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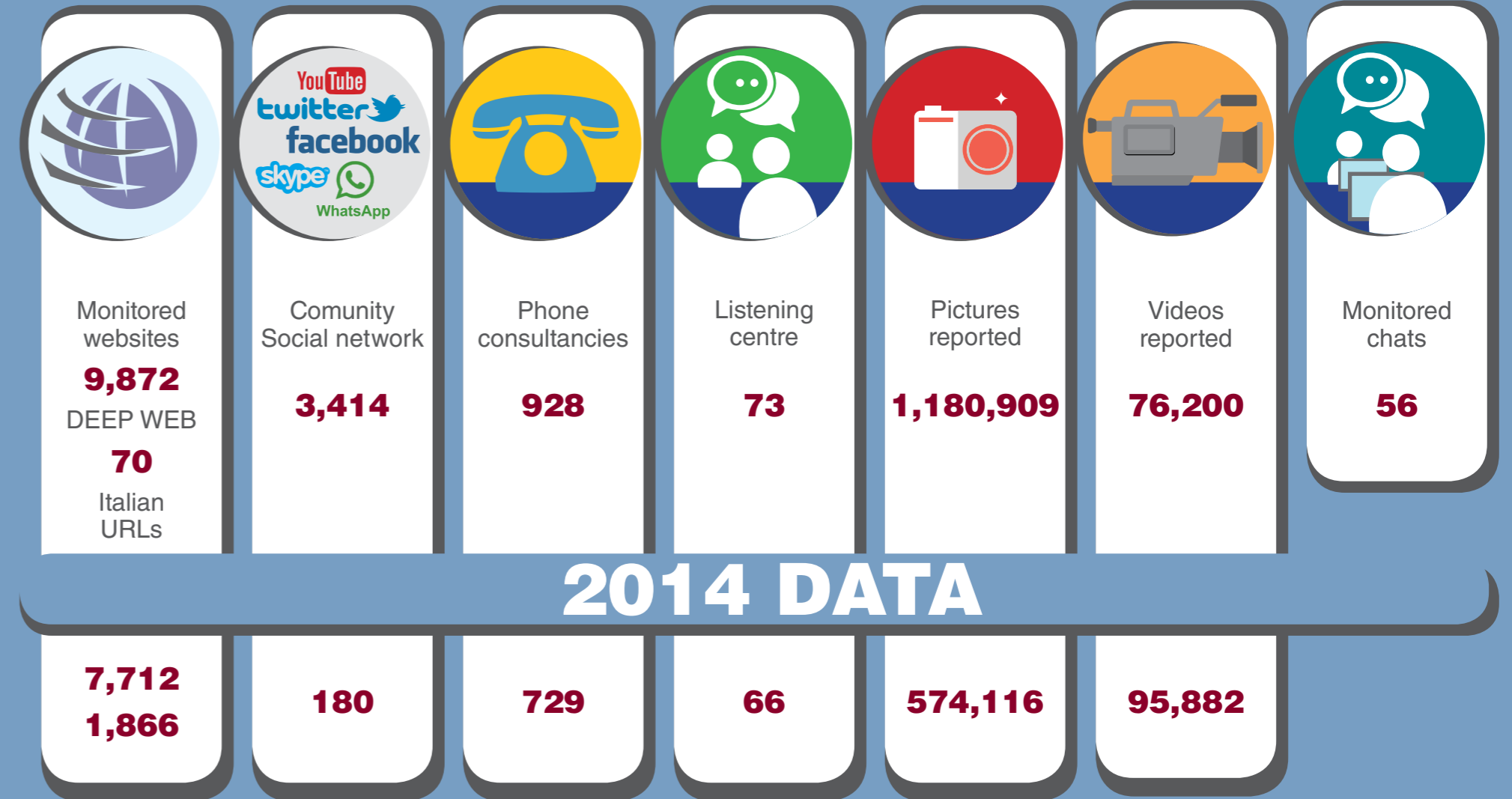
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Father Fortunato Di Noto

The founder and president of *Meter* Association NPO was born in Avola (SR) on February 18th 1963. He entered the seminary of the Diocese of Noto in September 1984, and began his philosophical and theological studies at the Theological Faculty “Saint Paul” in Catania. He continued his studies in Rome at the Pontifical Gregorian University, obtaining a degree in Church History.

Priest since September 3rd, 1991, he began his pastoral life as parish priest at the Diocesan Shrine of St. Maria Scala del Paradiso, and as priest of Sacred Heart parish of Noto and Avola Saint Venera parish. Since 1995 leads the Madonna del Carmine parish in Avola where, with a group of people animated by his same spirit, he founded *Meter* Association. Vicar Forane for the city of Avola and episcopal delegate for *Ordo Virginum* from 2015, Fr. Fortunato is a teacher of bioethics and ecclesiastical history.

Today he is internationally known for the fight against pedophilia and pedophiles to organizations; he is a bulkward of the defense of children’s rights and a reference point for all the families who live a condition of sexual abuse.



History of the association

Meter was born in Avola (SR) by Fr. Fortunato Di Noto’s will, who between 1989 and 1991 started to get passionate to new technologies: wonderful and positive tools that have also allowed the spread of horrors and violence. What Fr. Fortunato found on the Web even then was a real holocaust perpetrated through the production and dissemination of child pornography or otherwise against minors. The discovery of the first child pornographic images and proclamations of cultural pedophilia pushed Fr. Di Noto and founding members, who still follow him, in what would become their mission: to fight against pedophilia and child abuse, protecting children and their innocence. This is the basis of the Association’s name: *Meter* is a word of Greek origin meaning “welcome, womb,” and more broadly “protection and assistance.” This name stems from the need to entrench and promote the culture of children’s rights in ecclesial and lay environments.

Today the experience of *Meter* in the area of child protection, the fight against pedophilia and child pornography online, is a significant point of reference in Italy and is recognized worldwide as a leading



authority (from China to Japan, from the USA to Europe) in the prevention of childhood discomfort and designing interventions aimed at a real help to the victims of sexual abuse. Speaking of the fight against pedophilia, *Meter* works closely with the CNCPO (National Center for Fighting Child Pornography Online of the Italian Postal Police) thanks to a memorandum of understanding with the Italian Postal Police and various Italian Courts.

Meter team has always distinguished itself for its operations in informing and training all educational sectors. There are too many “orphans with living parents,” ad Fr. Fortunato says, that we have seen grow or live in this condition; as *Meter* we will make sure that the right to live in a peaceful family and society one day shall become a standard for all children and not a condition for the privileged few.



OS.MO.CO.P

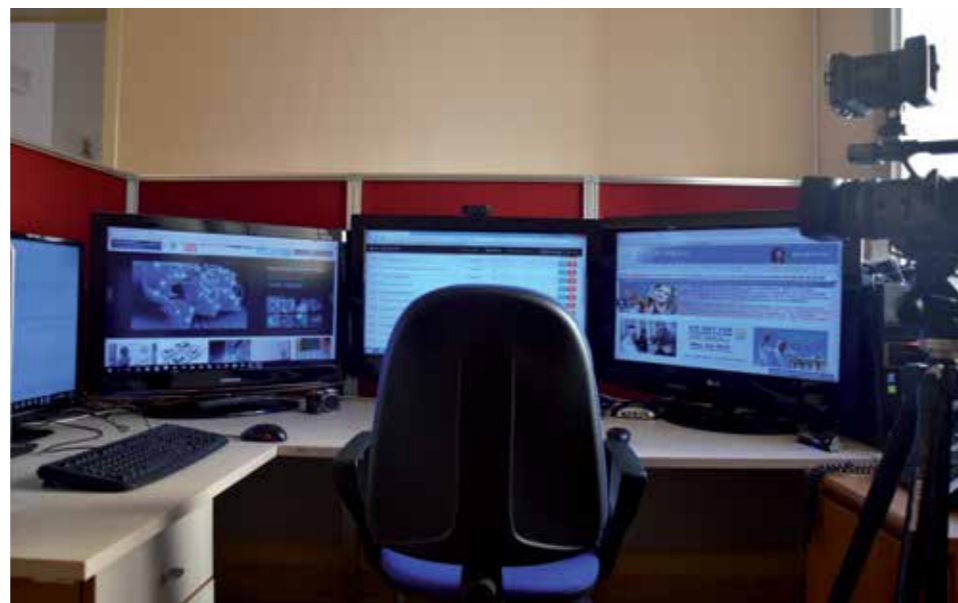
World Observatory for Contrast to Pedophilia

It is a highly specialized office in the research data on the Internet and the development of traffic flows for the fight against pedophilia and child pornography. Thanks to their long experience in almost thirty years of activity, Meter technicians have developed and make use of today highly sophisticated software for analyzing the Net, completed by a purpose-built platform that collects reports on website containing stuff on sexual abuse of children. In this way you can collect rapidly a large amount of information and submit a complete complaint to the competent authorities.

Instruments implemented by *Meter* require continuous adjustments to reflect technological developments in order to give more data as to identify cyber pedophile and contain or resolve the issue annexed (production and dissemination of child pornography, setting up of webportals and so on) .

OS.MO.CO.P. Technicians, with constantly updated skills, conduct an online research to analyze photos and video broadcasting and the spreading over the Net of files containing sexual violence against minors. The team is completed by psychologists and psychotherapists who, thanks to their experience, help to recognize the dynamics and

evolution of the psyche and emotions of those who use the network. this way, you can also take action to identify and prevent acts of cyber bullying, sexting, online enticement.



