2024, <https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/?uri=COM%3A2024%3A60%3AFIN>.

<sup>3</sup> More information is available here [https://home-affairs.ec.europa.eu/networks/child-sexual-abuse-prevention-network-csapn\\_en](https://home-affairs.ec.europa.eu/networks/child-sexual-abuse-prevention-network-csapn_en)