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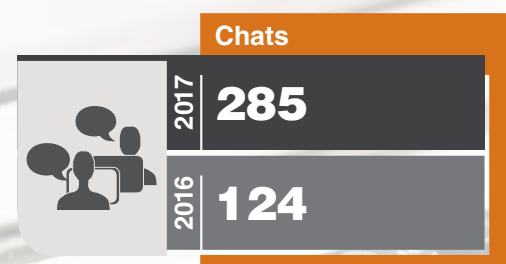
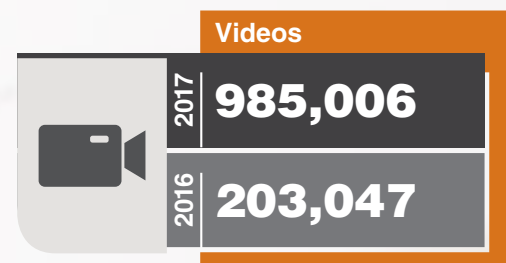
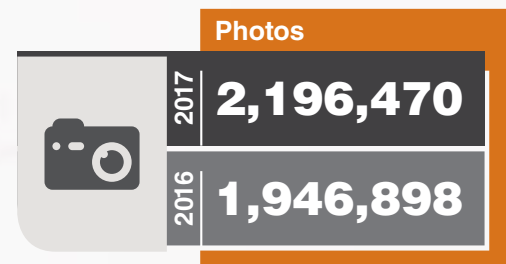
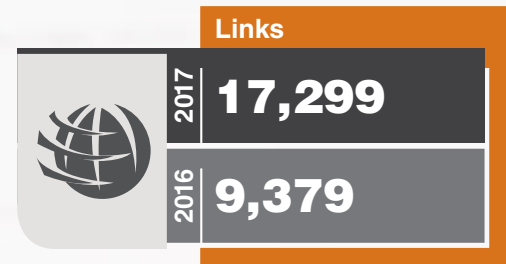
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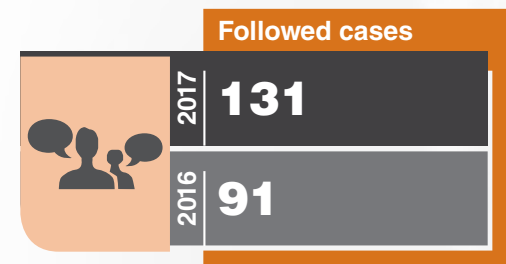
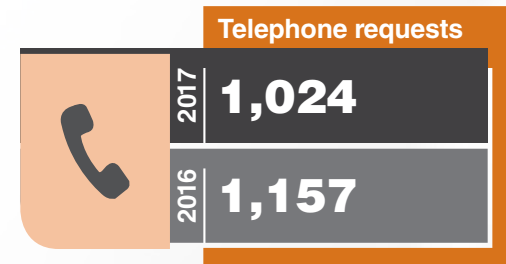
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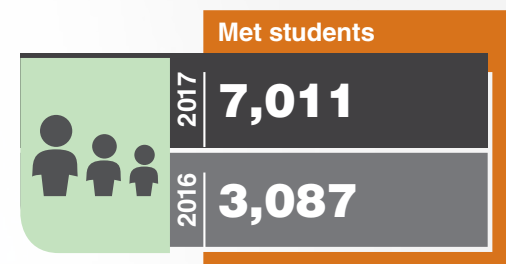
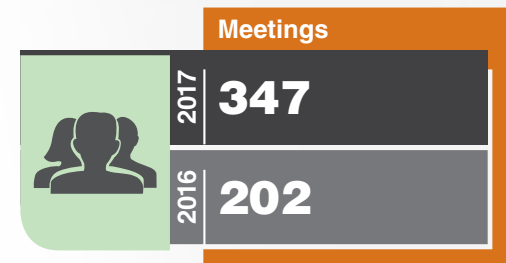
MONITORING



LISTENING CENTRE



TRAINING



TIRELESSLY COMMITMENT Responsibility of everyone

I remember you had blonde hair, I thought you were 4-6 years old. You didn't play with dolls or teddy bears. You were naked on a plank and a big body was overwhelming you. Today you should be 32. I don't know what kind of life you've lived. I don't know if you forgot, if you had the courage to denounce, if you had justice, if your enslaved life was freed. I'd like to think that you have known real love, and not pedophilia which is a perverse kind of love. Only the human kind has this faculty and freedom to be pervert, lucid and determined. After many years I really would like to think that no one has continually spread the images of your digitalized and highly insulted and dilapidated body. *I was naked and you didn't dress me*, so much truth in these words said by Jesus Christ. So much nudity that we do not dress with dignity and respect. Dear child, and dear children, for you I wish happiness and a full life, and not one without sense and innocence. I really wish that you are happy in the loving hug of a father that really loves you. You were the first one, but in time you have become many, too much, uncountable. A tremendous tragedy under the eyes of everyone. Slaves discovered in digital suburbs that we have always, constantly reported, denounced, informed about together with *Meter* NPO, with our action often being contrasted; we also anticipated, sustained and bettered the commitment of defence and

protection of children in real and virtual life, where there is no difference or separation.

Report every signal of abuse

Our commitment has become a prophetic denounce and a clear and credible landmark in the evangelic charity which does also affect laic society, for a real and authentic centrality of the child who is not just considered as a user or a number, but as a gift which enriches Church and society.

We can't afford to deny life to whom needs to receive it and live it. We can't permit for the children to become waste and erotic objects for personal and social enjoyment, just because according to a certain ideology there is this pseudo natural right to live affective, love and sexual relations with children; an ideology which is also claiming that children can express a free thought in the choice of the partner: children aged between zero and puberty. This is what pedophilia and child pornography feed on. Some have arrived earlier, but others were late in this commitment in defence of childhood; delays need to be paid in respect of the victims. I invite you to read *Meter's* reports: they are clear, verifiable, documented and can't be contradicted.

Declarations and Protocols (there are too much of them, often too celebrative) are no longer enough, and there is no consolation in the fact that good and evil grow together, harvest time will come in the end. Pedophilia and child pornography feed themselves with children and we are sure that they don't want to be eaten or enslaved. This is the reason to commit to report any sign of exploitation. We need to switch from word alliances to operative ones. Facts and not just words. We have to make clear once and for all that pedophilia and child pornography are crimes. In the last 25 years we have made this question many times; to date, in 2018, despite the legislative

Switch from word alliances to operative alliances

efforts of many countries in the world, not everyone considers such activities as crimes. The millions of past and recently realized images, the millions of videos produced with real children who are exposed on the showcase of the Web like exchange goods, underline the dramatic and dreadful violence perpetrated by adults. A market where exchange, which is not only for free, has become a flourish business for new digital traffickers of human beings, young innocents. I say it again, and hope that everyone agrees with me: pedophilia and child pornography are a crime against humanity, also because of the connivance of many and too much.

Many countries do not criminalize child pornography, instead they are conniving, distracted and incapable to give answers to this tragic drama. Data are clear: 35 countries do still not have a legislation that specific-

Big responsibility of the giants of the Web

ly deals with child pornography. From the 79 countries which do have a legislation in force, 60 do not specifically define child pornography; 26 do not deal with informatic crimes; 50 do not criminalize the possess without the intention of distribution; this happens although all 79 have a legislation about data storage to grant the police forces with the access to the users data which are needed to investigate and prosecute online criminal activities (ICMEC, 2016).

This is where responsibility of the giants of the Web comes from. *Meter* will monitor the evolution and the disregarded responsibilities.

An international attention is important to *Meter*, this could allow a more incisive action in the repression and identification of the criminal subjects that produce, distribute and detain pedophile material.

Otherwise we should tell children that no one is interested in their tragic and fragile abuse stories.

Father Fortunato Di Noto

Father Fortunato Di Noto



The founder and president of *Meter* Association 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 “Saint Paul” theological faculty in Catania. He continued with his studies in Rome at the Pontifical Gregorian University, obtaining a degree in *Church history*.

Priest since September 3rd 1991, he started his pastoral life as a parish priest at the diocesan Sanctuary of St. Maria Scala del Paradiso, and as vice-parish priest of the parishes of Sacro Cuore in Noto and of Santa Venera in Avola. Since 1995 he leads the parish of Madonna del Carmine in Avola as a priest, where he founded *Meter* together with a group of people who were animated by his same spirit.



He is Episcopal vicar and director of the *Fragilities and social discomforts Office* in the Diocese of Noto (SR); he is also forane vicar for the city of Avola. He is Episcopal delegate for the *Ordo Virginum* since 2015; he teaches *Bioethics* – with a particular attention to the themes of pedophilia and Church history.

He is internationally known for the fight and the struggle against pedophilia and pedo-criminal organizations. He covers important institutional roles: he is a member of the *National Observatory for contrast to pedophilia and online child pornography* of the Presidency of the Council of Ministries – Department for equal opportunities; he is member of the technical Inter-institutional group for the fight against pedophilia and child pornography sponsored by Regione Sicilia; member of the scientific committee of Italian Postal and Communications Police. He was the promoter of Laws 269/98 and 38/2006 and of the Lanzarote Convention. He is a symbol of the defence of childhood rights and a landmark for all families which have to face the drama of abuse. He wrote many essays and studies on the phenomenon of abuses and about pastoral help.

Meter Association

Meter Association was born in Avola (SR) by will of Father Fortunato Di Noto. *Meter* is a Greek word which means “mother” and, broadly, “hospitality and womb”.

This name comes from the need to root and promote children’s rights culture in ecclesial and non ecclesial realities.

The association is an important landmark in Italy for what concerns the field of minors protection and the struggle against pedophilia and online child pornography; in the world (from China to Japan, from USA to Europe) it is recognised as one of the highest authorities for what regards the prevention of infant discomfort and the planning of interventions which aim to give concrete help to victims of sexual abuses.

On the side of the fight against pedo-criminality *Meter* actively cooperates with institutional organs, such as Italian Postal Police, Polish Police and various Italian prosecutor’s offices. Furthermore *Meter* is a member of the *National Observatory against pedophilia and online child pornography* sponsored by the Presidency of the Council of Ministers – Department for equal opportunities.

Thanks to numerous agreement protocols with schools of every order and grade and universities, *Meter* takes an important action in education and training, and commits itself so that the right to a peaceful life in society and family, but also on the Web, is a right for everyone and not for a few privileged.





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World Observatory against Pedophilia

Internet Monitoring

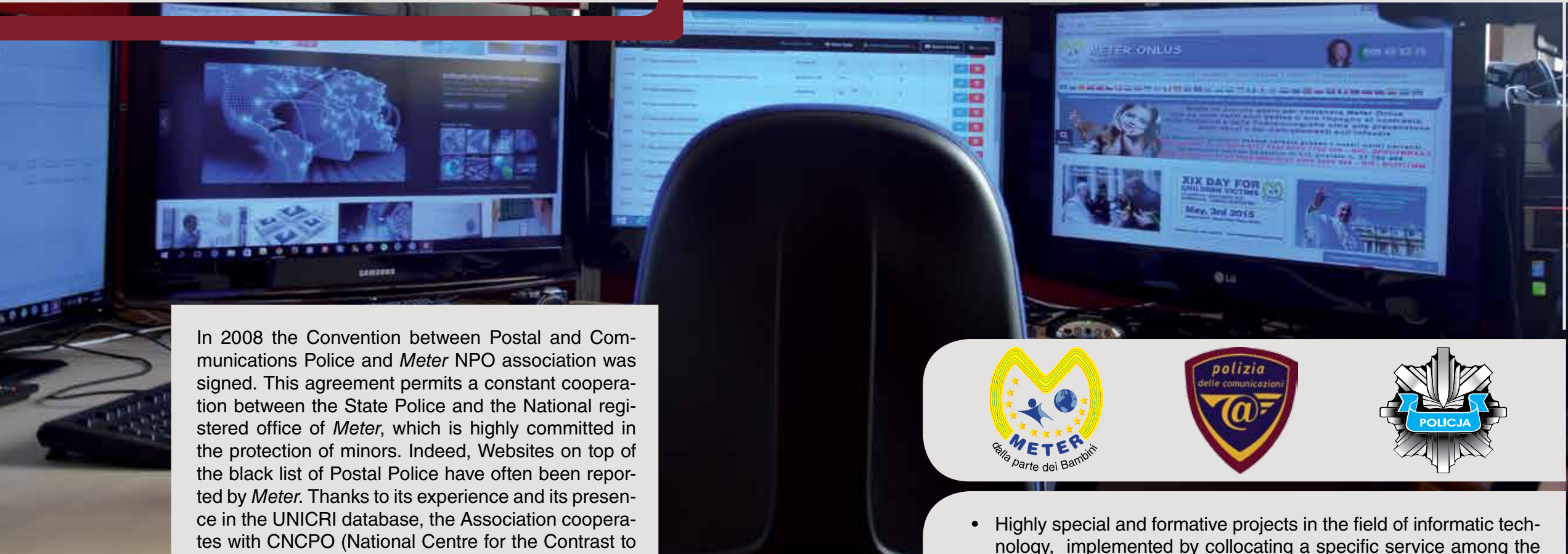
OS.MO.CO.P is an office which is highly specialized on data research on the Internet and on the processing of traffic flows to contrast pedophilia and child pornography.

