

# Annual Report 2019



Saving Missing Children

Home of the Police Expert Network on Missing Persons

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# Welcome letter

Dear friends and supporters,

I am delighted to present AMBER Alert Europe's Annual Report 2019.

## Official recognition PEN-MP

The previous year marked a historic year for our organisation. In 2019, the Police Expert Network on Missing Persons (PEN-MP), founded by AMBER Alert Europe, was officially recognised by a body of the Council of the European Union, with the meeting of the Law Enforcement Working Party.

All European member states supported the formalisation of the first and only police network that brings together law enforcement specialists on missing persons, and missing children specifically. Not only is this unprecedented, but also an enormous leap forward in strengthening cross-border police cooperation in this area in Europe.

That this kind of cooperation is absolutely necessary and crucial was proven yet again in December, when successful cross-border cooperation between police officers led to the safe recovery of an abducted Dutch infant in Germany.

## Newly appointed PEN-MP President

In September, the Police Expert Network had a second successful meeting in Prague during which 60 police experts from 16 countries exchanged best practices, tools and techniques to help save missing children. The meeting was closed by the President of the Network, Colonel Jan Rybár, of the Czech Police Presidium, who passed on the torch to Damjan Miklič, Senior

Criminal Police Inspector Specialist at the Slovenian Police Directorate.

I would like to personally thank Jan for holding the first presidency of the PEN-MP and his invaluable commitment over the past two years. I am truly looking forward to continuing to build on our joint achievements with the newly appointed President.

## Preventing children from going missing

Being informed is a critical first step to preventing a child from going missing or being abducted. In 2019, AMBER Alert Europe and the Police Expert Network launched another successful prevention campaign to educate children across Europe on how to protect themselves from getting lost or against a possible abduction. The 'Stay Safe With Simon' campaign was well received and shared with the public in twelve countries.

## Growing network

Our organisation also continues to keep growing. Over the past year, we have built valuable partnerships with the national police forces of Sweden, Bosnia-Herzegovina and Lithuania, as well as with NGOs in the field of missing persons in the UK and Spain.

I would like to express my gratitude to all of our partnering organisations, who each contribute in their own way to the success of our organisation. I am excited to expand our cooperation even further in 2020 and years to come.



**Frank Hoen**

Founder and Chairman  
AMBER Alert Europe

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# 01

## **AMBER Alert Europe Foundation**

# 1. AMBER Alert Europe Foundation

**AMBER Alert Europe is a foundation that assists in saving missing children at risk by connecting law enforcement with other police experts and with the public across Europe. AMBER Alert Europe advocates that one missing child is one too many and aims for zero missing children in Europe.**

## **Network of knowledge and expertise**

AMBER Alert Europe brings together 34 official organisations, public authorities and business entities from 21 countries. The foundation actively contributes to the EU and national policy debate on saving missing children. AMBER Alert Europe also officially facilitates the Police Expert Network on Missing Persons (PEN-MP), so far consisting of over 50 experts from 21 countries, and the Task Force on AMBER Alerts. The goals of AMBER Alert Europe are backed by 465 Members of the European Parliament: most successful Written Declaration since 2011.

AMBER Alert Europe is a neutral platform. It operates either evidence based (scientifically proven) or expert based. All activities are executed with respect for the privacy of missing persons and data protection laws.

## **Background**

In 2008, AMBER Alert Netherlands was launched. With a reach of more than 12 million Dutch citizens, AMBER Alert Netherlands quickly became an example of how citizen sourcing can work; in 94 percent of the cases, the child was successfully found.

## **The creation of AMBER Alert Europe**

Inspired by the success of the Dutch AMBER Alert, the AMBER Alert Europe foundation was launched in 2013 with the following goal:

- To be a life-saving factor in abductions or disappearances of children throughout Europe;
- To undertake any further actions necessary related to achieving or advancing the above-mentioned goal, in the broadest sense.

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# 02

## **Police Expert Network on Missing Persons**



## 2. Police Expert Network on Missing Persons

The Police Expert Network on Missing Persons (PEN-MP), founded by the AMBER Alert Europe foundation, is officially recognised by the Council of the European Union and all member states. The PEN-MP is the first and only official European missing persons police network consisting of police experts in the field of missing persons from all over Europe. So far, the PEN-MP consists of over 50 law enforcement experts from 21 countries. Goal of the PEN-MP is to bring together law enforcement experts in the field of missing persons, specifically children.