Meter Convention with the Italian Postal Police



REPUBBLICA ITALIANA
MINISTERO DELL'INTERNO



The OS.MO.CO.P. annually presents Internet monitoring reports against pedophilia and child pornography. They are documents with a degree of 100% reliability, since are the same as those available at the offices of the Ministry of Interior thanks to the agreement signed in 2008 between the Italian Postal and Communications Police and the *Meter* Association NPO. The agreement allows the constant comparison between the Italian State Police and *Meter* (National Headquarters). Sites placed at the top of the black list of the Italian Postal Police were often the subject of reports submitted by *Meter*. The agreement outlines the specific skills and tasks of the signatory parties establishing a common action in order to combat child pornography on the Internet and for the study of phenomena related to the use of the Net by minors, for not only repressive but also preventive and educational purposes.

For this reason, *Meter* offers the contribution of its experts, that allow the continuity of their education method between the monitoring and analysis of network phenomena and investigative purposes. In particular, the Association - thanks to its nearly thirty years of experience and presence in the UNICRI database - collaborates with CNPO Center (National Center for the Child Pornography Online Contrast) of the Italian State Police, in compliance with current regulations, for the identification of victims of sexual exploitation and production of child pornography.

The agreement between OS.MO.CO.P. and Postal Police allows to disclose knowledge, skills and experience of *Meter* to sensitize and train people to the appropriate use of the Internet and risk awareness that it can conceal, by providing the necessary guidelines to online child protection working on the territory. This through a series of initiatives such as:

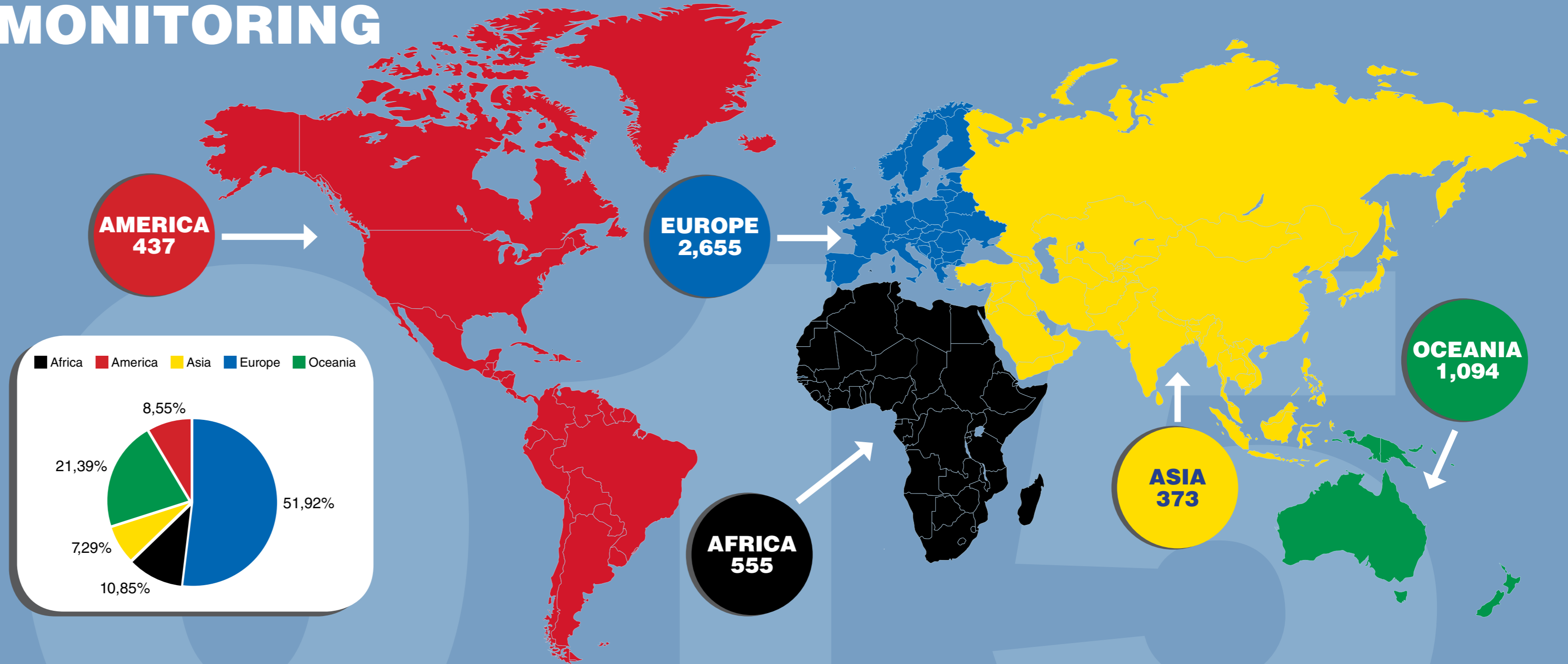
- highly specialized projects and training in the field of information technology, implemented by offering a specific service to our partners (Catholic Church, Italian Institutions, School and so on);
- social studies on the cultural phenomenon of pedophilia, online pedophilia and related information and prevention;
- education courses to a correct and responsible use of the Internet.

THE INTERNET MONITORING

ROLE OF THE 5 CONTINENTS

Europe, Oceania, Africa: these are the three continents on the unenviable podium of the production and exchange of child pornography. A “primacy” also maintained this year with results not dissimilar to those achieved in 2014 with regard to the spread of so-called “culture of pedophilia”, the series of proclamations, messages, invitations and pseudoscientific justifications justifying sex with children and pedophile abuse. Sometimes with political exploits as the Dutch “party of pedophiles”, sadly rose to world prominence during 2005 Dutch elections.

This is the new frontier in the fight against pedophilia, which finds Meter ready and active with a contrast action that results in over 50% of messages sent daily to Postal Police and to CNCPO.



Net domains and their characteristics Online pedophilia monitoring data

First level domain is the suffix (the “international nameplate”) of the Internet address which is located on the right side of the URL, and can be both generic and with the acronym of gTLD (Generic Top Level Domain). For example: .com, .org, .edu, .info, who express their qualification (.com for commercial sites, .org for organizations, .edu for schools, universities and, in general, institutions that deal with education, etc.); or, with the acronym ccTLD (Country Code Top Level Domain), which identifies the nation’s domain (for example: .it for Italy, .uk for the United Kingdom, .fr for France, etc.)

2nd level domains are composed of an extension (the top-level domain), and by a unique name recognition. The domain structure of a second level that is “nomedominio.estensione”

An example of a second-level domain is associazionemeter.org where “org” is the extension (TLD) and “associazionemeter” is the domain name of second level;

3rd level domains, also called subdomains, are hierarchically dependent on a “mother” second-level domain. Third-level domains have a structure as follows: nomesottodominio.nomedominio.estensione. Example, casa.associazionemeter.org

2003	8,680
2004	10,120
2005	9,044
2006	9,876
2007	3,480
2008	2,850
2009	7,240
2010	13,766
2011	20,390
2012	15,946
2013	6,389
2014	7,712
2015	9,872