Meter technicians have developed highly sophisticated software to analyze the Net; these softwares are integrated by a specially implemented platform which collects reports about sexual abuses on children. In this way it is possible to collect quickly a great amount of information and make a well-circumstantiated report to the competent authorities.

The tools which are used need to be constantly adapted according to technological evolution, so that it is made possible to provide as much data as possible to find the cyber-pedophile and contain or solve the problem (like the production and diffusion of child pornography material, the creation of Internet portals etc).

OS.MO.CO.P's technicians informatic skills are constantly updated, so they can carry out an online research work to analyze data which concern with the diffusion and disclosure of photos and videos containing sexual violence on minors. There are also Psychologists and Psychotherapists in the team; thanks to their experience they help to recognize the dynamics and evolution of the psyche and emotions of Net users.





In 2008 the Convention between Postal and Communications Police and *Meter* NPO association was signed. This agreement permits a constant cooperation between the State Police and the National registered office of *Meter*, which is highly committed in the protection of minors. Indeed, Websites on top of the black list of Postal Police have often been reported by *Meter*. Thanks to its experience and its presence in the UNICRI database, the Association cooperates with CNCPO (National Centre for the Contrast to Online child pornography) related to the State Police, in compliance with current regulations.

The convention outlines the specific competences for each part in order to put in place a common action of contrast against child pornography on the Internet, to individualize victims and to study phenomena which are connected to the use of the Internet by minors, the aim is not only to repress, but also prevent and educate.

The common goal is to spread the right knowledge and competences to sensitize and give the citizens the tools to a correct use of the Net and to the awareness of the risks that may hide in it; this happens providing guidelines which are necessary to online child protection. This is made possible through a series of initiatives such as:



- Highly special and formative projects in the field of informatic technology, implemented by collocating a specific service among the requesting bodies;
- Social studies on the phenomenon of cultural and online pedophilia, and on the related information and prevention;
- Education courses for a correct and responsible use of the Internet.

Since November 2017 *Meter* Association is official partner of the Polish Police in the fight against pedophilia and online child pornography. The agreement, which follows the lines of the one between the Italian Postal Police and *Meter*, provides that the association will send any report regarding server, users and Polish material directly to Polish Police thanks to a direct email address. This will permit to Polish Police to start its investigation work.

These Conventions are very important as the fight against crimes against children requires quick and concrete answers; this is only possible through the cooperation between Police forces and through the enacting of adequate laws, common to all states in Europe and worldwide.

The cyber-pedophile is an individual which finds the possibility to satisfy his sexual fantasies on the Net; without breaking the moral rules of the society he lives in, he manages to satisfy his pulses in a virtual way and this leads to a greater deviance and to step further away from real life. It is important not to underestimate the fine ability to use technology in the best possible way to achieve their goals.

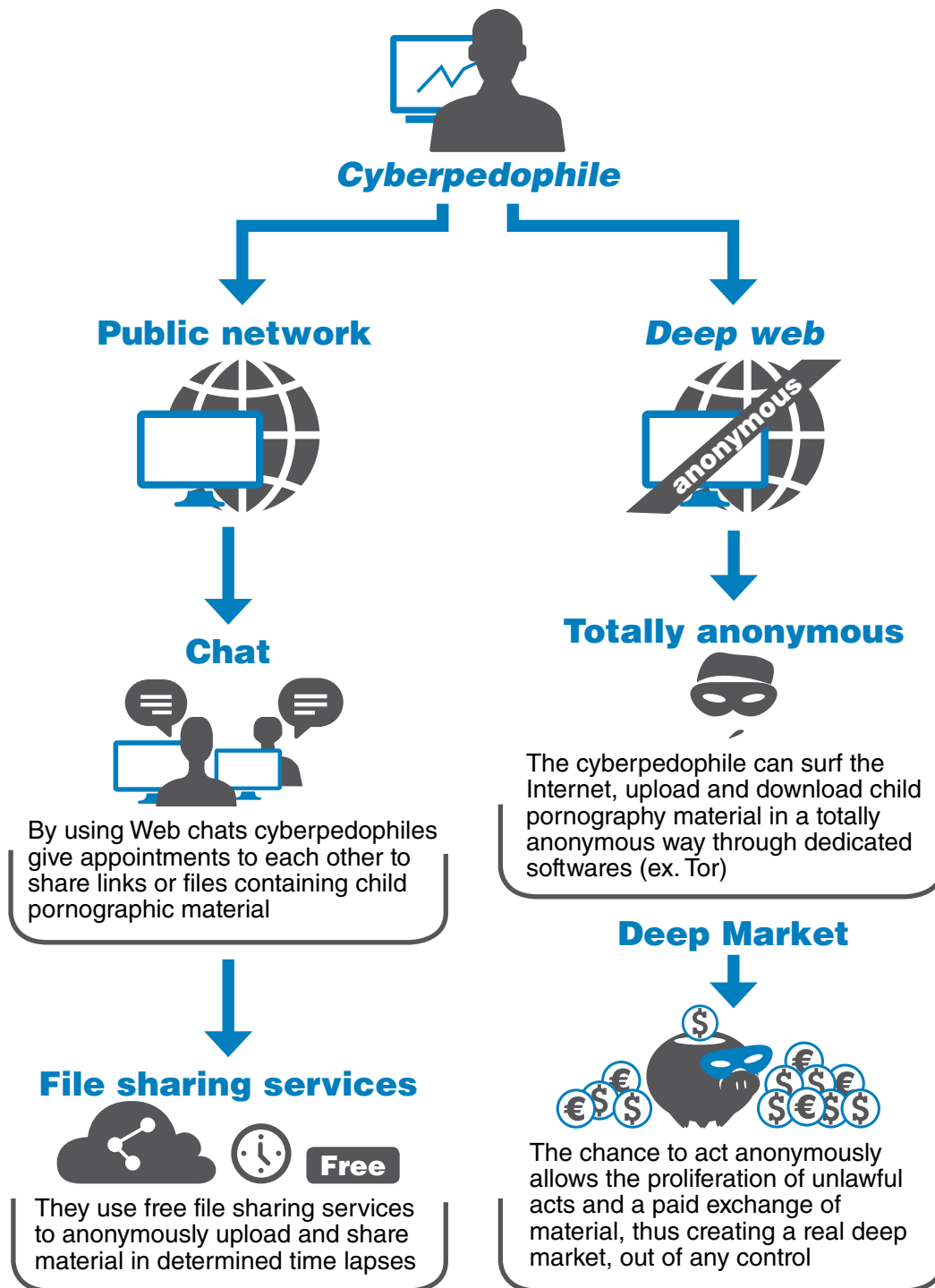
There are different types of pedophiles using the Internet:

- *Closet collector*: he jealously stores his child pornography collection and is never directly involved in abuses on minors;
- *Isolated collector*: he collects child pornography by choosing a particular category, he is directly involved in the abuse on minors;
- *Cottage collector*: he shares his collection and his other sexual activities with others, but he does not economically profit from it;
- *Commercial collector*: he is personally involved in sexual exploitation of minors, he produces, copies and sells child pornography material.
- *Pedo-crime* (organized): complex hierarchical structure, which, by the forced consent of the parents, grooms the small victims and makes them available for purely sexual violence aims, in order to obtain economic business with real or virtual sexual encounters.

There are two perspectives about online pedophilia: on one side there is the belief that child pornography Websites represent a virtual way to satisfy one's desire, on the other side the belief is that it is just a way to push the Net user pedophile to what had remained dormant until that moment. Chat rooms provide numerous risks of harassment and grooming for children; as a matter of fact, although there is a physical distance between the two interlocutors, it is easy to remove the age and cultural differences that do usually put limits in a face to face relation between children and adults.

The Internet often represents a useful tool to pedophiles in an initial phase of contact with minors as it permits them to put in place a kind of "soft" verbal harassment or to approach the minor and foster a real meeting with him, without exposing themselves.

The Net offers children wonderful opportunities of growth and of discovering of the world around them, but it also hides dangers that need a particular attention from parents. It is necessary for parents to stay close to their children, to guide them on the Net and to learn their slang so they can better understand the interests and the world where children live in.



The action of the pedophile on the Net is quite complex and in some ways obscure. Very often it is not just about singular individuals, but about real criminal organizations that do not only share, but also profit of the download of child pornography as they are the direct producers of the shared material. The sexual abuse is filmed, photographed and shared, they even realize real sets where the abuse is documented. But children are not actors, there is no fiction in this horror movie. Children are actually abused, the violence is absolutely real and the damage they suffer can not be removed. Neither the abusers are actors, they are criminals to drive out and strike down. Once photos and videos have been produced, they are uploaded on the Internet and the deep Web, entering the flourishing market of illicit material. Without considering the profit business, to share and detain child pornography material is in itself already punishable by law. Meter often detects that a lot of the material that is tracked down through the monitoring of the Net can be found in free online portals and platforms, which are accessible to all users. The links which have been reported are often still active and usable after many years.

Online pedophilia monitored links

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
2016	9,379
2017	17,299

from 2003 to 2017
152,043
 REPORTED WEBSITES

A **1st level domain** is the suffix (the International “number plate”) of the Internet address and is placed on the right side of the URL. It can be generic, with a **gTLD** acronym (Generic Top Level Domain), for example: **.com**, **.org**, **.edu**, **.info**, which expresses their qualification (.com is for commercial websites, .org is for organizations, .edu is for schools, universities and for bodies dealing with education in general, etc.); or, otherwise, it can have the acronym **ccTLD** (Country Code Top Level Domain), which identifies the nation of the domain (for example: **.it** for Italy, **.uk** for the United Kingdom, **.fr** for France, etc.).

2nd level domains are made up by an extension (first level domain) and by a univocal identification name. So the structure of a second level domain is “domainname.extension”. An example of a second level domain is “**associazione-meter.org**”, where “**.org**” is the extension (first level domain) and “**associazione-meter**” is the second level domain name.