In order to save more missing persons across Europe, members can quickly contact and consult each other about missing person cases. The PEN-MP also provides specialist support, advice and training to its members.

### Goal of the Police Expert Network on Missing Persons

The goal of the Police Expert Network is to bring together law enforcement specialists in the field of missing persons, specifically children, so that they can quickly contact and consult each other about missing children cases, at any time. In addition, they can learn from each other, and exchange best-practices and experiences on missing children cases – on national and international level. In accordance with national laws and procedures, the Police Expert Network aims to find the most effective solutions to improve the search for missing children. Besides cross-border cooperation, the Police Expert Network also provides training to competent law enforcement authorities on how to deal with missing children cases.



### PEN-MP Presidency (2018-2019)

In 2018, Colonel Jan Rybár, Head of the Missing Persons Unit of the Czech Police Presidium, was officially appointed as the first president of the Police Expert Network on Missing Persons. The PEN-MP makes use of a rotating presidency. Official recognition by the Council of the European Union

The PEN-MP was announced in 2016 under the Dutch Presidency of the Council of the European Union. At its launch, the Dutch Presidency called on every Member State to appoint a national contact for the network. In support of the Dutch initiative, a majority of 465 Members of the European Parliament from all EU Member States signed AMBER Alert Europe's Written Declaration for better European cooperation on saving the lives of missing children.

The PEN-MP is officially recognised by the Council of the European Union with its formal affiliation to the Law Enforcement Working Party (LEWP).

### Strict separation of operational activities

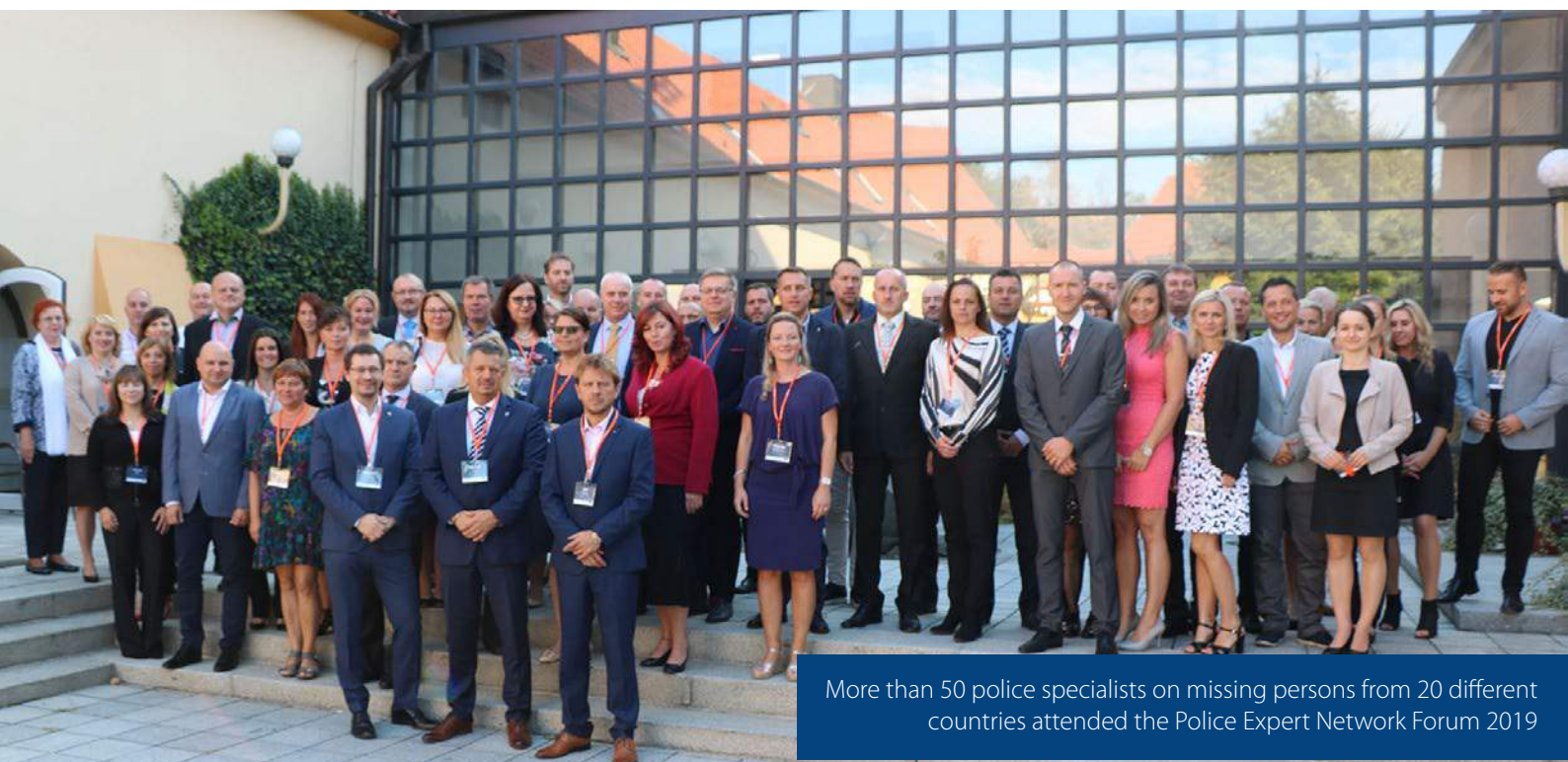
AMBER Alert Europe is primarily responsible for administrative and logistical support of the PEN-MP, including its Public Affairs. The foundation also facilitates the PEN-MP's expert training sessions and supports, manages and supervises the EU-funded PEN-MP projects. These activities are strictly separated from the operational police activities of the PEN-MP.