Number of websites
Meter reported to Police



From 2003 to 2015
125,365
WEBSITES
REPORTED

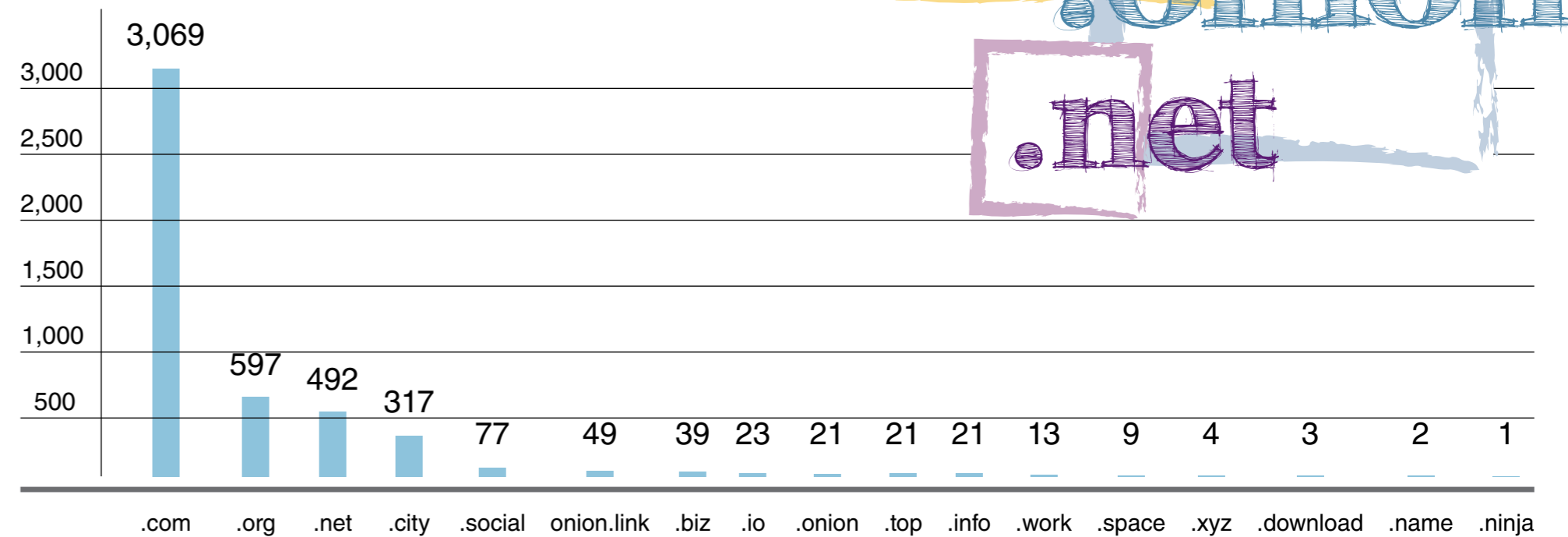
EUROPEAN DOMAINS			OCEANIAN DOMAINS			AMERICAN DOMAINS		
.ru	RUSSIA	1,569	.nz	NEW ZEALAND	561	.us	USA	381
.sk	SLOVAKIA	825	.to	TONGA	504	.vc	S. VINC. AND GRENAD.	23
.cz	CZECH REPUBLIC	89	.ws	WEST SAMOA	13	.pm	S. PIERRE AND MIQUEL.	13
.me	MONTENEGRO	67	.cc	COCOS ISLANDS	9	.sr	SURINAME	7
.se	SWEDEN	37	.pw	PALAU	4	.gd	GRENADA	5
.de	GERMANY	18	.au	AUSTRALIA	2	.tt	TRINIDAD & TOBAGO	4
.eu	EUROPEAN UNION	12	.tk	TUKELAU <small>(New Zealand)</small>	1	.ar	ARGENTINA	2
.es	SPAIN	9	TOTAL	1,094	.bz	BELIZE	2	
.it	ITALY	8	AFRICAN DOMAINS		TOTAL	437		
.su	FORMER USSR	6	.st	MAURITIUS	274	ASIAN DOMAINS		
.lv	LATVIA	5	.ly	LIBYA	171	.in	INDIA	326
.re	REUNION	4	.yt	MAYOTTE	77	.jp	JAPAN	24
.ua	UKRAINE	3	.sh	SAINT HELENA <small>(British Overseas Territory)</small>	19	.cn	CHINA	7
.ch	SWITZERLAND	2	.ga	GABON	6	.kz	KAZAKISTAN	7
.li	LITHUANIA	1	.bi	BURUNDI	5	.tw	TAIWAN	5
TOTAL	2,655		.gq	EQUATORIAL GUINEA	2	.am	ARMENIA	3
			.ug	UGANDA	1	.tj	TAJIKISTAN	1
			TOTAL	555	TOTAL	373		

First level domains **5,114**

FIRST LEVEL DOMAIN					
.ru	RUSSIA	1,569	.pm	S. PIERRE AND MIQUEL.	13
.sk	SLOVAKIA	825	.ws	WEST SAMOA	13
.nz	NEW ZEALAND	561	.eu	EUROPEAN UNION	12
.to	TONGA	504	.cc	COCOS ISLANDS	9
.us	USA	381	.it	ITALY	8
.in	INDIA	326	.sr	SURINAME	7
.st	MAURITIUS	274	.kz	KAZAKISTAN	7
.ly	LIBYA	171	.es	SPAIN	7
.cz	CZECH REPUBLIC	89	.cn	CHINA	7
.yt	MAYOTTE	77	.lv	LATVIA	7
.me	MONTENEGRO	67	.ga	GABON	6
.se	SWEDEN	37	.su	FORMER USSR	6
.jp	JAPAN	24	.tw	TAIWAN	5
.vc	S. VINC. AND GRENAD.	23	.gd	GRENADA	5
.sh	SAINT HELENA <small>(British Overseas Territory)</small>	19	.bi	BURUNDI	5
.de	GERMANY	18	.tt	TRINIDAD & TOBAGO	4
TOTAL					5,114

9,872

GENERIC AND SPECIFIC DOMAINS

1st level generic domains **4,758**

THE INTERNET MONITORING

Monitoring Deep Web political and social responsibilities

The Deep Web (the hidden part of the Internet) is the free space in which criminal associations from around the world expand their trades. This phenomenon has moved exponentially in this uncontrollable free zones and that makes it difficult for the immediate intervention of the police all over the world. For this reason *Meter*, to avoid seeing frustrated their reporting work, has shifted its focus on research and cataloging of telematic archives that exist here.

Deep Web is a submerged area of the Internet very difficult to detect and explore, so the police forces of all States should cooperate to coordinate themselves, avoiding the loss and waste of vital information for the immediate contrast of pedo web criminal and the immediate release of the children involved in this ugly market of unprecedented violence. To date, in spite of requests and appeals, *Meter* does not receive proper attention from the international police forces in front of the need to collaborate on a battlefield that only *Meter* can carry on using the skills acquired in the field. Monitoring on online pedophilia work remains a subject also ignored by the political forces that have no interest in putting on the agenda and at the forefront this important fight against pedophilia and crime organizations linked to it. All that we can not do, is certainly at the expense of small victims: people often remains silent as they wait and watch more children involved in this atrocity, because the web gives no respite nor stops. We expect that those who bear active supervisory responsibilities shall not remain silent about what happens daily on the web. And the same sensitivity we expect from ordinary citizens, because children are the future for all of us.



THE INTERNET MONITORING

Pedophile stuff disclosed across the Net and reported by Meter to Italian Police

And now... a bit of censorship. In the name of the law

I am that child, but I can not show my face. We cannot show neither the face nor abuse suffered by these small victims, because the law forbids it (otherwise, the offense would be that of *child pornography disclosure*). But if the law prevents us to show the suffering of small and weak, to remain silent would make us guilty of connivance. This is a thing we cannot afford.

In this section we are forced to leave white spaces: It is here where we wanted to show you pictures of babies abused, tortured and reduced in inhumane conditions. In a few words: sexual slavery. And not just pictures of babies, but also of children arriving up to 13 years old.

We cannot show photos and video because the law forbids it; but, on the Internet, pedophiles offer this kind of stuff and more else, often being unpunished. This happens because laws are not the same around the World, because Justice of certain countries is not very effective, because people lack of adequate culture to fight against pedophilia. This fight should become, first of all, a struggle to protect children and infancy at any costs.

We would like to raise shame and awareness in all of you that little or nothing has been made to combat sexual exploitation of children, pedophilia and child pornography.

We cannot understand what is the reason of this silence, that became a silence almost conniving and complacent, in front of sexual abuse on small children (a silence shared even by those who are responsible for the protection and guarantee of children's rights). Meanwhile, the number of videos and photos depicting child pornography and sex abuse rocketed. These are numbers that would shock any sensible person, dad, mom, and even all mankind. Thanks to the guilty and hypocritical silence of all of us.

Reported data allowed us to launch investigations in Italy and around the world leading to numerous arrests for possession, disclosure of of child pornography stuff and sexual exploitation of children.



0 to 3 years old
Pictures 8,745
Videos 4,199

4 to 13 yo
Pictures
1,172,164

4 to 13 yo
Videos
72,001

Social Networks and Internet services

The world of social networks, created in 2004 thanks to Facebook, is in continuous and tumultuous growth. It is a diverse reality in which in addition to "classic" FB other social networks have been established, then leading to the spread of pedophile material. Because one thing is certain: the risks of sexual harassment for children surfing on social networks it is growing. A pedophile needs just of a fake profile to eliminate age or cultural differences that normally set limits in face to face relations between minors and adults. With the social network the pedophile may, without exposing himself, implement "soft" forms of verbal harassment or first approaches in order to encourage a real encounter with the child. Here it is that the social network becomes for young people not only a means of communication simple and charming, but complex and full of pitfalls.

In such a vast world, of course, even pedophiles have their choices and their network of choice. **Bitly**, which is not a social network but a URL shortening service, totals more alerts, followed by: **Vkontakte**, founded in 2006, is the largest social network in Russia

and throughout the former Soviet Union; It is available for now in 41 languages and is accessible to any age group. **Facebook** is a social networking service launched in 2004. It is available in over 70 languages. The site is free for users and since September 26th, 2006, anyone with more than 13 years can participate. Although there is a minimum age for enrollment, to date there are no regulations that control the age veracity user declared: this allows any child under age 13 to participate violating the terms of service of the site and becoming so easy prey for a pedophile telematics. *Meter* has often forwarded reports, noting with satisfaction the help and attention received by social networks ready to shut down suspect profiles.



Pedophilia monitoring on Social networks and tools

2014 DATA		2015 DATA	
LINKBUGS	63	BITLY	3,068
VKONTAKTE	34	VKONTAKTE	107
FACEBOOK	32	LINKBUGS	80
BLOGSPOT	20	FACEBOOK	66
GOOGLE+	20	GOOGLE+	56
AL FEMMINILE	5	TWITTER	22
ASK	4	BLOGSPOT	10
YOU TUBE	1	YOU TUBE	5
TWITTER	1	TOTAL	3,414
TOTAL	180		



Pedophilia and data archives

Compared to previous years, the attention paid by Meter on the Deep Web has moved on computerized archives. With an advantage over pedophiles: archives are more vulnerable and identifiable.



Dropbox allows you to take anywhere your photos, documents and videos and share them easily. It is possible to access any file saved in Dropbox from all your computers, Phone, iPad and even the Dropbox website.

