

# Extension of Interim Regulation to Prevent and Combat Child Sexual Abuse



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On 30 November 2023, the Commission [proposed](#) extending the interim regulation, allowing providers to voluntarily detect and report child sexual abuse on certain communication services. The regulation, which expires on 3 August 2024, provides a temporary legal basis until new EU rules are in place. Without an extension, there is a risk that there will be no legal basis to combat child sexual abuse, making it easier for predators to operate. The proposed extension until 4 August 2026 aims to bridge the gap until long-term legislation is adopted, and it underlines the urgency of addressing the growing gravity of child sexual abuse.

The long-term solution is sought by the controversially discussed Regulation laying down rules to prevent and combat child sexual abuse, which is currently negotiated by the European Parliament and the Council (→ [news of 12 December 2023](#) with further references). The Commission stressed that it remains committed to supporting legislative efforts to combat child sexual abuse and protect children.

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