



Exploitation by Design: Child Safety Online

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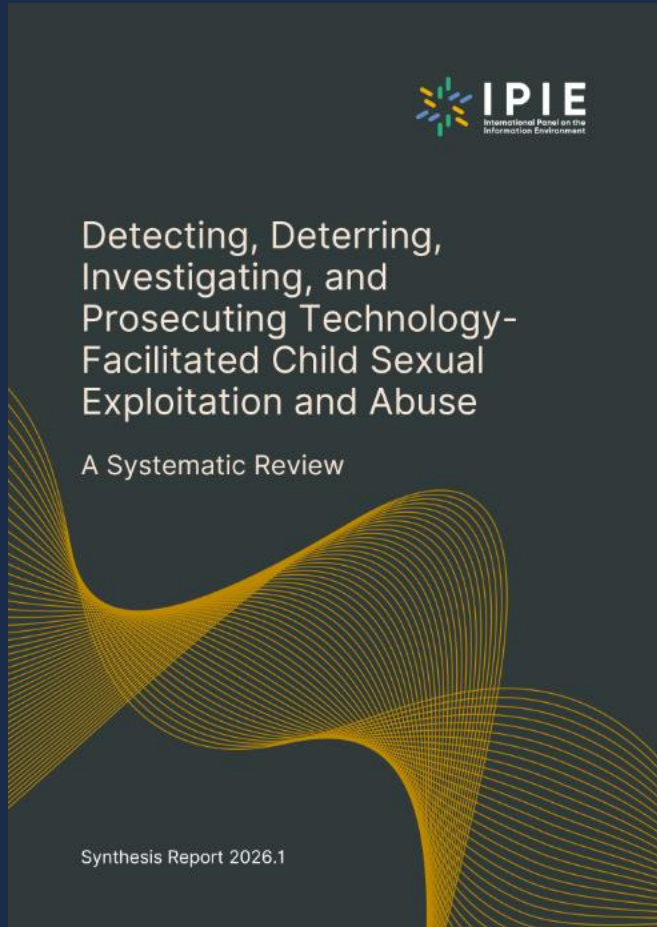


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AGENDA

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| '00 | Welcome | Professor Sonia Livingstone OBE |
| '05 | Findings of the Report | Professor Andy Phippen |
| '20 | Discussion | Prof. Livingstone, Prof. Phippen, Marija Manojlovic and Dr. Najat Maalla M'jid |
| '45 | Q&A | |
| '60 | Close | |

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Technology Facilitated Child Sexual Exploitation and Abuse (TF-CSEA) Landscape and Offending Chain