Links 677 **Pictures** 30,332 **Videos** 12,634



iCloud by Apple Computer stores your content and automatically keeps them up to date on all your devices. Setting up iCloud on your devices is easy and it is equally easy to use.

Links 89 **Pictures** 2,683 **Videos** 3,791



Box.com is a useful cloud service that allows you to always have your data and you can download them wherever we are.

Links 83 **Pictures** 50,637 **Videos** 22,677



Mega, born in 2013, is used for digital encryption. It's very popular with pedophiles because, being an archive used for commercial purposes, that lets them camouflage in a better way child pornography archives containing pictures and videos.

Links 80 **Pictures** 3,758 **Videos** 3,009

2014		2015	
Reports to CNCPO	1,453	Reports to CNCPO	3,169
Reported websites	7,712	Reported websites	9,872
Italian websites	14	Italian websites	18
Total reports 2003- '15	115,493	Total reports 2003- '15	125,365
Report Form compiled by netsurfers	388	Report Form compiled by netsurfers	4,601
Social networks	180	Social networks	3,414
Deep Web	1,866	Deep Web - Italian websites	70

How to interpret the data?

2015 saw a total of 3,169 Meter protocols sent by the Italian Postal Police - National Centre for the Child Pornography Online Contrast (CNCPO), evidence of a continued collaboration, alive and productive in the fight against pedophile crime.

The number of WEBSITES reported in 2015 is 9,872 compared to 7,712 the previous year.

It has been observed an increase in the number of alerts, social networks, 3,414 compared to only 180 in 2014.

The accuracy and reliability of data emerges from the comparison with the data in the possession of the Italian Postal Police, Catania Office. Other reports have been also sent to foreign police forces.

The psychological dynamics of pedophile



How does the human being work?

Human being appears divided in its manifestations, as if it were inhabited by another self. One experiences on the one hand as the subject of rationality, the ego, and the other as subject to something you do not respond and which has been given the name of instinct. Even neuroscience confirm that the will, expressed through the consciousness and the ego, little can and knows what happens in that space of mental processes to which the two have no access. Biology that affects the human being is different from animal biology,

the practice of sexuality does not respond to the rules of nature. The absence of biological regulation, means that human being is subject to a sexuality that does not develop, how in the world of nature, according to a purposive and linear model, but is subject to anticipatory and unpredictable effects. Contrary to the animal world the human being knows to be perverse. The perverse guy (for example a pedophile) feels a kind of pleasure in the enjoyment that derives from, in this case for the pedophile, images of children on the Internet. This particular pleasure, which is fair to call enjoyment, is what one feels in the relationship with all the objects that make it possible. In this particular report, you have not to wonder as you meet the pleasure felt by a pedophile as the enjoyment of a baby/child reduced to a sexual object.

Classification of pedophile

Seducer pedophile: very affectionate, makes gifts to the child and with his manipulative skills obtains the complicity, guaranteeing silence.

Introvert pedophile: hardly uses seductive approaches, communicating very little with the kids.

Sadistic pedophile: is the most dangerous. Takes pleasure in seeing babies suffering physically and psychologically. He tends traps and uses his strength to carry out kidnappings with the extreme consequence of killing the victim.

Voyeur pedophile: he does not abuse concretely children, but benefits from the child pornography that is on the internet or in the criminal market on the Deep Web full of photos and movies. While not producing material, he enjoys the stuff sold by other pedophiles and wants more pictures or movies, increasing this way the demand for this stuff on the criminal market.

Regardless of the causes that lead an adult to be attracted to a child, medical therapies do not always lead to a resolution.

Psychotherapy often clashes with the issue that the pedophile does not admit he has a problem.

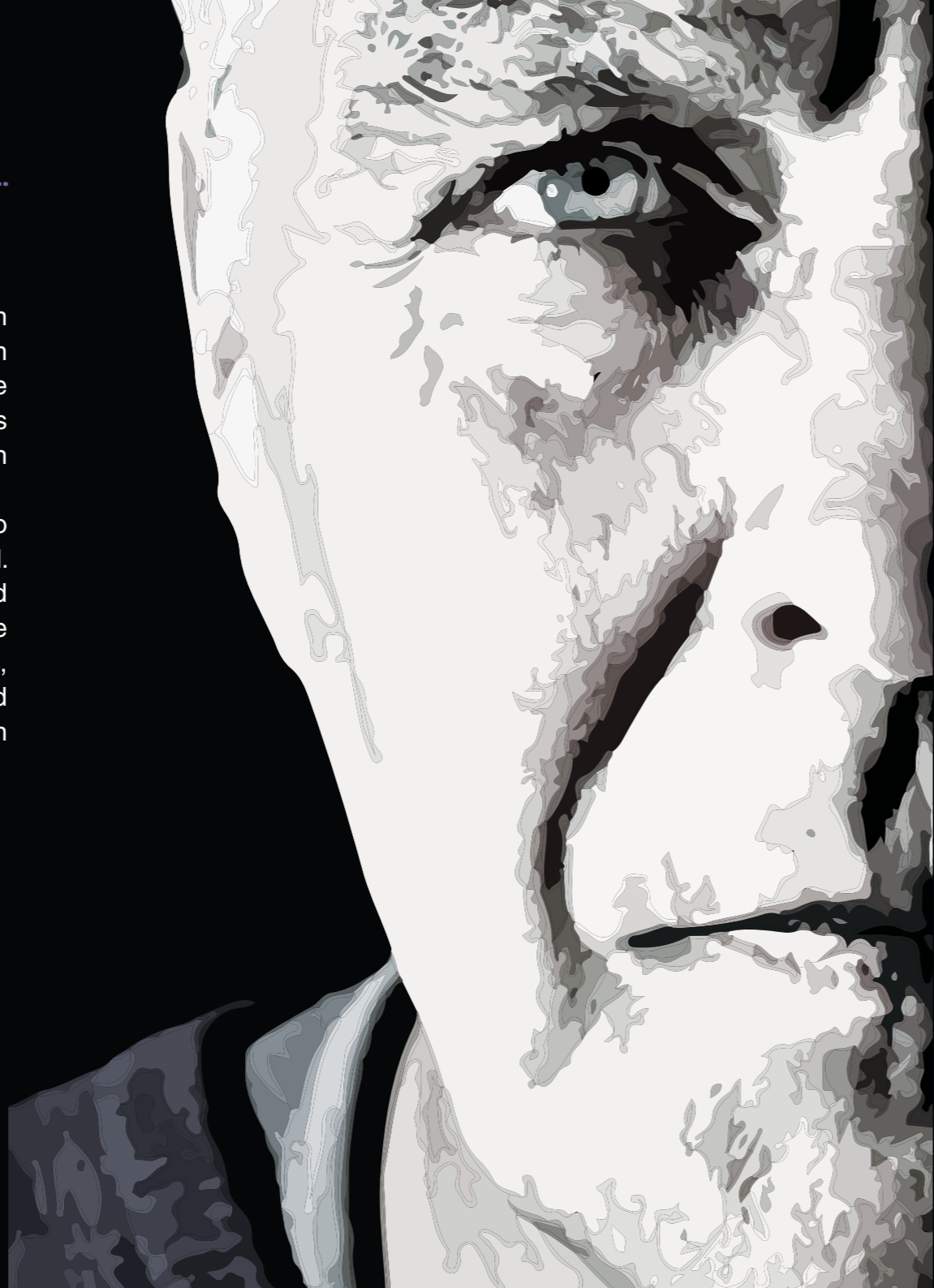
Drug therapy has shown poor results because psychological factors play a significant role in determining the behavior of a pedophile.

pleasure
seduction
abuse
death

The pedophile

You may think that a pedophile is a monster, a person one can distinguish in the crowd: in fact it is usually an absolutely common person, often with a good social position, unexpected and very close to the child he is going to (or he wants to) abuse. For example: his father, mother, uncle, grandfather, neighbor or otherwise to a person who has gained the confidence of the child.

Pedophiles often are male and feel a strong sexual attraction to prepubescent children, ie aged between zero and thirteen years old. This type of attraction sometimes remain latent for a long time and can be triggered by events or random situations like getting into close contact with the baby, smell his skin, see ambiguous photographs, touch the child in a particular way or know people who they have had sexual experiences with children and talk about their experiences in a very positive way.



The **American Psychiatric Association** (APA) has approved the definitive diagnostic criteria for the fifth edition of the Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders (DSM known by the abbreviation V)

Diagnostic criteria for Pedophilia

- During a period of at least six months, fantasies, sexual urges, or recurring behaviors, and intensely exciting sexually, involving sexual activity with a prepubescent child or children (generally 13 years old or younger).
- Fantasies, sexual impulses or behaviors cause clinically significant distress or impairment in social, occupational, or other important areas of functioning.
- The subject has at least 16 years and is at least 5 years older than the child or children.

Note

Do not include a late teenager subject involved in an ongoing sexual relationship with a subject of 12-13 years.

