

**Basic information****2025/0429(COD)**COD - Ordinary legislative procedure (ex-codecision procedure)  
Regulation

Awaiting Council's 1st reading position

Extension of the temporary derogation from the ePrivacy Directive to combat online child sexual abuse

Amending Regulation 2021/1232 [2020/0259\(COD\)](#)**Subject**1.20.09 Protection of privacy and data protection  
3.30.05 Electronic and mobile communications, personal communications  
3.30.25 International information networks and society, internet**Key players**

European Parliament	<b>Committee responsible</b>	<b>Rapporteur</b>	<b>Appointed</b>
	<span style="border: 1px solid red; padding: 2px;">LIBE</span> Civil Liberties, Justice and Home Affairs	SIPPEL Birgit (S&D)	15/01/2026
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Council of the European Union			
European Commission	<b>Commission DG</b>	<b>Commissioner</b>	
	Migration and Home Affairs	BRUNNER Magnus	
European Economic and Social Committee			

**Key events**

Date	Event	Reference	Summary
		COM(2025)0797	Summary

19/12/2025	Legislative proposal published		
27/01/2026	Committee referral announced in Parliament, 1st reading		
02/03/2026	Vote in committee, 1st reading		
03/03/2026	Committee report tabled for plenary, 1st reading	<a href="#">A10-0040/2026</a>	
11/03/2026	Decision by Parliament, 1st reading	<a href="#">T10-0070/2026</a>	<a href="#">Summary</a>
11/03/2026	Results of vote in Parliament		
11/03/2026	Matter referred back to the committee responsible for interinstitutional negotiations		
26/03/2026	Decision by Parliament, 1st reading	<a href="#">T10-0095/2026</a>	<a href="#">Summary</a>
26/03/2026	Results of vote in Parliament		

Technical information	
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<b>Procedure type</b>	COD - Ordinary legislative procedure (ex-codecision procedure)
<b>Procedure subtype</b>	Legislation
<b>Legislative instrument</b>	Regulation
<b>Amendments and repeals</b>	Amending Regulation 2021/1232 <a href="#">2020/0259(COD)</a>
<b>Legal basis</b>	Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union TFEU 114-p1 Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union TFEU 294-p7-ac Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union TFEU 016-p2
<b>Mandatory consultation of other institutions</b>	<a href="#">European Economic and Social Committee</a>
<b>Stage reached in procedure</b>	Awaiting Council's 1st reading position
<b>Committee dossier</b>	LIBE/10/04903

Documentation gateway				
<b>European Parliament</b>				
Document type	Committee	Reference	Date	Summary
Committee draft report		<a href="#">PE784.310</a>	05/02/2026	
Amendments tabled in committee		<a href="#">PE784.377</a>	10/02/2026	
Committee report tabled for plenary, 1st reading/single reading		<a href="#">A10-0040/2026</a>	03/03/2026	
Text adopted by Parliament, partial vote at 1st reading /single reading		<a href="#">T10-0070/2026</a>	11/03/2026	<a href="#">Summary</a>
Text adopted by Parliament, 1st reading/single reading		<a href="#">T10-0095/2026</a>	26/03/2026	<a href="#">Summary</a>
<b>European Commission</b>				
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Legislative proposal		19/12/2025	Summary	
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<b>Other institutions and bodies</b>				
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<b>Additional information</b>		
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## Meetings with interest representatives published in line with the Rules of Procedure

### Rapporteurs, Shadow Rapporteurs and Committee Chairs

<b>Transparency</b>				
Name	Role	Committee	Date	Interest representatives
SIPPEL Birgit	Rapporteur	LIBE	17/03/2026	Landtag Niedersachsen
SIPPEL Birgit	Rapporteur	LIBE	06/03/2026	Permanent Representation of Cyprus to the EU
JOVEVA Irena	Shadow rapporteur	LIBE	18/02/2026	Chaos Computer Club e.V.
JOVEVA Irena	Shadow rapporteur	LIBE	17/02/2026	DOT Europe

## Extension of the temporary derogation from the ePrivacy Directive to combat online child sexual abuse

2025/0429(COD) - 26/03/2026 - Text adopted by Parliament, 1st reading/single reading

By 228 votes to 311, with abstentions, the European Parliament **rejected** the proposal for a regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council amending Regulation (EU) 2021/1232 as regards the extension of its period of application.

In doing so, Parliament voted against extending a derogation to the rules allowing service providers to detect online child sexual abuse in private communications.