3rd level domains, which are also called subdomains, are hierarchically dependent from a “mother” second level domain. Third level domains have the following kind of structure: **subdomainname.domainname.extension**. For example: **casa.associazione-meter.org**

Comparison 2016/2017

2017

Protocols - CNPO reports	3,137
Reported websites	17,299
Web - Italian references	10
Repots (2003 - 2017)	152,043
Form reports by users	302
Social Networks	31
<i>Deep Web</i>	50
Photo monitoring	2,196,470
Video monitoring	985,006

2016

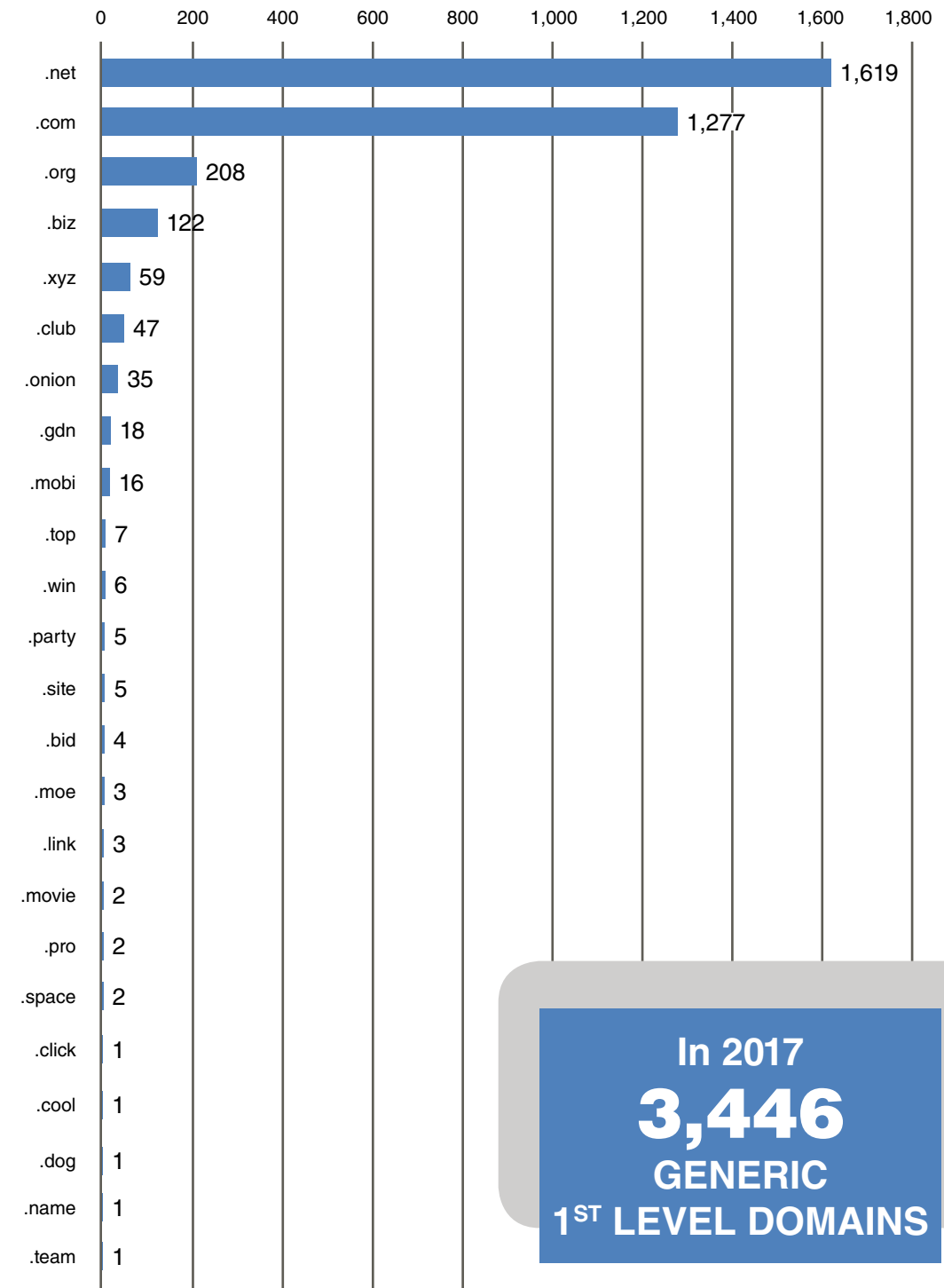
Protocols - CNPO reports	2,414
Reported websites	9,379
Web - Italian references	15
Repots (2003 - 2016)	134,744
Form reports by users	1,229
Social Networks	155
<i>Deep Web</i>	95
Photo monitoring	1,946,898
Video monitoring	203,047

NATIONAL 1ST LEVEL DOMAINS

.to	TONGA	10,096	.jp	JAPAN	3
.ru	RUSSIA	1,150	.tw	TAIWAN	3
.pm	ST. PIERRE ET MIQUELON	1,091	.cf	CENTR. AFRICAN REP.	2
.wf	WALLIS E FUTUNA	646	.ws	WEST SAMOA	2
.fr	FRANCE	181	.cr	COSTA RICA	1
.ly	LIBYA	140	.eu	EUROPE	1
.tf	SOUT. FRENCH LANDS	140	.gy	GUYANA	1
.me	MONTENEGRO	59	.su	EX SOVIET UNION	1
.pw	PALAU	49	.tt	TRINIDAD E TOBAGO	1
.cc	COCOS ISLANDS	26	TOTAL		13,756
.sk	SLOVAKIA	20			
.co	COLOMBIA	19			
.li	LIECHTENSTEIN	18			
.nz	NEW ZELAND	17			
.us	USA	14			
.al	ALBANIA	11			
.pl	POLAND	8			
.hk	HONG KONG	7			
.tk	TOKELAU	7			
.de	GERMANY	6			
.es	SPAIN	6			
.io	BRITISH INDIAN OCEAN	6			
.gg	GUERNSEY	5			
.bz	BELIZE	4			
.ga	GABON	4			
.lv	LATVIA	4			
.ml	MALI	4			
.gl	GREENLAND	3			

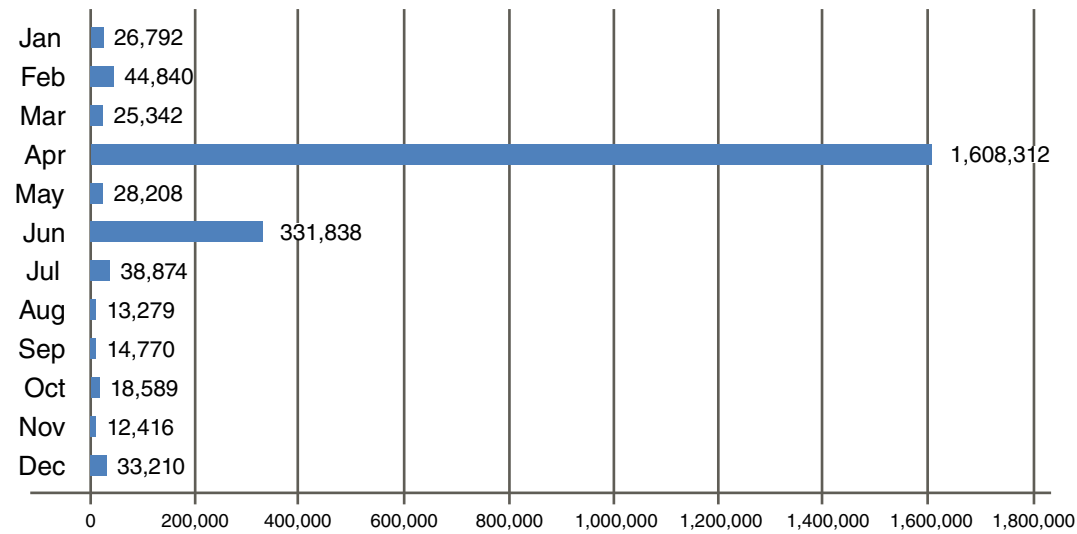
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NATIONAL
1ST LEVEL
DOMAINS

GENERIC 1ST LEVEL DOMAINS

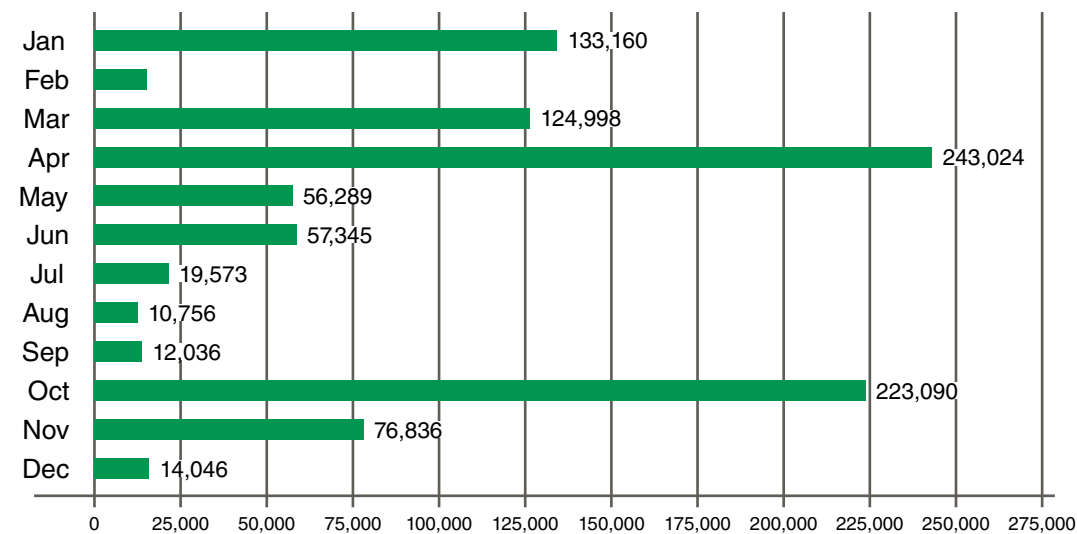


In 2017
3,446
GENERIC
1ST LEVEL
DOMAINS

PHOTO MONITORING



VIDEO MONITORING



These numbers are difficult to read because of their greatness, but most of all because of the pain that they represent. Millions of photos, hundreds of children involved, one big sorrow. The peak has been reached last year in April, with the discovery of mega file storages containing the tears, the screams and wounds of children, showing the most horrible side of the human being. Unscrupulous men, but also women, who intimately violate the tenderness of their own children, of children from others, which they should protect instead. Numbers do not lie, they testify the growth of a non stop phenomenon which has no obstacles. Especially online there are no obstacles that can stop the race of the evil towards defenceless children. There is no International law which definitively prohibits the diffusion of such crime. Because paedophilia is a crime against humanity, we affirm this with certainty.