Specify if:

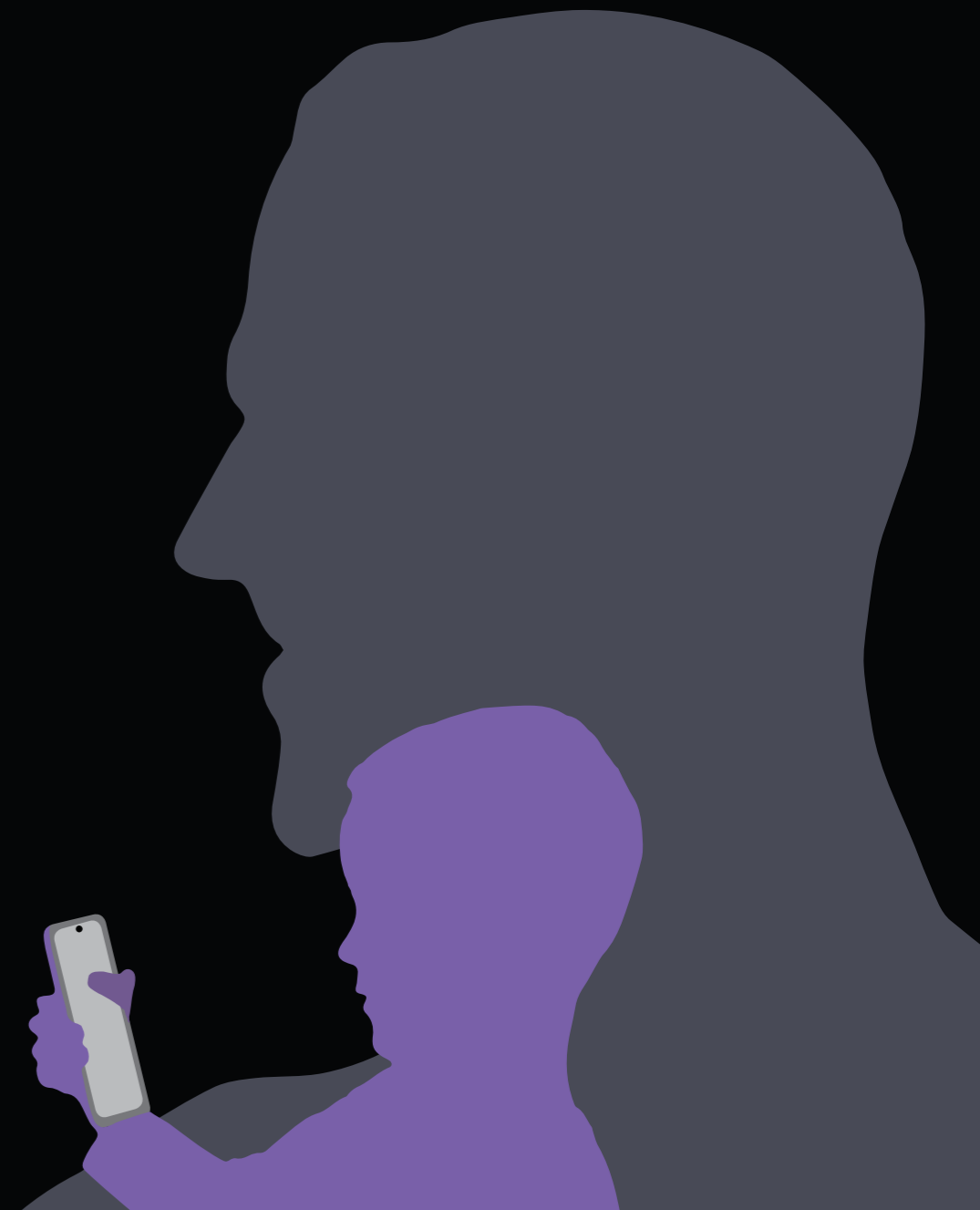
- Sexually Attracted to Males
- Sexually Attracted to Females
- Sexually Attracted to Both

Specify if:

incest limited

Specify type:

- Exclusive Type (attracted only by children)
- Type Non-Exclusive



What are the advantages of the Internet for pedophiles?

Guarantee of anonymity

It is possible to make contact with minors and groped to lure them

Construction of *ad hoc* sites, through which they can exchange personal experiences, photos and child pornography

The possibility of joining together to create associations or trading community, information, reports

One can find companies that speculate not only on the material but also in real children (pedosexual tourism)



Social networks allow the enjoyment of a cyberpedophile in two ways:

Enjoyment by the word

Pedophiles, in sharing their thoughts on the Net, express an irrepensible desire to spread and communicate to another participant his own experience of pleasure satisfaction. The other is searched, questioned and made part of an event that requires a personal presence making him, at the same time, the viewer and accomplice of an enjoyment. To the enjoyment of the word itself they can add the enjoyment of the talk about their fantasies and unspeakable desires. To say the unsayable adds a surplus in the enjoyment that comes in having not only crossed the limit but also sharing this with to another guy.

Visual enjoyment

The Pedophile “voyeur” hiding to observe. He wants to see everything: here comes his taste for child pornography, which can be enjoyed through the dissemination of images and their obscenity.

The cyberpedophile

The pedophile who surfs the Internet is defined cyberpedophile. The cyberpedophile knows how to use technologies at best to achieve their goals.

There are different types of pedophiles who use the network:

Closet collector: jealously guards his child pornography collection and is never personally involved in child abuse;

Isolated collector: collects child pornography, by choosing a particular category, and is directly involved in the abuse of minors;

Cottage collector: shares his collection and his sexual activities with others, but not profiting;

Commercial collector: he is personally involved in the sexual exploitation of minors and produces and sells copies of pictures and movies containing child pornography.



LISTENING CENTER AND FIRST ACCEPTANCE



It is **the heart of Meter**, a helpful relationship, in which who is listening and the listened one unite themselves in a mutual relationship in order to create a welcoming and safe environment that enables the cure of psychological and emotional distress. Empathy and skills also allow us to provide information and answers on child psychological distress (or abuse) problems and, in particular, sexual, physical and psychological abuse, pedophilia and all situations in which the safety of children is affected. It is here that, every day, we work tirelessly to coordinate the activities characterizing the associative spirit of *Meter*. Listening Center operates by activating a network cooperation between the institutions on the local territory, in order to ensure a more adequate response to emerging needs.

Organization and operation

- *Reception*: receiving people in situations of need, putting them at ease and providing them clarifying elements in order for this service;
- *Listening*: meeting people with the maximum availability of time, discretion and understanding of their issues;
- *Orientation*: sending people, if necessary, to structures or local services that best meet the needs expressed.

Specifically, the Listening Center:

- offers psychological, legal, information technology, medical, spiritual assistance;
- leads to a sociological, legal, psychological research.

“Listening is an art” is a service provided by *Meter* that allows you to accommodate children and families through the active center in the National Headquarters on the Italian territory. It can be contacted using the **toll free number 800 455 270** and via *Meter* web chat.

Various communication channels meet and facilitate immediately the calls for help we receive daily.

73
CASES FOLLOWED

928
PHONE
CONSULTANCIES

66
CASES FOLLOWED

729
PHONE
CONSULTANCIES

In 2015

In 2014

Through the interview and telephone response records it is possible to quantify the people who were accepted, heard and oriented through the Listening Center, you may call at national headquarters, regional operating offices, and by toll free number. 2015 data indicate 73 calls/cases received and analyzed in 2015, 53 of them only from Sicily. It is increasing the number of people asking for help Association (2014, 66 cases; 2015, 73), but the greater importance of the Sicilian territory (see table of provenance) is indicative of the presence of the national headquarters. Issues, as the table shows, are various, but mostly the cases handled in 2015 relate to family problems (23 of 73) and sexual abuse (18 of 73), consistent with data reported in the 2014 edition of our Meter Report. From the data shown on the next page there is a noticeable increase also of telephone consultations (Toll free and Institutional phone number +39 0931-564872). We received 928 in 2015 from Italy and abroad, 729 in 2014. Phone counseling requests are very different, but they assume greater importance spiritual advice (77), interviews (40), consulting for alleged sexual abuse and dating over time (23), legal advice (21), reports of suspicious sites (17), psychological counseling for sexual abuse (17). Even in this case, the largest number of phone calls concern Sicily (652 of 928) in the National Headquarters.

Incoming calls from

SICILY	53
LAZIO	6
CALABRIA	3
LIGURIA	2
APULIA	1
EMILIA ROMAGNA	1
LOMBARDY	1
MARCHE	1
ABRUZZO	1
OTHER ITALIAN REGIONS	0
FOREIGN CALLS	3
ANONYMOUS CALLS	3
TOTAL	73

Problem

Family Difficulties	23
Sexual abuse	18
Relationship difficulties	7
Anxiety	5
Internet dangers	5
Bullying and cyberbullying	4
Sexual harassments	4
Online enticement	3
Physical abuse	2
Sexting	1
Detention of child pornography	1
Total	73



In 2015

73

CASES FOLLOWED



From 2002 to 2015

1,126
CASES FOLLOWED

Incoming calls from

ITALY	
SICILY	652
LAZIO	101
CALABRIA	45
LOMBARDY	31
CAMPANIA	17
MARCHE	13
VENETO	12
APULIA	11
PIEDMONT	8
LIGURIA	6
TUSCANY	6
SARDINIA	4
EMILIA ROMAGNA	4
FRIULI VENEZIA GIULIA	3
UMBRIA	2
BASILICATA	2
ABRUZZO	1
MOLISE	0
TRENTINO ALTO ADIGE	0
AOSTA VALLEY	0
ANONYMOUS CALLS	6
FOREIGN CALLS	4
TOTAL	928

CALLS FROM ABROAD

POLAND	1
ALBANIA	1
SLOVAKIA	1
TAIWAN	1
TOTAL	4

Typology of consultancies

Various consultancies	668
Spiritual consultancy	77
Interviews	40
Sexual abuse, also alleged or happened years ago	23
Law consultancies	21
Suspect website reporting	17
Psychological consultancies on sexual abuse	17
Consulenza informatica/adescamento online	16
Psychological consultancies on familiar difficulties or other	12
School consultancies	10
Media reporting and other	6
Sexual abuses on children discovered after years and perpetrated by first – degree relatives	5
Sons disputed because of a separation	4
Thesis	4
Mistreatment complaint	3
Cyberbullying, cyberstalking, online pedophilia	3
Foster care and adoptions <small>(service activated in October 2015)</small>	2
Total	928

In 2015

928

PHONE
CONSULTANCIES

From 2002 to 2015

25,379
PHONE
CONSULTANCIES

Consultancy centers for schools

Meter acts within the School thanks to Protocols of Understanding signed between the Association and the Education Institutes of all levels. The aim is to establish an agreement that has as its ultimate goal the establishment of an educational alliance for a preventive intervention of uncomfortable situations shown by pupils (eg. Interpersonal difficulties, learning disorders, bullying or isolation, forms of addiction and violence associated with new technologies).

