Children, Mobile Phones and the Internet

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A European approach

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European Union policy

- **Legislation to ensure treaty objectives such as free movement of goods and services**

- **Protection of minors rules are not harmonised and a matter for Member States (MS)**

- **What happens if rules hinder free movement?**

A legislative approach

- **Television without Frontiers Directive**
  - ◆ **Each MS must ensure protection of minors from harmful content**
  - ◆ **Allow reception of programmes from other MS**
  - ◆ **Reserve powers for Member States**
  - ◆ **Only covers TV broadcasting (terrestrial, satellite, cable)**
  - ◆ **Review end 2003**

Recent legislation

- **Telecoms package**
  - ◆ **No content regulation**

- **Electronic commerce directive**
  - ◆ **Liability of intermediary service providers**

- **Framework Decision on Child Pornography (proposal)**
  - ◆ **Shows that EU approach possible where consensus on need to act**

Non-legislative approach

- **Open method of co-operation**
  - ◆ **Common targets and guidelines for Member States, regular monitoring**

- **References to self-regulation**
  - ◆ **Recommendation on protection of minors and human dignity**
  - ◆ **Electronic Commerce Directive**

- **Funding programmes**
  - ◆ **Safer Internet Action Plan**

Safer Internet Action Plan

- **1999 - 2002, 25 million euro**
- **creating a European network of hotlines**
- **encouraging self-regulation**
- **developing rating and filtering systems**
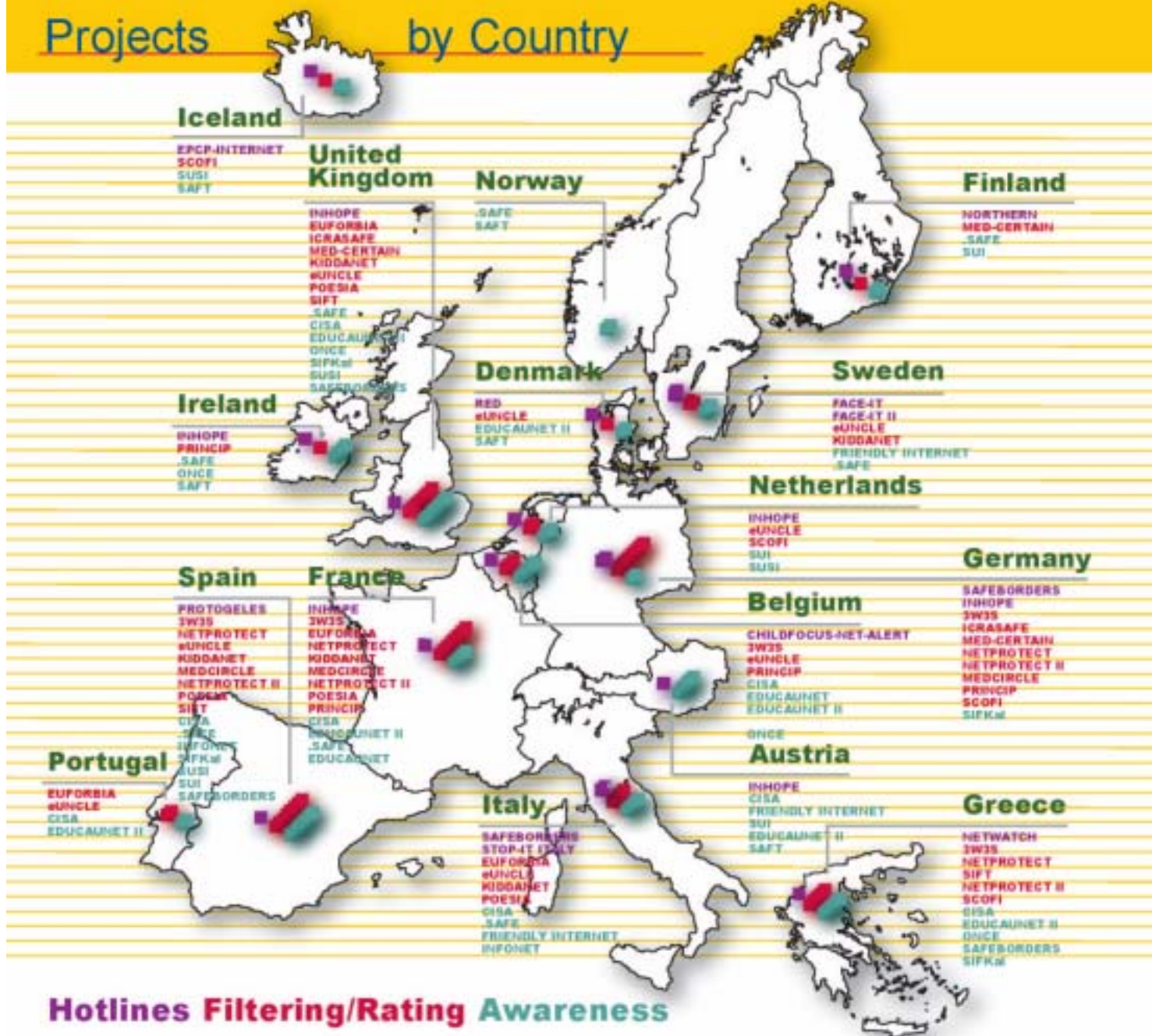- **raising awareness**