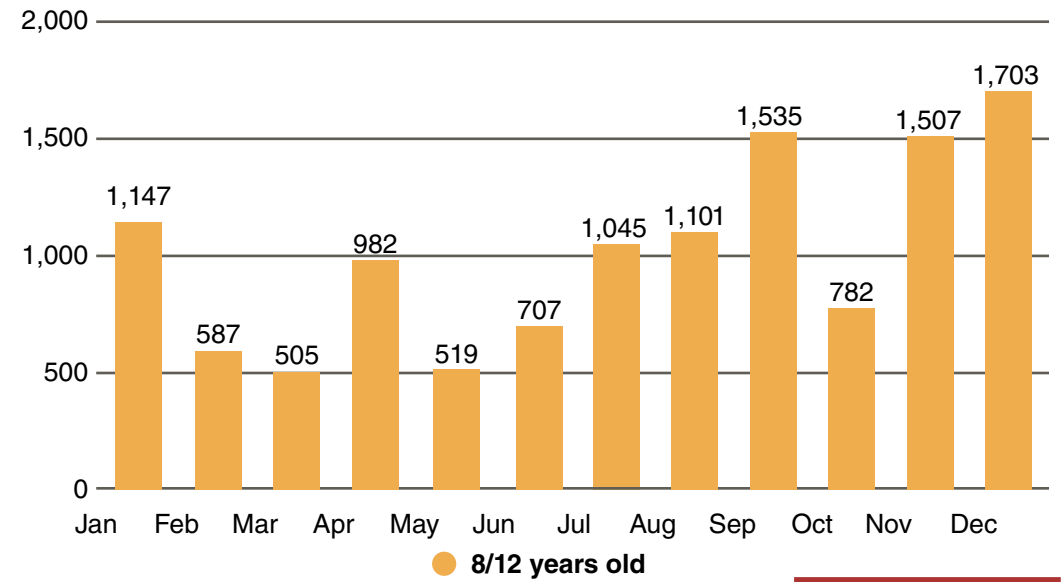
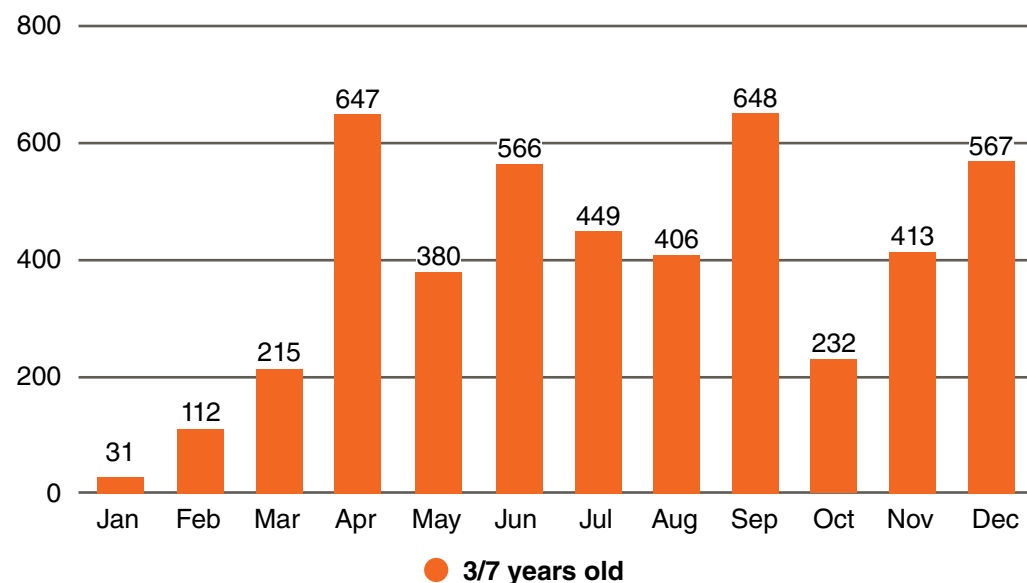
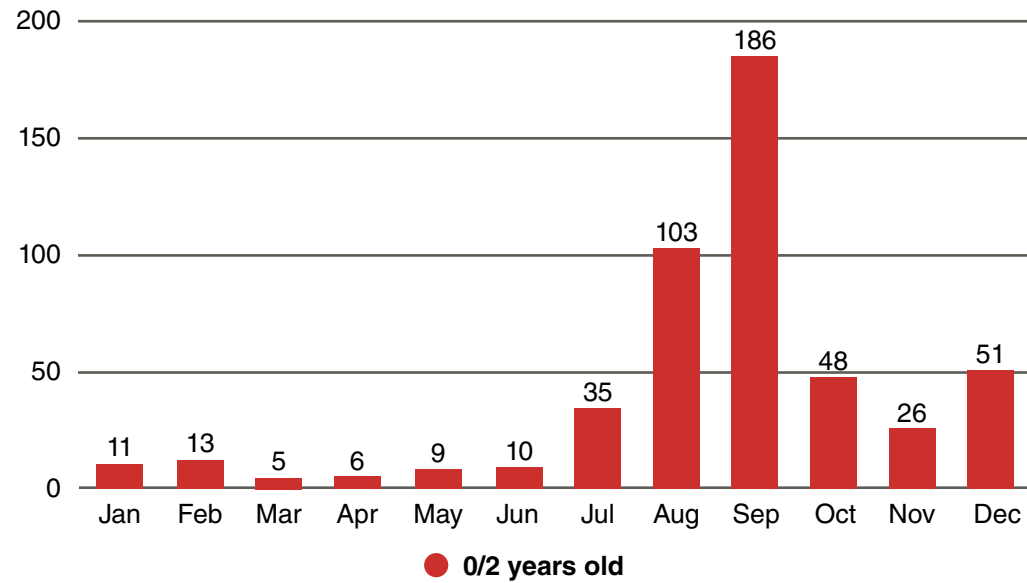
In 2017
 Photos
2,196,470
 Videos
985,006

In 2016
 Photos
1,946,898
 Videos
203,047

Comparison with last year shows the increase in the exchange of child pornography material. Video data have increased from 203,047 videos in 2016 to 985,006 reported in 2017. Data about photos have also increased, but Meter is not stopping its commitment.

All monitored file sharing services guarantee anonymity, as a matter of fact they actually focus their advertising promotion on this feature. The concept of anonymity is the keystone of child pornography material exchange. Many illicit online activities could be inhibited if only this anonymous mechanism was removed by specific laws.

Monitored age groups



Age Group	Links	Photos	Videos
0/2 YEARS OLD	503	4,292	4,412
3/7 YEARS OLD	4,666	685,610	140,532
8/12 YEARS OLD	12,120	1,494,252	836,868

Category	Total of monitoring	Total by age group
PHOTOS	2,196,470	2,184,154
VIDEOS	985,006	981,803

In these histograms the links monitored by age groups are quantified. We also highlight monthly trends. Numbers in each column indicate a worrying and growing data. Pedophiles, “camouflaged” in society, operate undisturbed planning their actions to satisfy their desire for abuse on children, even newborns. *Meter* defines **infantophilia** (victims are 0/2 years old range babies), as attraction of adults for very young children and newborns. Although the most requested age range by pedophiles and cyber-pedophiles remains 8/12 years old, we are still talking about children or prepubescent adolescents. *Meter* has a great unquestioned and unique experience in combating pedophilia, available to all serious organisms in the sector. Every collaborator or official partner of *Meter* may count on specialized intervention strategies, in order to make the online and real pedophile system more and more vulnerable.

The differences between the data of the monitoring and the totals by age groups are due to the impossibility to detect the real age of some children because they are not clearly visible.

Domain classification of the 5 continents

When analyzing National domains, what emerges is that once again the .to ccTLD (Country Code Top Level Domain) is at the first place of the list of URLs monitored by *Meter*. Although it does geographically belong to Oceania, this ccTLD contains services which are provided by servers located in other parts of the world, usually in America or in Europe, as it emerges from the charts of server's geolocation in the next pages. That means that a user which resides in a determined continent can register a domain that does geographically belong to a State of another continent. This makes us understand how complex the Web is, and how users are totally free to act on the Internet without geographic boundaries. As can be stated from the ranking of continents printed on the next page, the most used domain extensions belong to countries in the middle of the Ocean, to islands of the Pacific Ocean or near the Northern or Southern Poles. Tonga (Pacific Ocean) ranks #1 with 10,096 links, followed by Russia (considering that its territory covers two continents, Europe and Asia) with 1,150 links, and at the third place with 1,091 links there is St. Pierre and Miquelon (islands located South of Terranova, in Northern Canada).

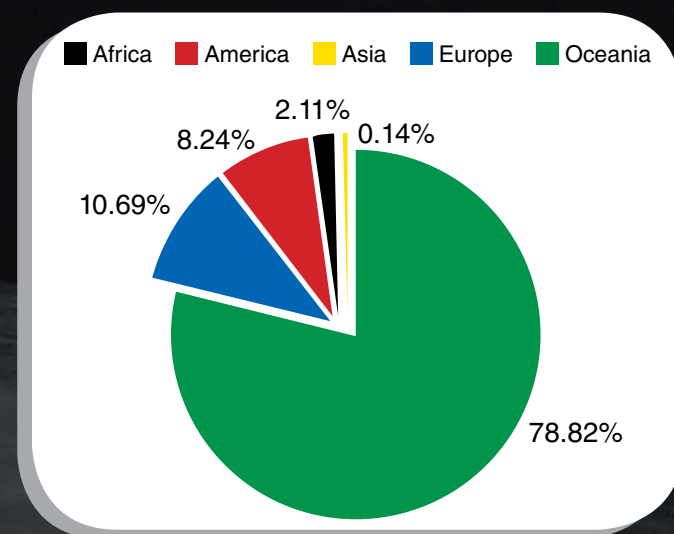
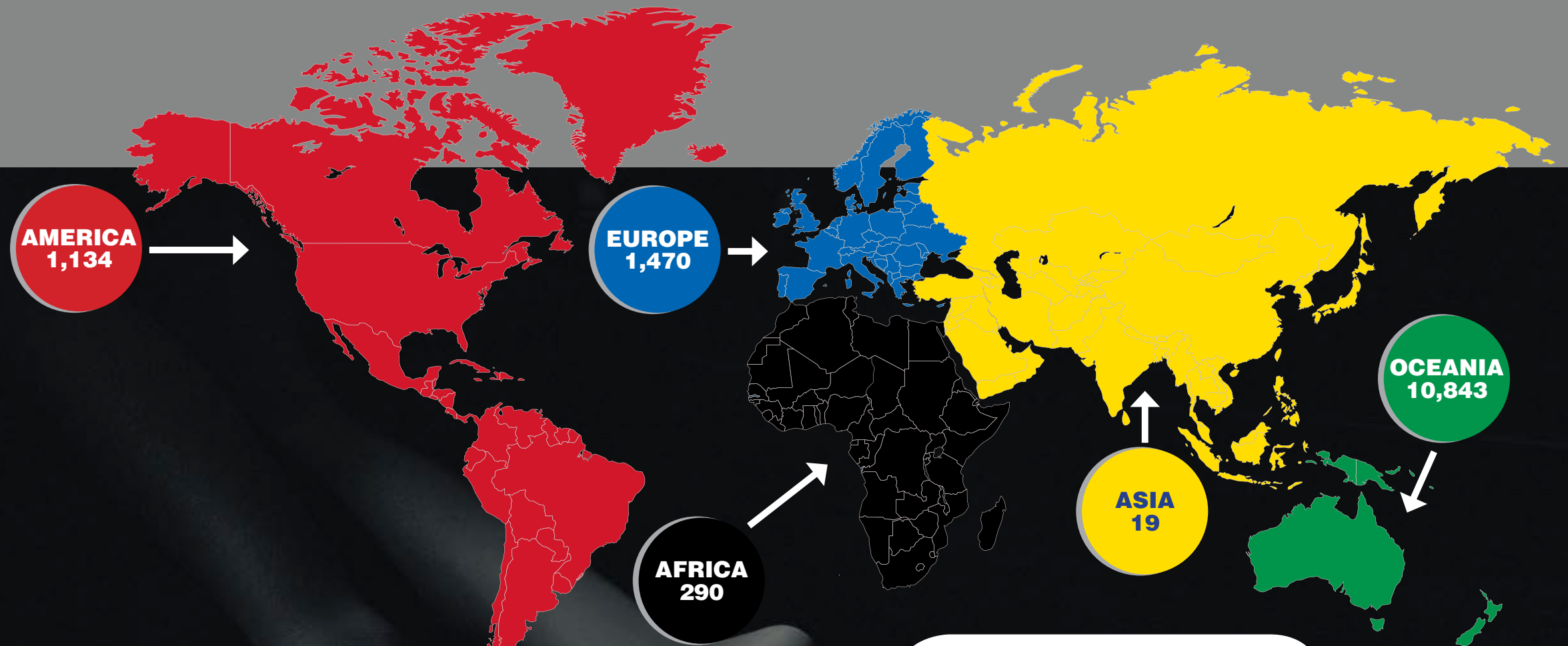
OCEANIA DOMAINS		
.to	TONGA	10,096
.wf	WALLIS E FUTUNA	646
.pw	PALAU	49
.cc	COCOS ISLANDS	26
.nz	NEW ZELAND	17
.tk	TUKELAU	7
.ws	WEST SAMOA	2
TOTAL		10,843

AMERICA DOMAINS		
.pm	ST. PIERRE E MIQUELON	1,091
.co	COLOMBIA	19
.us	USA	14
.bz	BELIZE	4
.gl	GREENLAND	3
.cr	COSTA RICA	1
.gy	GUYANA	1
.tt	TRINIDA E TOBAGO	1
TOTAL		1,134