This service has been present within the schools for many years, recognized by teachers and families for giving voice to children's hardships.

Through information, awareness, education and psycho-educational intervention it is possible to provide direct support to schools which present management difficulties for childhood and adolescent issues. The Consulting Branches are set up inside the school buildings in order to:

- organize meetings with the families of pupils at risk, supporting them in suitable means of communicating with their children;
- intervene with appropriate tools against pupils on such a traumatic event suffered may have blocked the growth process;
- intervene in the recovery of particularly "difficult" pupils who have held dangerous or menacing behaviors or repeat offences;
- works as a link between schools and families to improve the dialogue between the two educational agencies and implement joint actions in order to find as soon as possible a solution to the problems presented by children;
- Organize conferences and training courses for adults (parents, educators, teachers) in order to be able to decode the signals of distress that the child expresses rarely using a verbal mode and often expressed as "covered" messages.

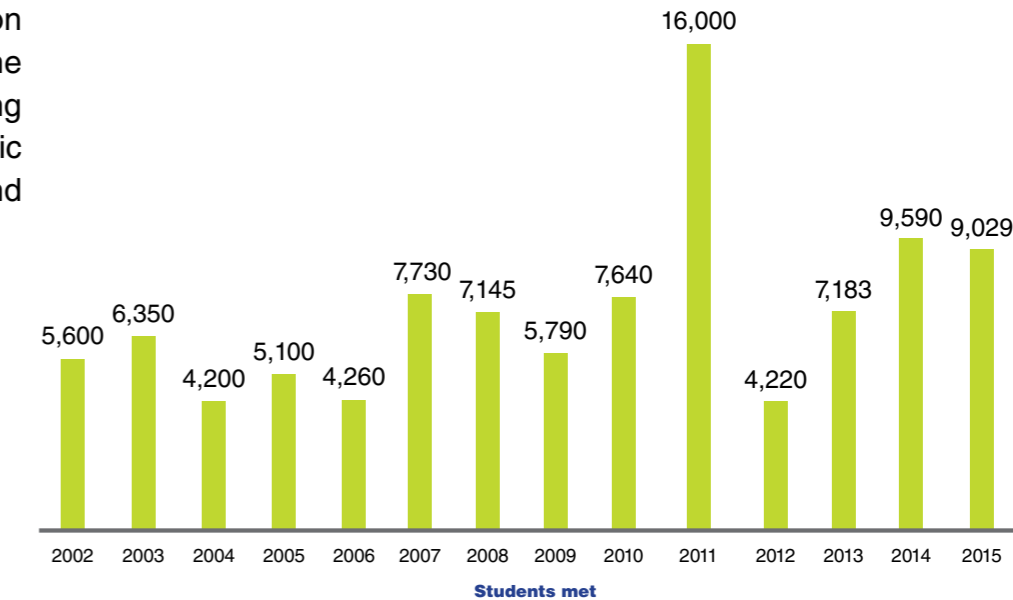
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MEETINGS WITH SCHOOLS IN 2015



The data reported enable us to highlight the continuing commitment of the Consultancy Centre for schools. Specifically, 1,355 are teachers met during training courses and conferences on these topics: bullying and cyberbullying, Internet and new media, child abuse and child abuse, protecting children's rights. In addition, 9,029 students have been met to prevention, education and intervention aimed to educate affectivity and emotion management, good use of the Internet and new media, children's rights and the resolution of the problems of the students reported the Consulting Centre (eg. difficulty in managing emotions, relationship difficulties, specific learning disabilities, conduct disorders) and to prevention of bullying and cyberbullying.

9,029
STUDENTS MET IN 2015
1,355
TEACHERS MET IN 2015



From 2002 to 2015
99,837
STUDENTS MET

Investigation on children and the Net Children emotions and behaviours on the Internet

Communicating on the Internet, for each child, it has many advantages but it could also be a trap. Meter continues to engage in training to a more conscious use of the Internet not only children who use it, but also adults: parents, teachers, educators because they have the knowledge and the tools to protect children from the dangers of the Net . Therefore, the Association considered it appropriate to conduct a survey on Internet use.

Hypothesis

The goal of our fact-finding investigation is to understand the use of the Network and how it can influence the emotions and the behavior of children.

Recipients

The survey was conducted on a probability sample consisting of 1,601 participants balanced by sex (763 males, 838 females) and aged between 10 and 13 years, attending classes first, second and third secondary school first grade located on the national territory. The field survey involved 14 schools including the cities of Avola, Florida, Priolo Gargallo, Modica, Gela, Piazza Armerina, Lamezia Terme, Portici. 1,601 questionnaires were compiled and analyzed. Despite being guaranteed anonymity, some subjects of the sample did not respond to some item, so the latter were analyzed according to the number of responses given. The considerable size of our sample and the number of schools involved to assess a representative sample of the population being surveyed.

Procedure

The procedure involved the administration of a structured questionnaire at predetermined fixed alternatives, consisting of closed questions. Also it provides open-ended questions to thoroughly explore some aspects of closed questions. The questionnaire consists of 27 items, built specifically for the purpose of the research.

Since questionnaires relate to minors, the questionnaire was delivered after students signed specific authorizations, guaranteeing the anonymity of the questionnaire. This procedure involved filling the questionnaire into the classroom during school hours. The duration of this test was approximately 20 minutes.

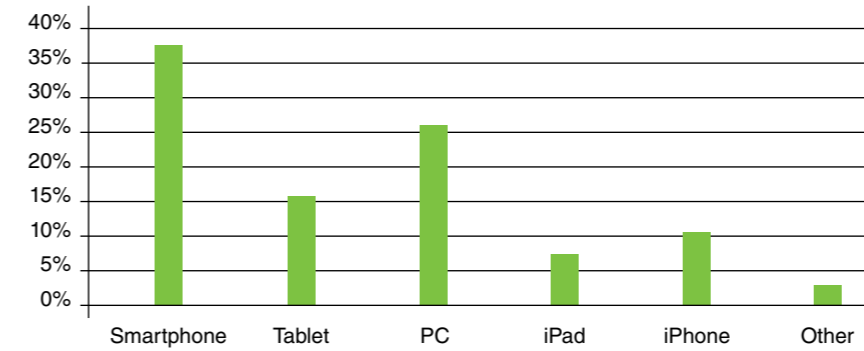
Results

Analysis of the data indicates that children surf the Internet via smartphones (37%), PC (26%), tablets (16%), iPhone (11%), iPad (7%), other device (3%) (item 2), use the Internet to chat (26%), download music and photos (22%), play (19%), surf the web (18%), for homeworks (15%), as can be seen in graphs 1 and 2.

Moreover, in item 3, were no significant differences related to gender variables; males prefer to play online games (61% vs 39%), while females prefer chatting (57.2% vs 42.8%), and download photos and music (59.1% vs 40.9%), as in Figure 3.

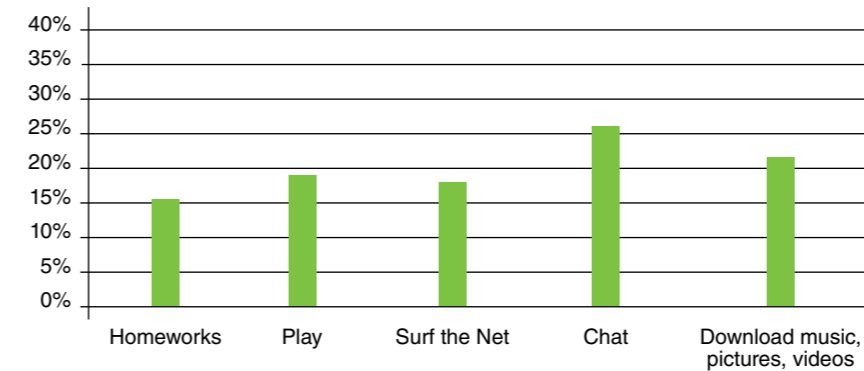
Gr. 1 - Item 2

What kind of device do you use to surf?