Systematic Review Methods

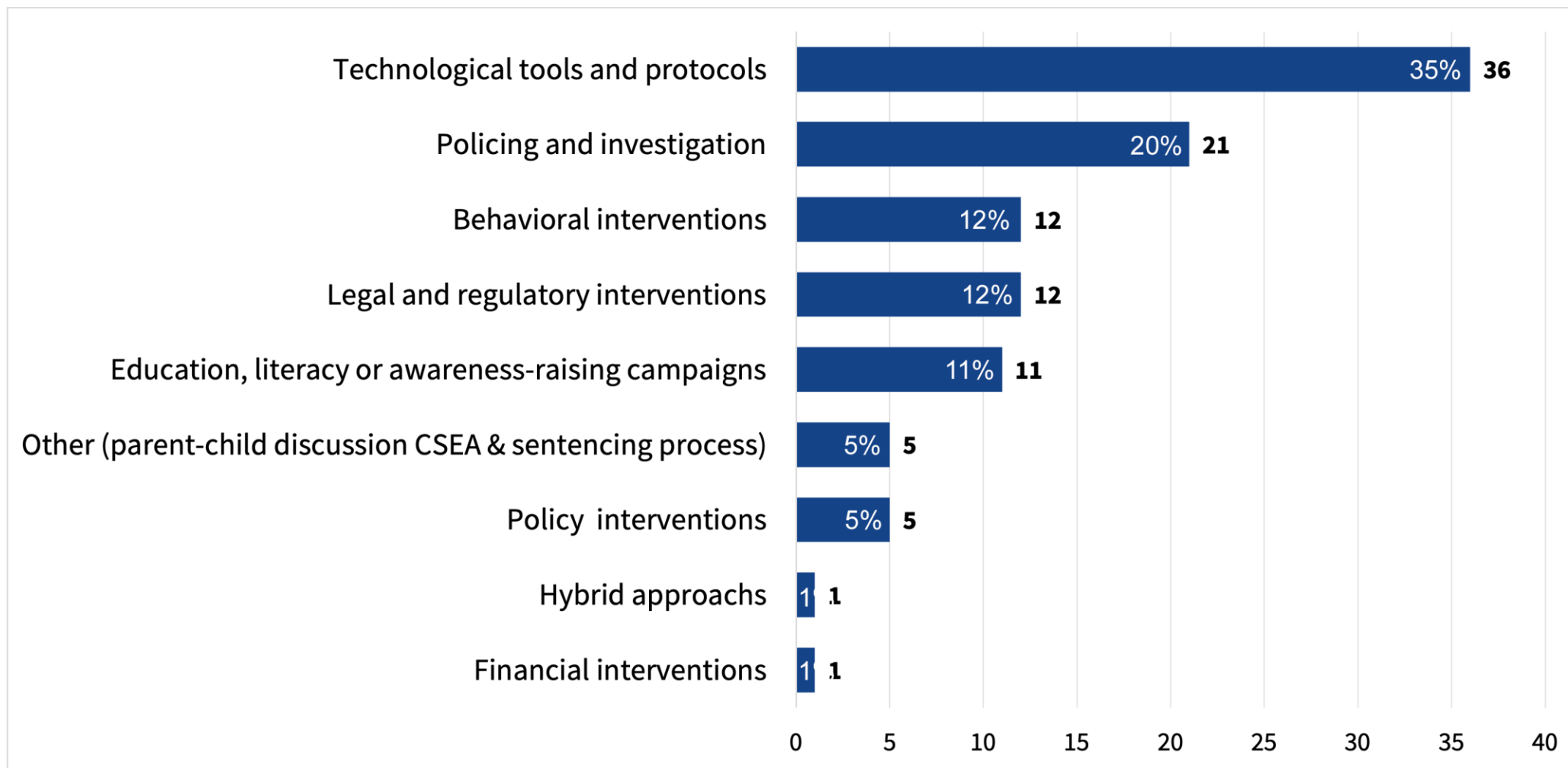
Research questions:

- What research exists on interventions aimed at protecting children (anyone under 18)?
- What works regarding interventions aimed at detecting, deterring, investigating, and prosecuting Technology Facilitated Child Sexual Exploitation and Abuse (TF-CSEA)?

Research literature included:

- Primary dataset: Peer-reviewed academic publications, reporting empirical research
- Secondary dataset: Gray literature (i.e., organizations' reports) to provide context around interventions.
- All publications and reports must discuss TF-CSEA-focused interventions.
- Intervention is fully developed, ready to deploy, or in deployment at any scale of geographic community and/or digital space.
- Published between January 2015 and July 2025.

Which interventions have been researched?



Source: Data based on manually coded articles collected on 17th July 2025 from databases.

Note: $n = 104$ (100%) intervention categories. The units of analysis here are occurrences of coded variables, not the number of publications coded. The other category includes parent-child discussion, CSEA, and the sentencing process.

What works?

Technological Tools and Protocols:

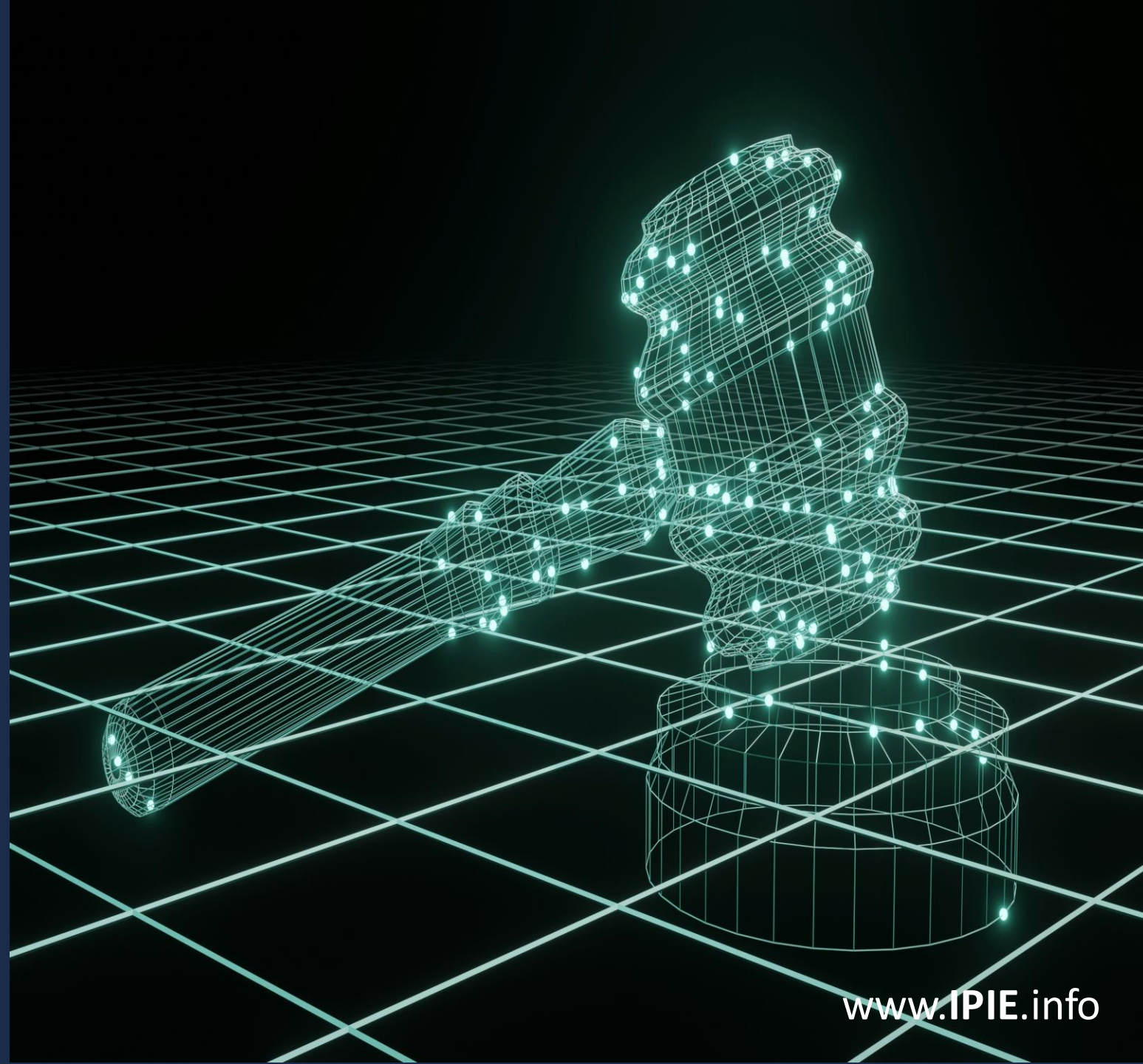
- CSAM filtering
- Automated content scanning
- A digital forensic method for finding CSAM downloaders and uploaders



What works?

Legal and Regulatory Interventions:

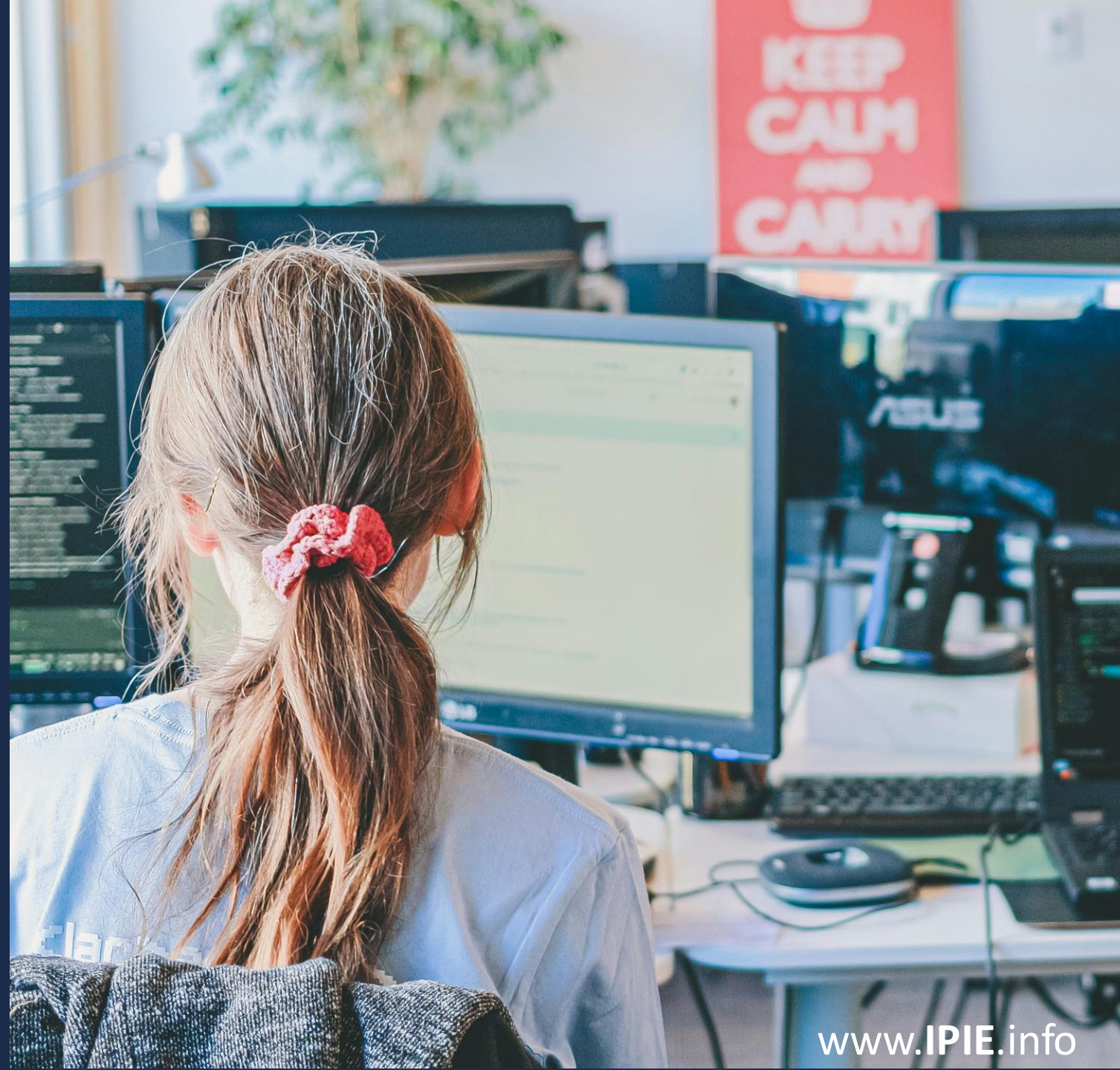
- Robust international and national laws, harmonizing criminal sanctions for TF-CSEA
- Legal mandate for platform accountability, with extra territorial scope
- Effective enforcement measures across jurisdictions



What works?

Behavioural Interventions (of those we saw):

- Automated warning, therapeutic and deterrent messages on internet users,
- Digital educational game, using inquiry-based learning to help children develop knowledge and awareness of online safety.



What's next for TF-CSEA interventions?

- Increased funding for research into interventions, and shared repositories of what works in practice
- Treat TF-CSEA as an ecosystem problem, requiring alignment across platforms, law enforcement, financial actors, and policymakers
- Move from detecting harm after it occurs to disrupting the systems that enable it, considering recruitment pathways, advertising, and offender coordination
- Stronger collaboration between law enforcement, researchers, and technology developers to improve detection tools responsibly.
- Extend financial reporting obligations to digital payment and gifting platforms to close gaps in combating technology-facilitated exploitation
- More balanced research funding, with priority given to behavioral studies that measure real-world impact over time, and the need for independent evaluation



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