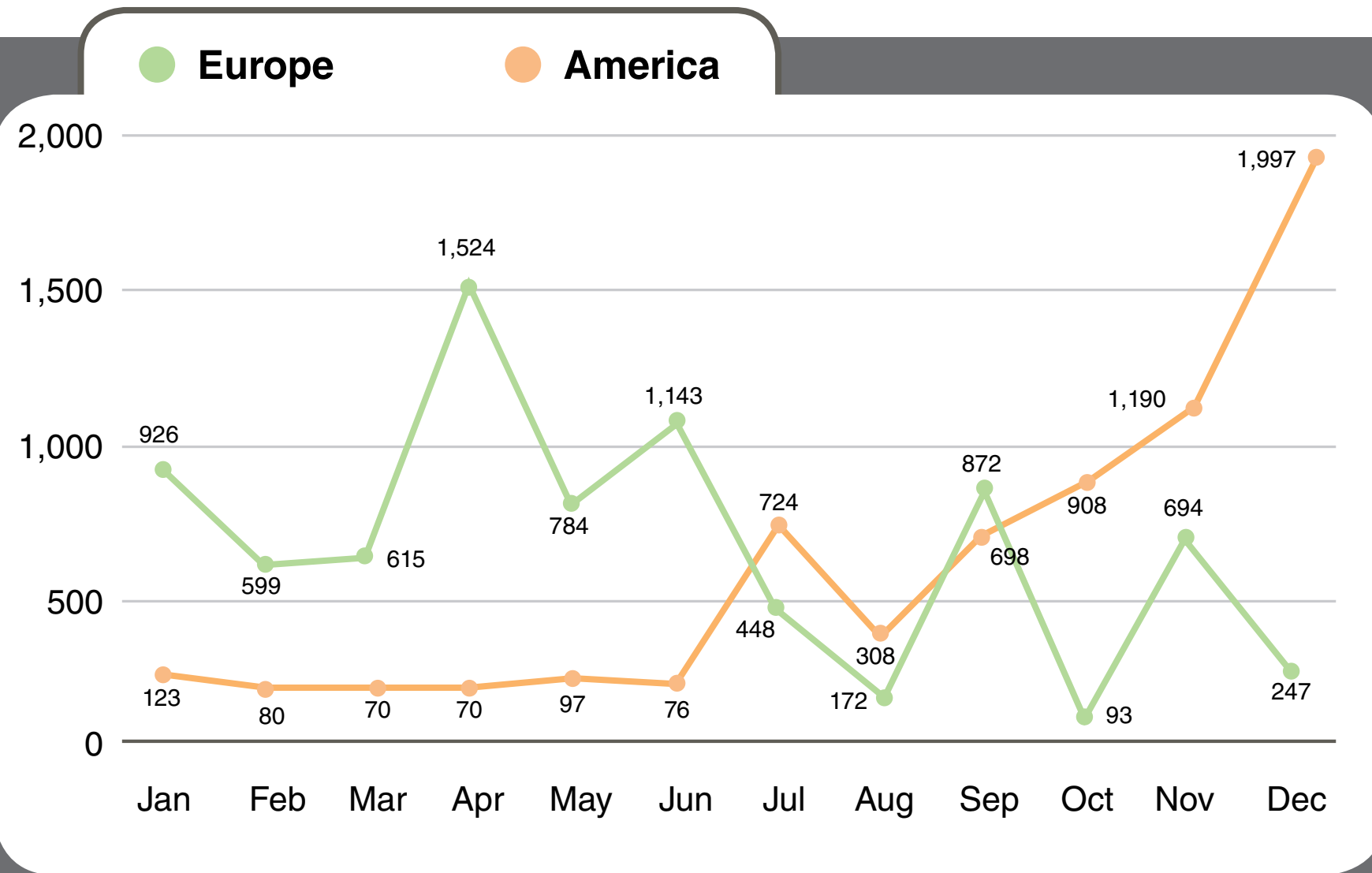
EUROPE DOMAINS		
.ru	RUSSIA	1,150
.fr	FRANCE	181
.me	MONTENEGRO	59
.sk	SLOVAKIA	20
.li	LIECHTENSTEIN	18
.al	ALBANIA	11
.pl	POLAND	8
.de	GERMANY	6
.es	SPAIN	6
.gg	GUERNSEY	5
.lv	LATVIA	4
.eu	EUROPE	1
.al	EX SOVIET UNION	1
TOTAL		1,470

AFRICA DOMAINS		
.ly	LIBYA	140
.tf	SOUT. FRENCH LANDS	140
.ga	GABON	4
.ml	MALI	4
.cf	CENTR. AFRICAN REP.	2
TOTAL		290

DOMINI ASIA		
.hk	HONG KONG	7
.io	BRITISH INDIAN OCEAN	6
.jp	JAPAN	3
.tw	TAIWAN	3
TOTAL		19



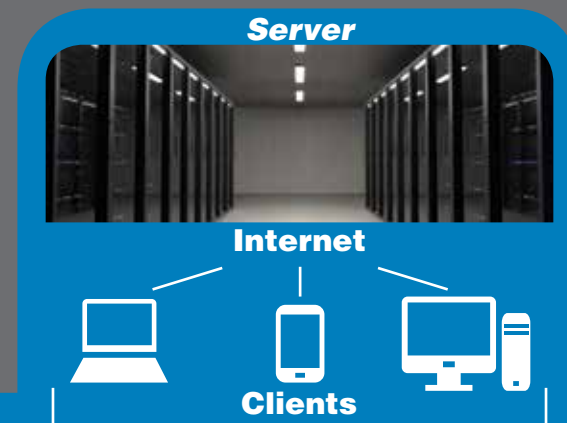
In 2017
37
NATIONS
INVOLVED



Servers geolocation

8,117 EUROPE	6,341 AMERICA
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From the monitoring activity of the Net what emerges is an important data, it is interesting to understand the economic mechanism behind it, although it is not a new phenomenon. Looking at the chart of the geolocation of servers, it emerges that most of the companies that handle servers which permit the functioning of many Websites and platforms where child pornography material is spread are located in Europe and America.

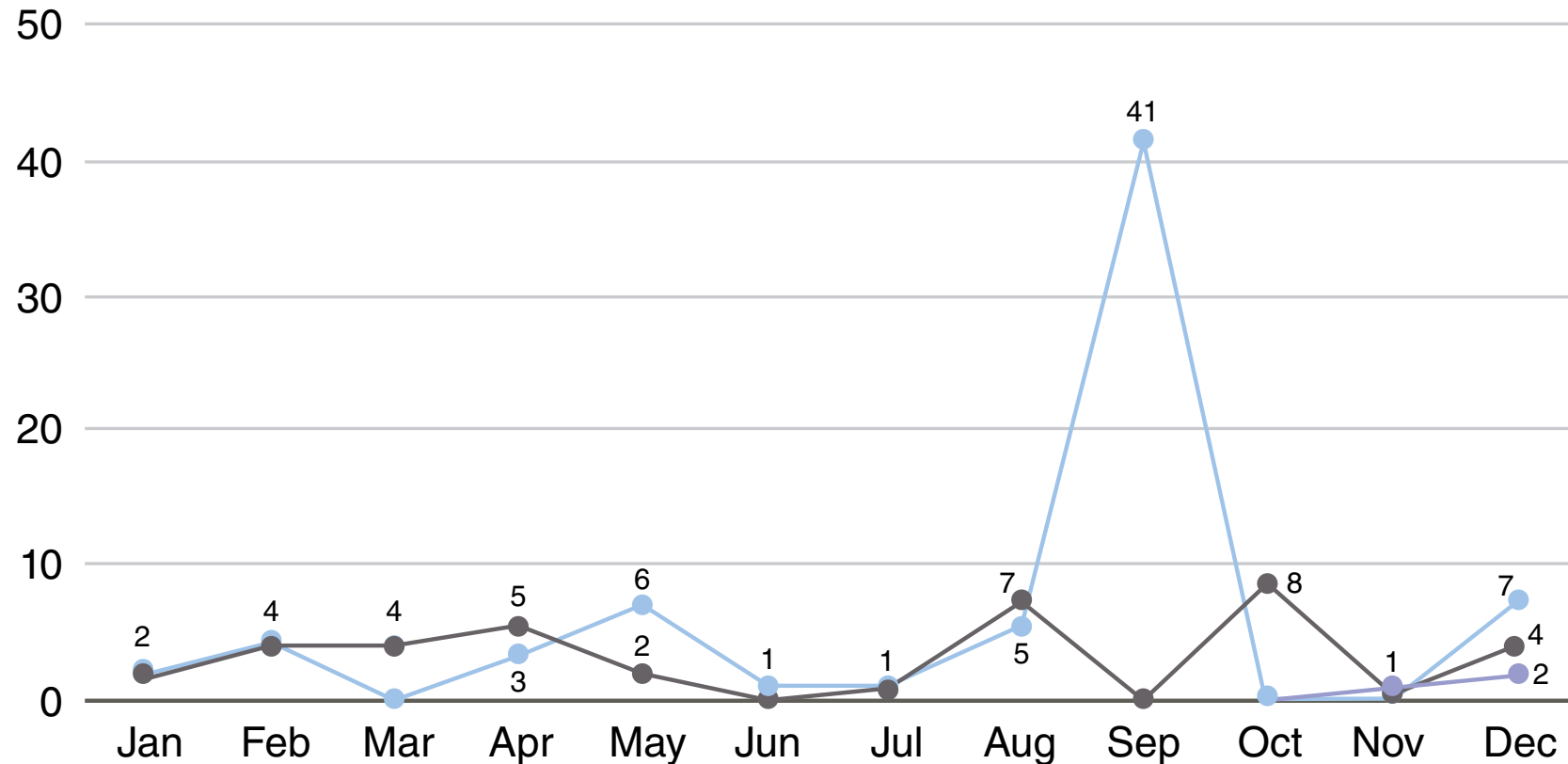


Definition of server

A **server** (from the English word (to) “serve”, literally servant) is a computer sub-system of elaboration and management of the traffic of information that any kind of service provides to other components called *clients*; namely clients who request for these services through a computer Net in a computer system or also directly on an computer.

In general what is called server is the hardware component which provides a service via a specific software. On a hardware perspective, servers can reside on a normal PC or on dedicated machines that have higher performances, reliability and costs. Typically a hardware server machine can host one or more services.

● Asia ● Africa ● Oceania

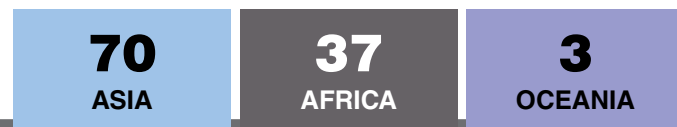


When analyzing the chart of geolocation of servers in the other three continents (Asia, Africa and Oceania) it is easy to comprehend that the presence of servers in states located in these continents is irrelevant. For example looking at the data relating to Oceania there is a very big difference between the data of geolocation of links (just 3) and the data related to the geographic collocation of the domain extension (10.843 links).

Responsibility

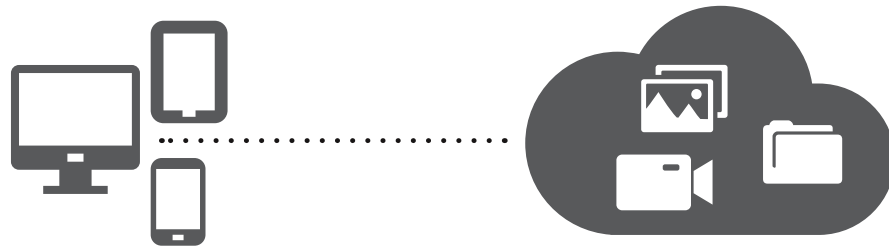
We think that the companies who handle these software have great responsibilities. There are no protocols or filters for what concerns the uploading of files. On dedicated services it is possible to upload any kind of material, even if violent, containing sexual acts against minors, with horrible abusing practices, in a totally free and anonymous way, without any control from the owners of the Web space where this kind of material is uploaded on.