Results

- **Hotlines funded in 14 countries**
  - ◆ **INHOPE plus Australia, US**

- **Rating and filtering - 13 projects**
  - ◆ **ICRA content rating**
  - ◆ **SIFT cross-platform filtering**

- **Awareness - 12 projects**

- **136 partners from 16 countries**

Projects by Country

Iceland
EPCP-INTERNET
SCOFI
SUSI
SAFT

United Kingdom
INHOPE
EUFORBIA
ICRASAFE
MED-CERTAIN
KIDDANET
eUNCLE
POESIA
SIFT
.SAFE
CISA
EDUCAUNET II
ONCE
SIFKid
SUSI
SAFEBORDERS

Norway
.SAFE
SAFT

Finland
NORTHERN
MED-CERTAIN
.SAFE
SUI

Ireland
INHOPE
PRINCIP
.SAFE
ONCE
SAFT

Denmark
RED
eUNCLE
EDUCAUNET II
SAFT

Sweden
FACE-IT
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eUNCLE
KIDDANET
FRIENDLY INTERNET
.SAFE

Netherlands
INHOPE
eUNCLE
SCOFI
SUI
SUSI

Spain
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CHILDFOCUS-NET-ALERT
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SCOFI
SIFKid

Portugal
EUFORBIA
eUNCLE
CISA
EDUCAUNET II

Austria
INHOPE
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SUI
EDUCAUNET II
SAFT

Italy
SAFEBORDERS
STOP-IT ITALY
EUFORBIA
eUNCLE
KIDDANET
POESIA
CISA
.SAFE
FRIENDLY INTERNET
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ONCE
SAFEBORDERS
SIFKid

Hotlines Filtering/Rating Awareness

2nd phase

- **2003 - 2004**

- **13.3 mio euro**

- **New technologies - e.g peer-to -peer, mobile phones**

- **Protection of minors still main aim**

- **Broader range of illegal and harmful content, including racism and violence**

New features

- **Emphasis on awareness**

- **Safer Internet Forum**

- **Study of children's use of new media**

- **Benchmark filtering software**

- **Awareness and hotline networks**

  - ◆ **national nodes in all Member States, central co-ordinating node**

A possible approach

- **Assess the problem**
  - ◆ **Inform Member States**

- **Compare approaches to regulation**
  - ◆ **Questionnaire to Member States**

- **Provide a platform**
  - ◆ **Discuss way forward**
  - ◆ **Exchange best practices**

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