

Join the Movement

In 2026, Irish Internet Hotline is opening its doors to a select group of VLOP leaders. This is a unique opportunity to be at the forefront of Ireland's expanded national alliance for online safety, to help us fulfil our mission and to contribute to a safer online world, especially for children.

By joining, you will:

- ✔ Enhance your compliance, reputation, and intelligence.
- ✔ Contribute to a safer digital Ireland.
- ✔ Help shape the future of cross-sector online safety collaboration.

Timeline

September 2025

Board approval of VLOP membership expansion

Q4 2025

Prospectus launch and outreach campaign

Q1 2026

Onboarding of founding VLOP members

2026 AGM

Review progress and consider constitutional updates

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MEMBERSHIP GUIDE

VERY LARGE ONLINE PLATFORMS
(VLOP) SECTOR 2025

About Irish Internet Hotline

Irish Internet Hotline (hotline.ie) is Ireland's national reporting service for illegal and harmful online content. Established in 1999, IIH is recognised by the Government, the EU, and An Garda Síochána as the national centre for reporting child sexual abuse material (CSAM) and other forms of online abuse.

Our core mission is to protect children and vulnerable users from online child sexual exploitation and abuse (OCSEA), with a strong focus on combating CSAM. In our Strategic Plan 2025–2028, we are refocusing on our other functional areas including CSAM as a cyber threat, financial scams, fraud, and emerging online harms – while keeping the removal of CSAM as our core mission.

The vision of the Irish Internet Hotline is to create “a safer internet for all, especially children”. We invite you to become a member to assist us and share in our mission to achieve that goal.

Why VLOPs?

As primary gateways to information, communication, and commerce, Very Large Online Platforms (VLOPs) — from global social media networks and search engines to large e-commerce and content-sharing platforms — shape the online experiences of millions of people daily.

Under the EU Digital Services Act (DSA), VLOPs bear enhanced responsibilities for user safety, transparency, and systemic risk mitigation. In this environment, collaboration with Irish Internet Hotline offers a trusted, compliant, and nationally recognised channel to meet those obligations while advancing shared goals for safer digital spaces.

Irish Internet Hotline has over two decades of experience working with internet intermediaries — including ISPs, hosting providers, and An Garda Síochána— to prevent the distribution of illegal and harmful content. As VLOPs adapt to the DSA and global online-safety standards, partnering with Hotline.ie strengthens compliance, enhances trust, and supports responsible innovation.

Together, Irish Internet Hotline and VLOPs can:

- ✓ Accelerate the removal of illegal content, including child sexual abuse material, scams, and online exploitation.
- ✓ Strengthen transparency and accountability measures aligned with DSA Article 34 risk-mitigation obligations.
- ✓ Demonstrate global leadership in user protection, digital integrity, and child safety.

The Value of Membership

Protect Your Platform, Users & Brand Integrity

- Demonstrate compliance with the Digital Services Act and Ireland's national online-safety framework by partnering with the designated reporting service for illegal content
- Gain access to Irish Internet Hotline intelligence feeds — including verified CSAM hash lists, malicious URL datasets, and abuse trend briefings relevant to large-scale platforms
- Use our escalation and referral pathways for efficient collaboration with ISPs, hosting providers, and Gardaí when addressing illegal or harmful content reports.

Enhance Reputation & Global Trust

- Public recognition as an Irish Internet Hotline member reinforces your commitment to transparency, user safety, and responsible platform governance.
- Showcase your leadership in proactive content moderation, risk management, and protection of vulnerable users.
- Strengthen public and regulator confidence by aligning with Ireland's national online-safety infrastructure.

Influence Policy & Network Cross-Sector

- Gain early visibility into evolving EU and Irish online-safety, child-protection, and content-governance policies.
- Collaborate with telcos, cybersecurity providers, regulators, financial institutions, academia, NGOs, and An Garda Síochána, creating a unified front for digital trust.

Engage Employees & Contribute to Public Good

- Involve your trust & safety, policy, and engineering teams in awareness campaigns, educational initiatives, and cross-sector collaborations.
- Promote internal engagement and pride by showing measurable social-impact contributions in online safety.
- Support Ireland's leadership role in the EU as a centre of excellence for responsible, transparent, and ethical platform governance.

Membership Model

VLOP EXPANSION 2026

Join the Irish Internet Hotline

- Very Large Online Platforms join Irish Internet Hotline as members, contributing financially to sustain our work.
- Membership means that you have a role to play in our member-led governance model including the right to be elected to the board of management (subject to approval).

Membership Benefits

- Recognition on our website, annual reports, and campaigns.
- Access to IIH intelligence (feeds, briefings, abuse datasets and tools).
- Opportunities for joint projects, events, and advocacy.
- Direct access to expertise and support from the Irish Internet Hotline team.
- Regular updates and newsletters to keep members informed about emerging online safety issues, policy developments, and Irish Internet Hotline activities.

Membership Fees *

- From €400 annually for SMEs to €18,000 annually for organisations with more than 251 employees.
- The appropriate tier is determined by company size, business sector, and membership thresholds.

* Indicative