Geographical location of server



National domain extentions







Important companies handle Web data having a big economic feedback. Most of the monitored links lead to online platforms of file sharing. In such Web spaces it is possible to exchange files anonymously and most of all in “determined time lapses”, which means that once the time established by the user or by the service provider has expired, the uploaded files are removed from the server without leaving any trace.

As we said before, the cyber-pedophile is neither inexperienced, nor is he a fresh Net surfer. This is the reason why he relies on services which guarantee him to act freely.

For example one of the file sharing platforms monitored by *Meter* provides a service which is advertised with these key words “simple, anonymous, free and secure”. The user doesn’t even need to register himself, the upload of material is immediate and it is possible to upload up to 1 gigabyte for 24 hours. Files can only be downloaded by people to whom the link has been supplied. Furthermore the Website does not use cookies or any kind of traffic monitoring (*Google Analytics*), nor advertisement who could trace back the user. The perfect place for the exchange of child pornography material.

Other platforms also monitored by *Meter* work with cloud technology: stuff is uploaded on a personal online space and stays there until it is deleted by the user; again, it is possible to access to the files only if the link is supplied by the owner of the space. Right on these Web services the association has traced mega file storages of child pornography material. For example on one of these monitored cloud platforms it is possible to upload up to a terabyte of material. The cloud has born to provide the user with a secure place to store photos, videos and files. One’s memories risk to be lost if left on a pc or a mobile phone that could be broken. The cloud assures a duration over time of the files, makes them available on all devices of the user and allows to share them. Obviously the chance to have such a big space available teases the perversion of a cyber-pedophile which takes advantage of such technologies to satisfy his inexpressible cravings and shares them with others who are guilty of the same crime.

	Links 10,096	Photos 74,717	Videos 13,047	Timed platform
	Links 1,021	Photos 274,501	Videos 31,060	Cloud platform
	Links 88	Photos 7.004	Videos 3.199	Cloud platform
	Links 27	Photos 268	Videos 885	Cloud platform
	Links 7	Photos 7	Videos 275	Cloud platform



The **deep Web** is an open space where criminal associations from all over the world expand their traffics. This phenomenon has esponentially moved in this uncontrollable free zone which makes it difficult for police forces to intervene immediately. In order not to nullify its monitoring activity, *Meter* has shifted its attention to the research and cataloging of telematic archives in the deep Web.

The deep Web is a submerged area of the Net which is very difficult to individualize and explore. This is why police forces of all states should cooperate with each other; in this way they would avoid the loss and waste of vital information in an immediate fight against **pedo-criminal Web**, and bring to the release of children involved in this obscene violence market.

The monitoring of online pedophilia still continues to be ignored by political forces which have no interest to put this important fight against pedophile crime in their agendas. All what is not done is for sure at the expense of young victims: people remain silent, waiting for other minors to be involved in this atrocity, because the Web does not rest or stop. We are waiting for who has supervision and justice responsibility to act in order that whatever happens on the Web every day will not remain silent. We also expect the same sensibility from common citizens because children represent the future for all of us.



In 2017
50
URL DISCOVERED
IN THE *DEEP WEB*

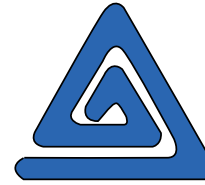


Pedophiles and child pornographers do not only use the Net as a means to spread photos and videos to get richer, they also use it to stick up for pedophilia and try to *normalize* it. It is a real structured and well organized lobby (fund raising and international pro-pedophilia day) which provides advice on how to groom children and suggests Websites where it is possible to find child pornographic photos and videos. There are countless groups and “rooms” where they tell stories about sexual encounters with children and run tests to “measure” their sexual attraction towards children.

To oppose the pedophile ideology in 2012 Italy has ratified by law 172 the Lanzarote Convention of the 25th of October 2007; this introduced the art. 414 bis in the Italian Penal Code. For the first time the expressions of “pedophilia and cultural child pornography” have entered the Italian regulations: «Unless the fact constitutes a more serious offence, anyone who with any telematic means and also with just a cultural aim, spreads legitimizing judgments, instigates to commit or carries out apology of the behaviours required by the articles 600-bis, 600-ter, 600-quater, 600-quater.1, 600-quinquies, 609-bis, 609-quater and 609-quinquies, carried out with minors is punished with imprisonment from 3 to 5 years».

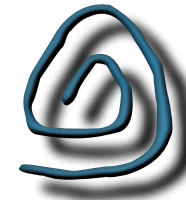
Despite the Lanzarote Convention (2007) Websites continue to proliferate on the Web.

Pedophiles have various identification logos or symbols to recognise each other, to distinguish their sexual preferences and to specifically indicate their favourite gender; as a matter of fact members of pedophile organizations do encourage the use of descriptions like “boylove”, “girllove”, and “childlove”.



(U) BLogo aka “Boy Lover”

The “Boylover logo” (BLogo) is a small light blue triangular spiral, surrounded by a bigger triangle; the smaller triangle symbolizes the child and the external one symbolizes an adult.



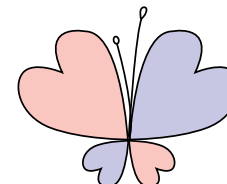
(U) LLogo aka “Little Boy Lover”

A variant of the BLogo is the “little Boy Lover logo” (LLogo), which in turn represents a small triangular spiral inside a larger triangle; in this case the angles of the logo are rounded to give the impression of a drawing made by a small child.



(U) GLogo aka “Girl Lover”

The “GirlLover logo” (GLogo) represents a small heart surrounded by a bigger external one, to symbolize a relation between an adult man or woman and an underage girl.



(U) CLogo aka “Child Lover”

The “ChildLover logo” (CLogo) looks like a butterfly, it represents child molesters which have no gender preferences.



(U) CLOMAL aka “Childlover Online Media”

“The Childlove Online Media Activism Logo” (CLOMAL) is a logo that has general aims, it is used by individuals to identify online media as blogs or Webcasts with pedophile and pro-pedophilia contents.

This year what emerges again from our data is that the child pornography market has no brakes, on the contrary the possibilities and the ways of diffusion of the material are growing. Many Countries of the world do still not have adequate laws to spot and punish the crime of online pedophilia and child pornography. A single regulation of the Web for all Countries does not exist for obvious reasons. There are no geographic boundaries on the Internet and the user has total freedom of action, particularly in the deep Web. Do technical means or solutions exist to put a brake on the diffusion of this silent horror where innocent children are the main protagonists?

Do Nations and Web giants have interest in stopping the exchange of files and the criminal market of child pornography?

Is it possible to put filters? Is it possible to create intelligent systems which are able to detect nudes or violent images?

Furthermore, why should European and worldwide countries bother to draw up protocols to limit the circulation of online illicit material?

Technical means to inhibit the diffusion of such material do exist. **Expensive algorithms are able to detect the type of images**, to recognize faces and nudes. For example, paid listings on Facebook are equipped with a system which automatically blocks the upload of images with human nudes because they go against the social's guide lines. Such systems could also be programmed for file sharing online spaces, but clearly putting filters would compromise the gain of the company that provides the service.

Another limit to the action of cyber-pedophiles could be the **removal of the concept of anonymity on the Web**. Many file sharing services guarantee anonymity, it is not requested to be registered to upload files, in this way it is almost impossible to track down the user who uploaded the files; this is also because often these services are timed, making it even more difficult to intercept the illicit act.

Also a domain name registration via *hosting* companies relies on the concept of anonymity. When registering a Website the real data of the user are required, but the company itself offers the possibility to hide those data so it can not be possible to track the owner, even not through *Who is*, a Website which permits to track the accountholder of a domain.

This could look like privacy protection for the user, but in reality who wants to commit online crimes takes advantage of this concept of anonymity. If anonymity on the Web was removed, most of illegal activities would probably be impeded. Furthermore anonymity becomes an obstacle for competent

authorities who monitor the Web, and surely investigations suffer a slowdown.

Another important step forward in the fight against online child pornography could be taken by creating common international (or at least European) *black lists*. For example, a Website which is intercepted or reported to Italian Postal Police ends up in the *black list* when it proposes illicit activities or when it contains material whose disclosure is punishable by law. The Website that enters the list is so blocked in Italy, but it remains usable in other countries. Thus a need for common lists to prohibit surfing on incriminated Websites in every part of Europe and worldwide.



Listening and first acceptance centre

During the years *Meter* has tried and still tries to give hope to young victims of abuses; a series of services are offered to families who ask for our intervention, among these there is the listening and first acceptance centre.

The Centre is ***the heart of Meter***, starting from the assistance relation, where the listener and the listened one bind in order to create a cozy and safe place, that allows to read the psychological and emotional discomfort of the child. Empathy and professional competences also allow to provide information and answers to problems dealing with child discomfort and particularly with sexual, physical and psychological abuse, to pedophilia and to all situations where children's safety is endangered. This is the place where we work every day to coordinate the characterizing activities of *Meter's* associative spirit. The listening Centre operates connecting the services that are available on the territory. The aim is to guarantee a more adequate response to emerging needs.



Organization and operation

- *Acceptance*: receive people who are in need, putting them at ease and giving them clear information about this service;
- *Listening*: Encounter people giving them all the time, discretion and comprehension they need about their problems;
- *Orientation*: if necessary, direct people towards the structures and services available on the territory that could provide the best answers to their needs.

Specifically the Listening Centre:

- Offers psychological, legal, computer, medical and spiritual advice;
- Conducts research activities of sociological, legal, psychological and computer nature.

To listen is an art and you can find it in *Meter*. Children and families can have advice through: the National head office Centre; through our referents spread on the national territory; through our toll free number 800 455 270; through the Web chat *Meter*.



How does the human being work?

The human being does always appear as if divided in his manifestations, like he is inhabited by another part of himself. On one side he is the subject of rationality (self-being), on the other side he is subject to something that does not respond, this has been called drive. Neuroscience does also confirm that the will that we express through conscience and self-being does not exactly know what happens in that space of mental processes where there is no access.

Human biology is different from the animal one, sexual practices do not respond to natural rules. The absence of biological adjustment makes the human to develop his sexuality as subject to anticipatory and unpredictable effects. And not in a finalistic and linear way as happens for animals.

Contrarily to animal world the human being can be perverse. A pervert feels pleasure when enjoying the specific pleasure that he obtains from photos and videos of children on the Internet (in the case of a pedophile). That particular kind of pleasure, that is right to call enjoyment, is what can be found in all the objects which make it possible. In this particular relation, perversion can be found in the enjoyment of a subject/child which is reduced to object.

Classification of pedophiles

The **seducer pedophile**: very affectionate, he gives gifts to the child and obtains his silence by using his manipulation abilities.

The **introvert pedophile**: he rarely uses seductive approaches, he barely communicates with children.

The **sadistic pedophile**: he is the most dangerous. He gets pleasure when seeing physical and psychological suffering. He stretches traps and uses force to kidnap children and ultimately kill them.

The **cyber-pedophile**: he does not concretely abuse children, but he makes use of child pornography material that he can find on the Internet or through the submerged market of photos and videos. Although he does not personally produce the material he makes use of it, he brings to an increase of the demand on the market of images production and thus of abuses on children.

In the imagination of people a pedophile is a monster, an individual which can be recognised among the others: in reality he usually is a common person, aesthetically well cured and does often have a good social position, he is beyond suspicion and often very close to the child; it can be a father, a mother, an uncle, a grandfather, a neighbour or in any case someone who the child trusts.