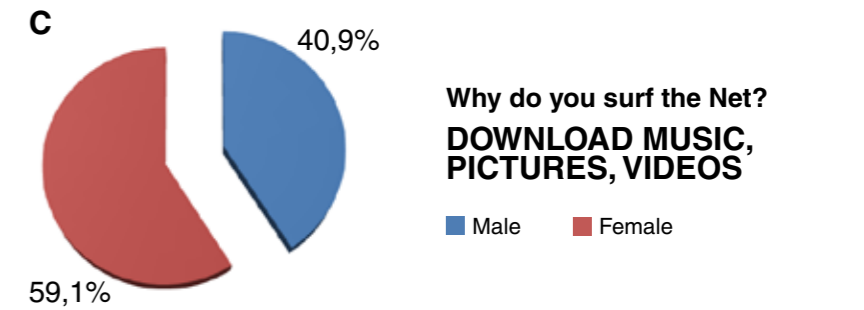
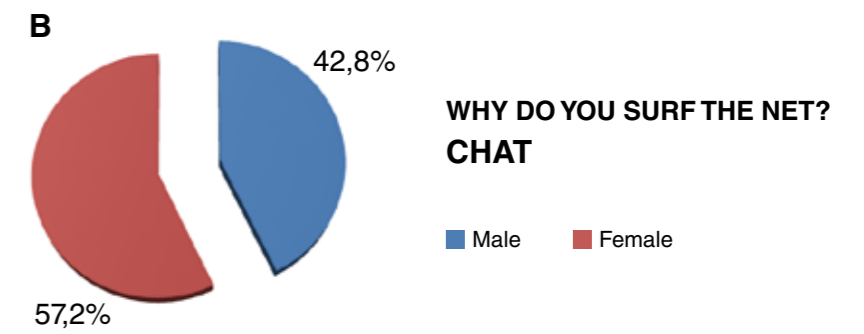
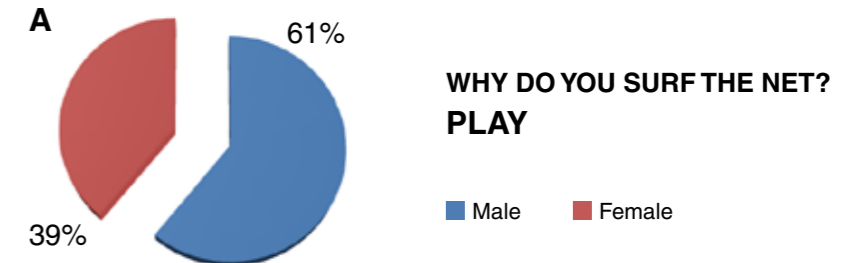


Gr. 2 - Item 3

Why do you surf the Net?



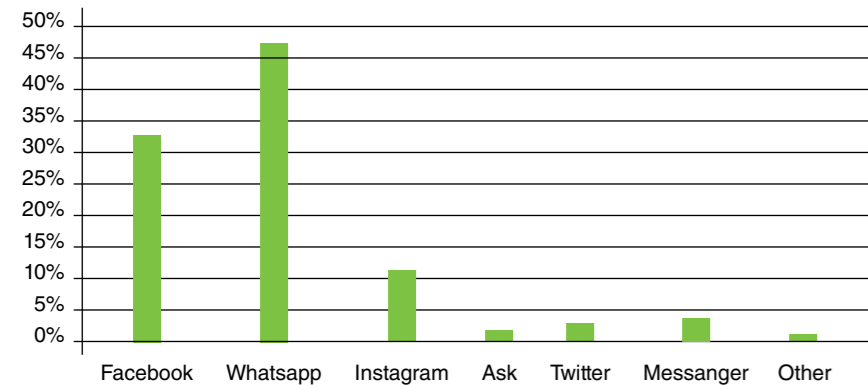
Gr. 3 - Gender difference - Item 3



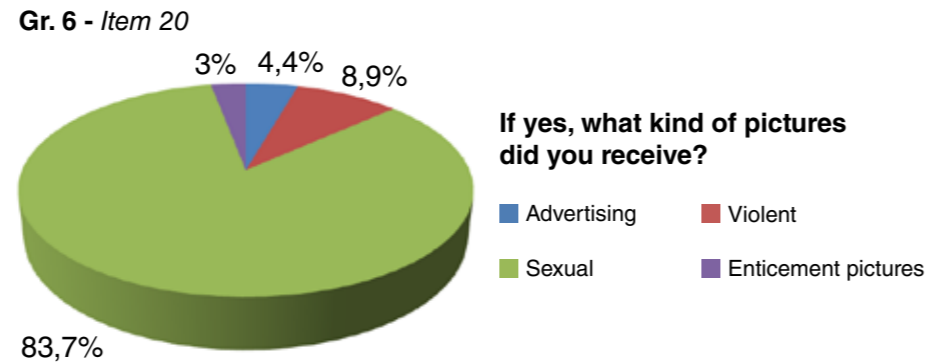
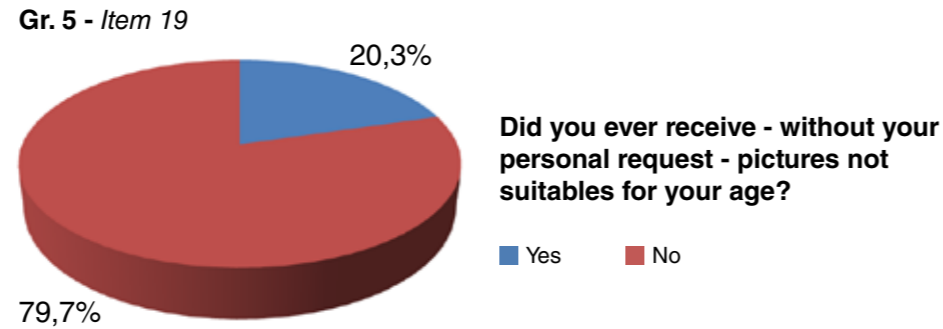
96.4% of children are using Youtube, especially for watching videos and listening to music (79.5%), download video and music (16.3%), insert videos (4.3%). Specifically, the children claim to enter, listen and look at the following types of videos: 57.6% music, comedians 28.1%, 14.3% play, the 0.1% sexual. Analysis of the data indicated differences related to gender variables, females prefer to enter, listen and watch music videos (67.4% vs 32.6), males prefer games (79.6% vs 20.4%).

81% of children use the Internet to chat through the following social networks: Whatsapp (47.1%), Facebook (32.6%), Instagram (11.2%), Messenger (3.6%), Twitter (2.8%), Ask (1.7%), other social networks (1.1%), as shown in graph 4.

Gr. 4 - Item 6
What kind of social network or chat do you use?



In reference to the variable of gender, females use social networks more than males, consistently to item 3. In particular, females prefer to use WhatsApp (58.6% vs 41.4%) and Twitter than males (66 % vs 34%). The data reported from this investigation have clearly shown that 23.7% (vs. 76.3%) of children say they have received images not suitable for their age (item 19), as in Figure 5. Specifically, 83.7% of the images are of a sexual nature (eg. photos of naked people),



8.9% severe (eg. children raped by ISIS), 4.4% commercial, aimed at 3% priming, item 20.

Findings can not be defined as a statistically significant, but it should be noted that every number hides a child: then 382 children have received about 1,601 images not appropriate for their age, without their consent, in their electronic device. Also 4 children of 10 years, the lowest age of our sample, claim to have received messages and photos aimed at soliciting; there is a 3:1 ratio among children of female and children of male sex (75% vs. 25%). The figure recorded allows you to put in light the potential risks to which they are exposed in the use of social networks, the seemingly private chats and through their smartphones which gives the possibility to get in touch with the world. Not all parents are aware of the reception of this type of images, as 36.6% of children “sometimes” surfs the net with their parents, 24.2% “rarely”, 20.2% “ never “, 14.7%” often “, 4.2%” always. “ From the resulting data you can provide more information to parents on the risks that may occur through the use of technology and the Internet, their children, and ask them greater attention and an increased awareness of their parental role in virtual reality. 25.3% claim to try “always” annoyed when someone wants to look around while it is online, 23.5% “sometimes”, 19.7% “never”, 17.6% “often”, 13.9% “rarely” (item 13).

55.3% say they are not “ever” tone down or irritable when not connected, 21.8% “rarely”, 13.4% “sometimes”, 6% “often”, 3.5% “always.” Data collected allow us to confirm our hypothesis, namely

that the Internet can sometimes affect children’s emotions even when they are not connected.

The involvement of the emotions takes place even when you are ridiculed on the Internet: in this regard the 73.5% reported being “never” mocked, 14.5% “rarely”, 8.9% “sometimes”, 2.4% “often”, the 0.8% “always” (item 23). If suffered ridicule on the Internet, 52% (vs 48%) claims to tell someone. In addition, the derision is mostly done in groups (54.6% vs 45.4%). Finally, 56.3% of children know the cyber bullying and only 21.5% knew about sexting.

“On-line on the Internet”

On the occasion of the 25th anniversary of the *Convention on the Rights of the Child*, Meter Association NPO has created a national campaign involving a large number of students in Italy to ensure the right of every child to information and security. Therefore, “In line on the Internet” is an information campaign on digital education with the aim of raising awareness among children and the children to a conscious use, safe and positive new media by leveraging the responsibility of everyone about.

Each ruler and poster contain a set of guidelines for living better and safely around the world of the web by any means (PC, tablet, smartphone) and most live with intelligent caution to avoid damage to themselves and to others.