As a reminder, the Commission proposed to amend Regulation (EU) 2021/1232 to extend its period of application until 3 April 2028, a period limited to what is strictly necessary for the adoption of the long-term legal framework and its entry into force.

This extension would ensure that number-independent interpersonal communications service providers can continue to voluntarily use specific technologies to detect and report child sexual abuse online and to remove child sexual abuse material on their services after 3 April 2026, pending the adoption of long-term legislation.

Parliament's position, adopted on 11 March 2026, favoured extending the measures for a shorter period (until August 2027) than the Commission's proposal and with a more restricted scope to ensure that the measures remain proportionate and targeted.

Negotiations with the Council on the proposal did not result in an agreement. The temporary regulation will therefore expire after 3 April 2026.

## Extension of the temporary derogation from the ePrivacy Directive to combat online child sexual abuse

2025/0429(COD) - 19/12/2025 - Legislative proposal

**PURPOSE:** to amend Regulation (EU) 2021/1232 concerning a temporary derogation from certain provisions of Directive 2002/58/EC as regards the use of technologies by providers of number-independent interpersonal communications services for the processing of personal and other data for the purpose of combating online child sexual abuse, with regard to the extension of its period of application.

**PROPOSED ACT:** Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council.

**ROLE OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT:** the European Parliament decides in accordance with the ordinary legislative procedure and on an equal footing with the Council.

**BACKGROUND:** [Regulation \(EU\) 2021/1232](#) of the European Parliament and of the Council provides for a temporary regime as regards of the use of technologies by certain providers of publicly available interpersonal communications services for the purpose of combating online child sexual abuse, pending the adoption of a long-term legal framework addressing the prevention of and combating online child sexual abuse. That Regulation applies until 3 April 2026.

The [proposal for a regulation](#) of the European Parliament and of the Council laying down rules to prevent and combat child sexual abuse aims to provide the long-term legal framework. However, the interinstitutional negotiations on that proposal have not yet advanced sufficiently to be certain that they will be concluded on time for the long-term legal framework, including any amendments to Regulation (EU) 2021/1232 that it may contain, to be adopted and start to apply before 4 April 2026.

However, it is important that online child sexual abuse can be effectively combatted, in accordance with applicable Union law, including the conditions set out in Regulation (EU) 2021/1232, and without interruption, pending the adoption and application of the long-term legal framework.

**CONTENT:** the Commission proposes to amend Regulation (EU) 2021/1232 to **extend its period of application until 3 April 2028**, a period limited to what is strictly necessary for the adoption of the long-term legal framework and its entry into force.

This extension would ensure that number-independent interpersonal communications service providers can continue to voluntarily using specific technologies to detect and report child sexual abuse online and to remove child sexual abuse material on their services after 3 April 2026, pending the adoption of long-term legislation.

## Extension of the temporary derogation from the ePrivacy Directive to combat online child sexual abuse

2025/0429(COD) - 11/03/2026 - Text adopted by Parliament, partial vote at 1st reading/single reading

The European Parliament adopted, by 458 votes to 103, with 63 abstentions, **amendments** to the proposal for a regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council amending Regulation (EU) 2021/1232 as regards the extension of its period of application.

The matter was referred back for interinstitutional negotiations to the committee responsible.

The amended text stipulates that Article 5(1) and Article 6(1) of Directive 2002/58/EC (Directive on Privacy and Electronic Communications) do not apply to the confidentiality of communications involving the processing by providers of personal data and other data in connection with the provision of number-independent interpersonal communications services provided that:

### ***a) Conditions relating to the processing of data***

Data processing is permitted only if strictly necessary to detect, remove and report to the authorities known material relating to online child sexual abuse.

It must be proportionate, limited to the technologies used for this purpose and only concern content data that is strictly necessary.

Furthermore, the processing must remain strictly limited to what is necessary to achieve this objective and not be applied to interpersonal communications to which end-to-end encryption is, has been or will be applied.

***b) Conditions relating to the technologies used***

The technologies used must be in accordance with the state of the art in the industry and are the least privacy-intrusive, including with regard to the principle of data protection by design and by default. To the extent that they are used to scan text in communications, they are not able to deduce the substance of the content of the communications but are solely able to detect patterns which point to possible online child sexual abuse.

Lastly, the detection of solicitations of children or previously unidentified online child sexual abuse material is only possible in targeted cases, when a concrete report has been received (user, trusted reporter or competent body) and must be strictly limited to what is necessary in relation to the reported case.

***Application period***

Parliament proposes to amend Regulation (EU) 2021/1232 to extend its period of application until **3 August 2027** (instead of 3 April 2028, as proposed by the Commission).