Pedophiles are mostly males which have a strong attraction for prepubertal children, who are between 0 and 13 years old. This kind of attraction does sometimes remain silent for a long time, it can break out from casual events or situations; situations like being close to the child, smelling his skin, seeing ambiguous photos, touching the child in a certain way or meeting people who have had sexual experiences with minors and tell about them in a very positive way. Independently from the causes which drive an adult to be attracted by a child, the kind of therapy that can be used does not always provide a solution.

Psychotherapy does often deal with the fact that the pedophile does not admit he has a problem.

Pharmacological therapy did not have big results, this is because psychological factors have a big importance in the determination of the behaviour of the pedophile.

The criminological action of the pedophile

A pedophile chooses his victims among children who are actually alone, neglected and with no friends; children who could easily mistake his attention for gestures of affection.

His *modus operandi* is usually the same:

- He tries to obtain the child's trust and esteem, by becoming a legendary person in his eyes;
- He starts to spend a lot of time with the child, he becomes his best friend, listens to him and gives him advice, he shoulders him and covers him up when he behaves badly;
- He makes the child develop a kind of addiction towards him;
- He takes advantage of the natural curiosity for sexuality to show pornographic and child pornography material;
- He starts to propose ambiguous games;
- After abusing the child he pushes him not to tell anyone, at first without scaring him; in a second time obliging him to remain silent leveraging on scare and shame.



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

Diagnostic criteria for pedophilia

- Fantasies, sexual impulses or recurrent and intense sexually exciting behaviours, which lead to sexual activity with one or more prepuberous children (generally 13 years old or younger) during a period of at least 6 months.
- Fantasies, sexual impulses and behaviours cause a clinically significant discomfort or an impairment of the social, working and other areas.
- The subject is at least 16 and is at least 5 years older than the child or children.

Note

Do not include a late teenage subject which is involved in a durable sexual relation with a 12-13 old.

Specify if:

Sexually attracted by males
Sexually attracted by female
Sexually attracted by both

Specify if:

Limited to incest

Specify the type:

Exclusive type (only attracted by children)
Non exclusive type



Children who are victims of pedophiles have a common feature: SOLITUDE. A pedophile takes advantage of this solitude to fill it, to become a friend and reference figure, to make the child fall in an *emotional trap*. It is called *emotional trap* because, if he wanted to, the child could ask for help to parents, to teachers, to catechists, to whoever is close to him; but the guilt feelings he has drive him not to tell anything, to keep the secret and continue to suffer. The child will be able to tell about it and return free only if pushed by the hope to be understood and helped.

Consequences on the child

Future consequences on abused children do often affect all spheres of his life: social, sexual, working, couple life, etc.

What emerges from case studies is that the younger a child is, the less he is likely to remember and thus develop consequences in his adult life; but this is just partly true: many people who experience a big trauma develop the defence mechanism of removal. Removal happens in case of traumatic accidents, in fact victims often tell they do not remember anything. The same mechanism happens for abused children: they don't remember the abuse, but this does not mean that they will not have consequences in their life. No matter the age, an abuse can create a more or less serious damage to the psycho-physical equilibrium of the victim.

The thousand faces of abuse

A sexual abuse does not remain limited to the violence of the pedophile, it lasts in time under many facets (secondary victimization):

- Often the child continues to be abused by society: he is marked by the “scarlet letter”, he is no longer considered as all the others because the violence he has suffered is seen in all his behaviours;
- More than once the child is pushed to tell the violence he has suffered, even if these stories make him suffer more and more;
- Often courts do not have a proper environment to welcome a child or procedures that are adequate to the listening of his story; frequently the child has to expose the abuse episodes in a cold court room at the presence of many stranger adults;
- The adult which listens to the tragic story of the minor is often not prepared as he should be; thus he asks questions about details of the traumatic situation the child has gone through, using a speech that is not suitable for the young age of the victim, and without respecting his times.

Followed cases

In 2017 we registered a further increase of people who rely on *Meter’s Listening Centre* to be helped and oriented. Trough the professionals of the Listening Centre (which is active at the National Office and is linked to territorial offices) and through the toll free number 131 requests were collected, 49 originating from Sicily.

The trend of the requests that have been received from the Listening Centre has continued to increase (91 cases in 2016; 131 cases in 2017). Looking at the provenience chart, the biggest relevance continues to be originated in Sicily. That’s why our National Headquarter is located there.

As you can see from the chart, problems we have dealt with in 2017 regard mostly familiar difficulties (38 out of 131), followed by situations of sexual abuse (28 out of 131). This year the entry “sexual abuse has been divided in two categories: “sexual abuse” to indicate situations where abuses are still happening or are recent; “sexual abuse in the past” to indicate help requests from adults which were abused when they were young. These data lead to an important reflection for what concerns the suffering that derives from the trauma of abuse. A child who does not tell or who does not receive help to get over the trauma will continue to show the signs of the abuse also in his life as an adult.

Problem

Dysfunctional familiar relations	38
Sexual exploitation	20
Sexual abuse	17
Sexual abuse in the past	11
Anxiety disorders	11
Net related problems (identity theft, report of websites, etc.)	9
Bullying and cyber-bullying	9
Grooming	8
Gambling addiction	2
Stalking	2
Sexting	2
Cutting	1
Drug addiction	1
Total	131

Origin

SICILY	57
CAMPANIA	26
LAZIO	9
VENETO	7
FRIULI VENEZIA GIULIA	5
LIGURIA	3
LOMBARDIA	3
PUGLIA	3
SARDINIA	3
PIEMONTE	2
ABRUZZO	1
EMILIA ROMAGNA	1
TUSCANY	1
ANONIMOUS	10
TOTAL	131

In 2017

131

FOLLOWED CASES

In 2016

91

FOLLOWED CASES

From 2002 to 2017

1,402

FOLLOWED CASES

Typology

Information about services, meetings, volunteering	636
Multi-functional centre for childhood and adolescence	150
Spiritual advice for accompaniment and orientation	54
Thesis/ internship	46
Psychological counseling for familiar difficulties or other	39
Counseling in schools	30
Psychological counselling for sexual abuse	27
Legal advice	23
Interviews	18
Sexual abuse, also if presumed and back in time	14
Contended children during separation	14
Cyber-bullying, cyber-stalking, online pedophilia	5
Suspicious websites reporting	4
Maltreatment complaints	3
Media reports and other	2
Groundless accusation of abuse	1
Request of addresses of structures that deal with sexual deviations for pedophiles	1
It consulting/online grooming	1
Total	1,024

Also in 2017 *Meter* has answered to the numerous requests (1,024) that have arrived through the toll free number and through the institutional number, requests which originated from several Italian cities (look at Origin chart). The types of telephone requests are very various: about the Multi-functional Centre for Childhood and Adolescence (150), followed by spiritual advices (54), by university student's requests for the writing of their thesis or to make an internship (46), Psychological counseling for familiar difficulties (39), counselling for sexual abuse, also if presumed and back in time (27), legal advice (23), interviews (18), etc. Also in this case the majority of reports (803 out of 1,024) originates from Sicily, where our National office resides.



Origin

SICILY	803
LAZIO	79
LOMBARDIA	27
CAMPANIA	26
LIGURIA	21
VENETO	21
PUGLIA	10
EMILIA ROMAGNA	9
PIEMONTE	8
ABRUZZO	6
UMBRIA	4
MARCHE	2
TUSCANY	2
SARDINIA	2
FRIULI VENEZIA GIULIA	1
TRENTINO ALTO ADIGE	1
ANONIMOUS	2
TOTAL	1,024

In 2017

1,024
TELEPHONE
REQUESTS

In 2016

1,157
TELEPHONE
REQUESTS



The term *snoezelen* is a neologism made up of two Dutch words: “*snuffelen*” (find, explore) and “*doezelen*” (doze, nap). It is a therapeutic technique which makes use of a multi-sensorial approach, which allows the child to explore, get to know the environment and interact with it in a nice context, by using a multi-sensorial stimulation and integration. The room is equipped with particular lights, colours, music, perfumes, landscapes, soft corners. It is made up of refined and sophisticated materials which create a cozy, relaxing and stimulating environment, specially for children with anxiety disorders. It is a protected and structured

space, aimed at developing the capacity of the child to relate with others, research for a psycho-physical equilibrium and acquire the right tools to manage his or her fears.

The therapist will also involve parents when applying this methodology in order to recreate a peaceful and familiar environment. In particular, Autogenous training is a relaxing technique which is applied in the *snoezelen* room to control stress, manage emotions and in dealing with psychosomatic disorders of the children.

Training



Auditorium of the *Meter Training and Educational Complex* - Pachino (SR)



Training represents the main resource we have to prevent and intervene, but also promote childhood culture. There is an increasing need to acquire necessary knowledge and techniques to prevent and solve the difficulties that children and teens show during their growth. Training, sensitization and information meetings provide tools to enable a work which is aimed to prevent and intervene, thanks to the professional experience and technical skills of *Meter's* multidisciplinary team. The need of a correct and professional training, requested by governmental education agencies working for prevention and managing of discomforts, has led to the organization of training courses about problems concerning pedophilia, child abuse, bullying cyber-bullying, safe use of the Internet, integration and disabilities. Training is a moment of professional and personal growth, very important for an incisive and competent intervention in the development of childhood.

In 2017 *Meter* took part to 347 conventions and training, sensitization and prevention meetings on request of public and private bodies all over the national territory. Every year the involvement of the professionals of the Association becomes increasingly incisive and relevant. This year a significant request of meetings came from associations from the third sector, this demonstrates that there is an increasing sensitivity towards childhood.

Covered topics deal with the world of children, observed in its multiple aspects. Particular attention was given to the theme of *safeguard and protection of childhood*, holding in account responsibilities that adults have towards children. Another theme of great interest relates to *pedophilia and pitfalls of the Net*, from the analysis of profiles of pedophiles and victims to the dynamics of the phenomenon and risks which hide behind Internet and technology. There were also important meetings on the themes of *bullying and cyber-bullying*, of *education and social commitment* of children and teens.

Our operators met over 18,381 people: summary cards that accompany each event to which *Meter* participates allow us to calculate the number of people encountered, the kind of meetings and issues we dealt with on various occasions.

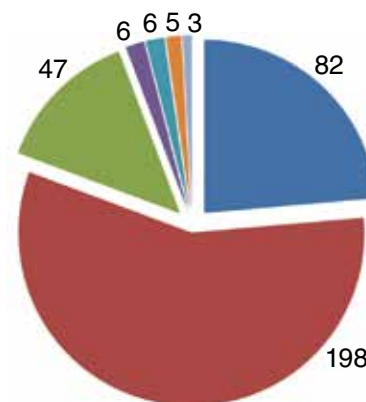


Covered topics

- Intervention design and strategies
- Protection of children's rights
- Pedophilia and pitfalls of the net
- Education and social commitment
- Online and at school bullying
- Disabilities

Meetings

Associations	198
Dioceses (parishes, Vatican, religious centers)	82
Schools	47
Universities / Academies	6
Public Bodies	6
Club service	5
TVs	3
Total	347



In 2017 347 MEETINGS	From 2002 to 2017 2,131 MEETINGS	In 2017 18,381 PEOPLE MET
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Relations between *Meter* and schools are granted by the activation of Agreements signed with educational Institutions of every grade and order. The aim is to construct an educational union to intervene preventively on discomfort situations shown by students (ex. Relational difficulties, learning disorders, bullying and isolation phenomena, addiction and violence forms related to new technologies).

Advice centres for schools

This service has been available in schools since many years and has been acknowledged from teachers and families for giving voice to discomforts of children. Through information, sensitization, training and psycho-educative intervention activities it is possible to provide a direct support to schools which have difficulties in the management of problems relating to childhood and adolescence.