It is a guide for children so they do not remain entangled in the

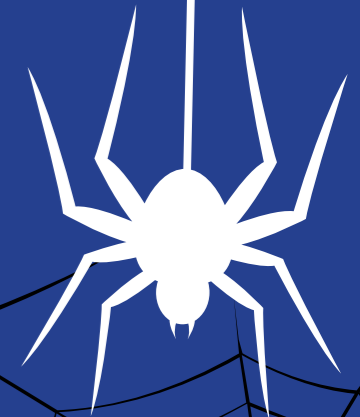
Net, but also for teachers who can count on a support that allows them to make a lesson on the subject, offering solutions to untie the knots of the net. The ruler provides insights into classroom setting and openness to dialogue of students with teachers through the common language of technology.

The campaign has had a massive dissemination throughout Italy, especially in the vicinity of the Headquarters and Regional Centres through the commitment and professionalism of operators and volunteers involved many schools by providing information and training on the topic of the initiative.

It has also become a tool to contextualize within prevention projects and schools interventions what we need to manage issues related to the use of new

technology and the internet (cyberbullying, sexting, online solicitation, etc.).

- 1 Always disclose to your parents the list of friends with whom you chat and websites you surf, ask their permission before making an online inscription and give them your passwords
- 2 Do not publish your videos and photos on the online channels (Youtube, Facebook, Twitter, Instagram...), especially if you're naked (sexting)
- 3 Use the computer with caution and for righteous purposes
- 4 Use the cell phone and the tablet only at the appropriate times
- 5 Do not share personal data on the Internet (photos, passwords, e-mail, informations on your position...)
- 6 Do not falsify your age to register on social networks (wait for the right age!)
- 7 Install an anti-virus on your computer, phone and tablet
- 8 Only download free materials and suitable to your age and do not download pirated material
- 9 Do not use the internet to do harm to others (cyberbullying)
- 10 If someone offers you offline meetings or to send him your pictures, get help from an adult.

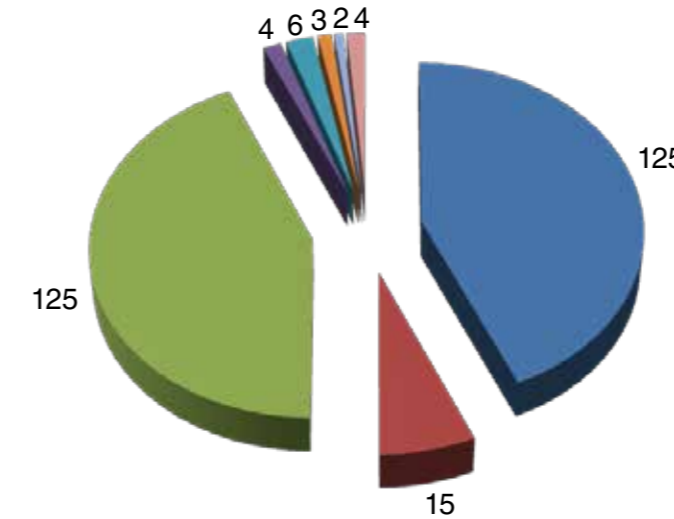


Our data indicate how important is the involvement of the Association in the organization of conferences and meetings in order to raise awareness, training and prevention (288 throughout Italy) at the request of public and private institutions belonging to the entire national territory; significant requests in 2015 came by schools (43.40%) and dioceses (43.40%). Subjects covered are varied, to respond to requests for appropriate tools to cope with the difficulties that exist in the protection of children (see chart treated Themes). Specifically, the 49,65% of the meetings deal with the issue of child abuse and the pitfalls of the Network, analyze the profiles of pedophiles, victims, the dynamics of the phenomenon and the risks that hide the Internet and technology. In addition, the 27.78% of the meetings on education issues concern affectivity and social engagement of children and young people in schools. Finally, 12.15% concerns the issue of bullying and cyberbullying, as schools require a greater knowledge of dynamics and tools to manage them.

Meter professionals have met with over 28,880 people: synthetic cards that accompany every event in which *Meter* participated allow you to calculate the number of people you meet, the types of meetings and issues we analyzed on various occasions.

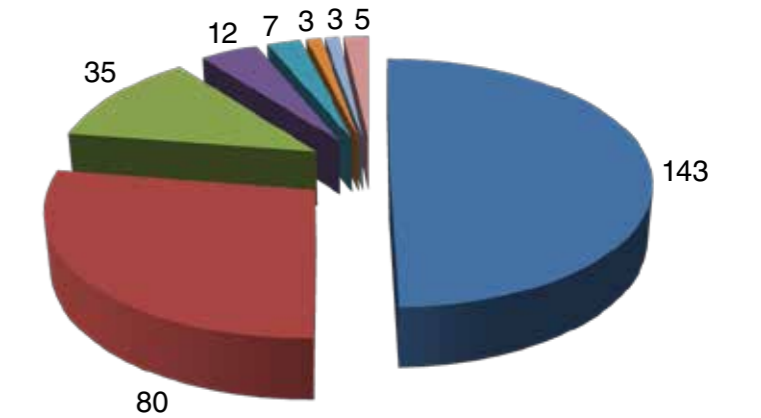


Meetings



Dioceses (parishes, Vatican, religious centers)	125	43,40%
Schools	125	43,40%
Associations / Society	15	6,60%
Public Institutions	6	2,08%
Publishing houses, privates	4	1,39%
Universities	4	1,39%
Clubs	3	1,04%
Tv networks	2	0,69%
Total	288	

Topics covered



Pedophilia and Internet pitfalls	143	49,65%
Education and social commitment	80	27,78%
Online and school bullying	35	12,15%
Family and fostering	12	4,17%
Childhood rights protection	7	2,43%
Prizes / book presentation	5	1,74%
Psychological and social discomfort	3	1,04%
Interviews / videoconferences	3	1,04%
Total	288	

Diocese

2015 confirms the presence of Meter into ecclesial groups that have required our intervention. 95.20% of the issues addressed during the meetings concern about pedophilia and the pitfalls of the Network, as shown in the graph. The figure includes training sessions “for a new pastoral against pedophilia and sexual abuse of children” that enable priests, religious, seminarians and pastoral workers of the community to learn about and look for possible abuse index uncomfortable situations, allowing construction and deployment of a child ministry for the defense and the prevention of childhood.

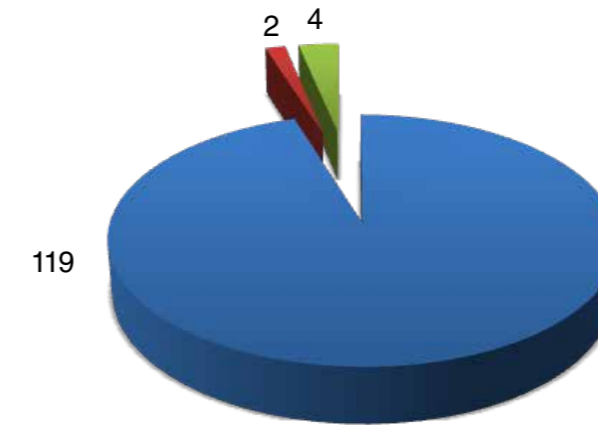


From 2002 to 2015
53
DIOCESES
MET

125
MEETINGS HELD IN DIOCESES IN 2015
13
DIOCESES MET IN 2015

- Benevento
- Genoa
- Acireale (CT)
- Agrigento
- Siracusa
- Noto (SR)
- Lamezia Terme (CZ)
- Messina
- Rome
- Ragusa
- Aversa (CE)
- Andria (RO)
- Ancona

Topics covered



■ Pedophilia and Internet pitfalls	119	95,20%
■ Family	4	3,20%
■ Education and social commitment	2	1,60%
Total	125	

Day Children Victims

The Day of Children Victims of violence, exploitation and indifference (Italian: Giornata dei Bambini Vittime della violenza, dello sfruttamento e dell'indifferenza, acronym GBV) was born in 1995 in Avola, in the neighborhood of the parish Our Lady of Mount Carmel, Meter's cradle, from the tears, anger, pain of a violated 11 year old girl and a 14 year old boy. Violence pushed Fr. Fortunato Di Noto to focus its efforts and its resources for the fight against pedophilia and child pornography. The GBV is celebrated at the Parish of Our Lady of Mount Carmel, in Avola, on the first Sunday of May since 1995, and is divided into two moments of celebration: first of memorial (prayers and reflections); second is dedicated to children and families.

The GBV has become a national and international happening for the Catholic Church, civil society and political and cultural realities. Specifically, the parishes across Italy and foreign countries pray and reflect on the condition of violated childhood; the highest Italian political offices (President of the Republic, Presidents of the Senate and House) as well as Ministers and local authorities (regions, provinces and municipalities) adhere through reflection and awareness-raising moments. Even universities, schools and political aggregations, trade union and cultural rights are partakers of the GBV.

The Holy Father, during the event, addresses a “special greeting” *Meter* Association: is a prestigious mark of recognition given by the Catholic Church to *Meter* for its work. We are proud and grateful of this. Therefore, each year all members travel to Rome to meet the Pope's greeting and witness our relentless struggle for children.





I shall continue to plant again
the olive trees
which have been uprooted

Fr. Fortunato Di Noto

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