Advice centres are established inside schools who request it to:

- Organize meetings with families of students at risk, helping them in finding the right ways to communicate with their children;
- Intervene with the right tools towards students on whom a traumatic event could have blocked the process of growth;
- To intervene for the recovery of particularly “complicated” students who had bad and recidivist behaviours;
- Act as a means between schools and families to better the dialogue between them and implement common interventions with the aim to find a solution to the problems shown by students as soon as possible;
- Organize conventions and training courses for adults (parents, educators, teachers) to enable them to decode the discomfort signals coming from the child which are almost never verbal, but are often “covered” messages.

From the analysis of the reported data it is possible to highlight the continuous commitment of the School Advice Center.

In training courses and conventions we met 574 teachers, and the covered topics were about: *bullying and cyber-bullying, Internet and new media, pedophilia and abuses on children, protection of childhood rights*. We met 7,011 students in prevention, training and intervention activities aimed to educate to affectivity and management of emotions, to the good use of the Internet and new media, to childhood rights and to the management of bullying and cyber-bullying episodes. We met 230 families once again over topics linked to the problems related to childhood and adolescence.



University training

Meter signed many agreements with universities, granting an intern training of students throughout the organization of seminars, conventions and training courses. Students are provided with guide lines which are necessary to recognise the signals of abuse and maltreatment on children, the behavioural analysis of the pedophile, the effect of an abuse on the psycho-physical development of a minor; also guide lines about the intervention of *Meter's* professionals to widen the knowledge on these topics, and to acquire instruments and principles of professional ethic.



In 2017

7,011

STUDENTS MET

574

TEACHERS MET

230

FAMILIES MET

In 2017

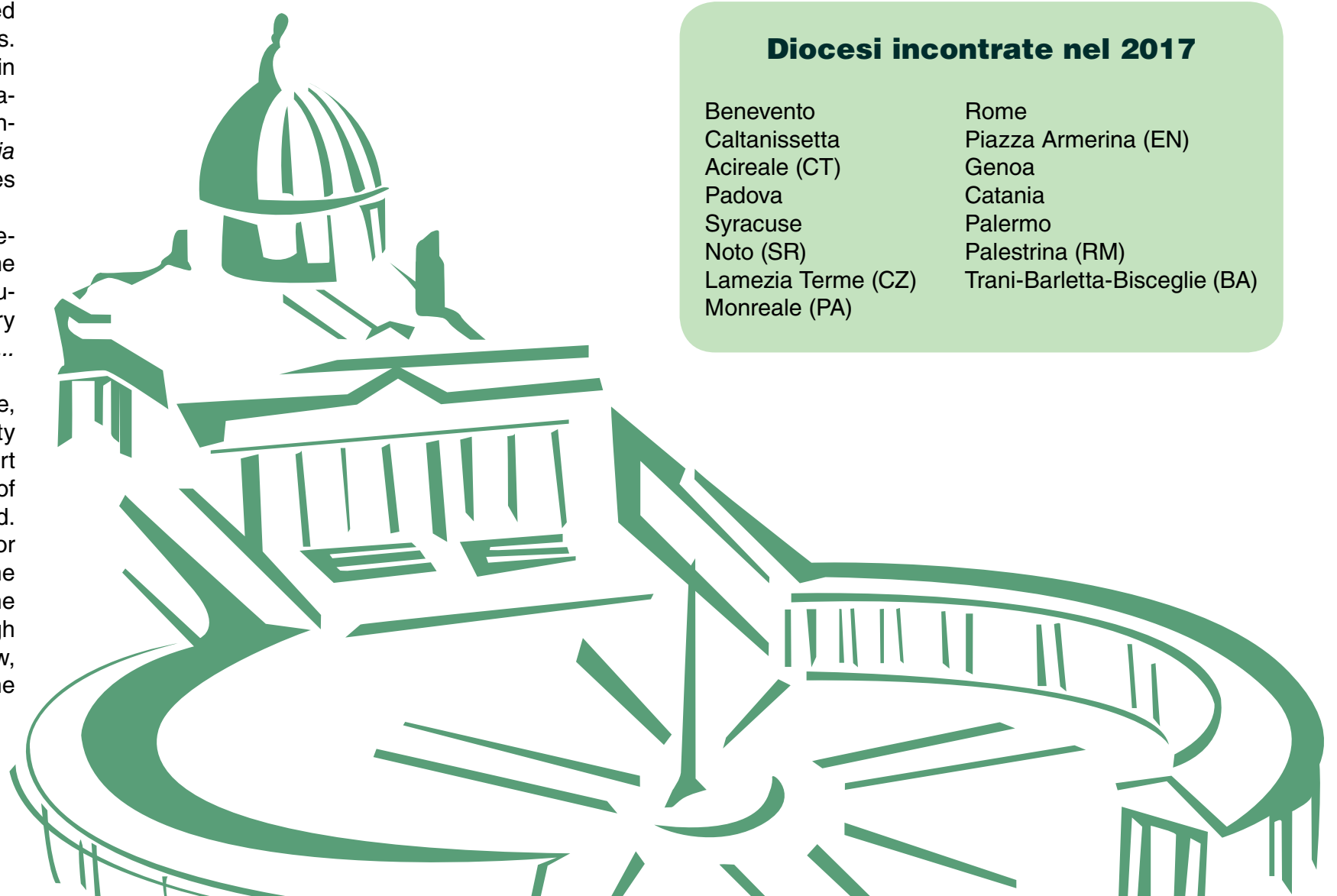
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UNIVERSITY STUDENTS MET

Relations between *Meter* and Church are strengthened every year through collaborations and contributions. *Meter* is a catholic reality which has always been in church life; 2017 confirms the presence of the Association in ecclesial realities which asked for its intervention. Topics covered in meetings deal with *pedophilia* and *pitfalls of the Net*. From 2002 to today 58 dioceses have been met, 15 just in 2017.

Meter's participation is also requested in religious celebrations, Father Fortunato is invited to celebrate the Mass in particular moments of the liturgical year. Numerous parish communities commit themselves every month to say the Holy Rosary "*In defence of children... let's pray*".

Meter also deals with the training of religious people, seminarists and operators of the ecclesial community to allow them to learn to know and recognize discomfort situations, promoting the construction and diffusion of a pastoral for the defence and prevention of childhood. Since many years *Meter* offers a training course for Dioceses and Seminaries to form future priests on the drama of pedophilia and child pornography, through the sociological presentation of this phenomenon, through the knowledge of notions of canonical and penalty law, and the study of psychological dynamics linked to the abuser and the victim child.



Diocesi incontrate nel 2017

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| Benevento | Rome |
| Caltanissetta | Piazza Armerina (EN) |
| Acireale (CT) | Genoa |
| Padova | Catania |
| Syracuse | Palermo |
| Noto (SR) | Palestrina (RM) |
| Lamezia Terme (CZ) | Trani-Barletta-Bisceglie (BA) |
| Monreale (PA) | |

Covered topics

- _____ Pedophilia and pitfalls of the Net
- _____ Bullying
- _____ Education and social commitment

From 2002 to 2017

58

DIOCESES MET

In 2017

15

DIOCESES MET

In 2017

82

MEETINGS

New pastoral care against pedophilia and sexual abuses on minors

“A loved child will never be abused” (Fr. Fortunato Di Noto). As pope Paul VI said in 1978 the defence of childhood is a permanent commitment for the Church. We are all involved in the defence of the youngest.

The course has the aim to provide theoretical and practical contents, that help to rapidly recognize the signals of discomfort coming from the child, signals which are indicators of abuse and need the intervention of skilled professionals. To learn about the phenomenon of minor abuse in an ecclesial and non ecclesial context, about the civil and canonical laws on the matter of abuse, about abuse regulations coming from the Italian Episcopal Conference throughout the course, allows to build and spread a juvenile pastoral aimed to the defence and prevention of childhood.

Recipients

Priests, religious people, seminarians and novices from religious communities, pastoral operators (family, Caritas, young people, educators, religion teachers).

Teaching methodology

Frontal lessons and laboratories. Modules are distributed in two meetings which take place in the weekend.

Material

Study compendiums, operative sheets, bibliographic texts and videos.



PROGRAMME AND CONTENT

Module 1 | Theology, history, pastoral

- Pastoral care for children
- Church and children
- Guide lines
- Pastoral care office for fragilities

Module 2 | Psychology

- Definition of maltreatment types
- The pedophile: DSM V classification, characteristics and behavioural analysis
- The abused child: discomfort signs, defence mechanisms, effect of the abuse on psycho-physical development
- The operator/educator: reactions, defence mechanisms, specialized interventions.
- *Meter* Listening Centre

Module 3 | Internet

- *Social networks*: from addiction to benefits
- Minors involved in socials: educate to conscious use
- OS.MO.CO.P – World Observatory against Pedophilia: interventions and strategies to curb the phenomenon

Module 4 | Law

- Criminal Law: rules on sexual violence, pedophilia and child pornography
- Canon Law: rules passed by the popes Benedict XVI and Francis for the protection of minors; CEI rules on the topic of sexual abuse, with a sight on worldwide Episcopal conferences.



The **Training and educational Complex** is a multi-disciplinary harmonic space equipped with rooms with high technical and functional standards. It has an inner surface of 1,500 square meters and an external area of 10,500 square meters, with an activity of linked services which are structured to give answers to all social and ecclesial needs. The training activities of the Complex are followed by *Meter's* professionals, but they also make use of collaborators from important private and public Bodies. The Complex stands to train high profile human resources, to contain and respond to social problems in the field of childhood, adolescence and family. Activities are studied and elaborated for any kind of social interest.

Training

- Auditorium
- Meeting Hall Koinonia
- OS.MO.COP.
- World Observatory against Pedophilia
- Network Education Hall
- Human resources laboratory
- Drafting and editing

Education

- Learn while playing
- Musical laboratory
- Educational laboratory
- Artistic laboratory

Gym

Ecclesial

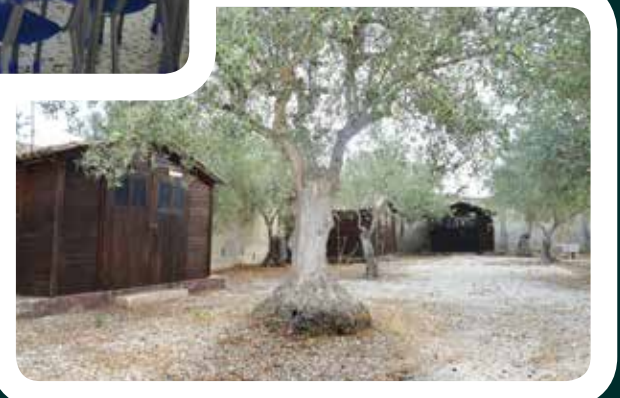
- Chapel
- Spiritual areas

Autism

- Early intensive intervention
- Family training
- Super-Autonomous, autonomies workshop

External area

- Large spaces equipped for spiritual retreats and scouting
- Multifunctional and sports area
- Educational garden





The *Day for Children Victims* (in Italian GBV) of violence, exploitation and indifference was born in Avola in 1995, in the neighbourhood of the Parish of Madonna del Carmine, cradle of the Association. It came from the suffering, the tears, the anger, the pain for the violated childhood of a girl of 11 and a boy of 14. These violence episodes brought Father Fortunato Di Noto to concentrate his efforts and resources on the fight against pedophilia and child pornography. The Day for Children Victims is celebrated since 1995 in the parish of Madonna del Carmine in Avola every first Sunday of May; it is divided in two celebrative moments: a first commemorative one (prayers and reflections), a second one dedicated to children and families.

The Day for children Victims has reached a national and international relevance for Church, civil society and politic and cultural realities. Specifically, parish communities pray and reflect about childhood's conditions; high offices of the State, Ministries and local bodies join through reflection and sensitization moments. Universities, schools and political, trade and cultural aggregations do also participate. On the Day for Children Victims the Pope sends "special greetings" to *Meter* Association: this is a prestigious acknowledgement sign over *Meter's* action. Every year our members go to Piazza San Pietro in Rome to respond to the greeting of the Pope and testify the unrestrainable fight in defence of childhood started in 1989 in the heart of Sicily.



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