The exchange of operational police information takes place through the official channels (such as SIS, SIENA, and INTERPOL), also respecting the EU legal framework plus relevant legislation, directives and regulations relating to privacy and data protection.

## 2.1 Police Expert Network on Missing Persons officially recognised by Council of the European Union

On October, 18th, the Police Expert Network on Missing Persons (PEN-MP) was officially recognised by a body of the Council of the European Union, with the meeting of the Law Enforcement Working Party (LEWP). AMBER Alert Europe Foundation, the initiator of PEN-MP, states that all European member states supported the formalisation of the first and only police network that brings together law enforcement specialists on missing persons, and missing children specifically.

The Czech Police Presidium played a crucial role in the formalization of the PEN-MP by presenting the case to the LEWP meeting and by organising several successful international police cooperation events on missing children in cooperation with AMBER Alert Europe.



More than 50 police specialists on missing persons from 20 different countries attended the Police Expert Network Forum 2019

## 2.2 Police Expert Network on Missing Children Forum 2019

From September 4th - 6th, over 60 police specialists on missing persons from 16 countries attended the second edition of the European Police Expert Network on Missing Children Forum (now: Police Expert Network on Missing Persons) in Prague. The goal of the three-day expert meeting, which was organised by the Czech Police and AMBER Alert Europe, was for law enforcement experts to meet their colleagues in order to exchange best practices, strengthen police cooperation across borders and learn new techniques to save more missing children in Europe.

### Real-life missing person cases and latest techniques

During the event, real-life missing person cases were introduced by the national police of the Czech Republic, Poland, Canada, Italy, Spain, Slovenia, Sweden, and the UK. Additionally, special guests Peter de Scheemaeker, Product

Manager of Europol's EU Most Wanted Website, Razvan Budeanu, Senior Coordinating Officer at Frontex, and Richard Prajsler, Managing Director at Inpublic Group attended the event to present the latest developments and techniques in finding missing children.

### Slovenia announced as new Police Expert Network president





















To close the forum, Damjan Miklič, Senior Criminal Police Inspector of the Slovenian Police, was announced as the new president of the Police Expert Network. Miklič succeeds Colonel Jan Rybár, Head of the Missing Persons Unit of the Czech Police Presidium, in 2020.



Jan Rybár (l) - Head of the Missing Persons Unit of the Czech Police Presidium - congratulates Damjan Miklič (r) – Slovenian Senior Criminal Police Inspector Specialist – with his appointment as president of Police Expert Network on Missing Persons



## 2.3 Members of the Police Expert Network on Missing Persons

				
National Crime Agency	Romanian Police	An Garda Síochána	National Police Slovenia	Polícia Judiciária Portugal
				
Europol	Malta Police Force	Ministerio del Interior Spain	Police of the Czech Republic	Dutch National Police
				
Ministry Justice and Security Netherlands	Frontex	Ministry of the Interior Italy	Policia Nacional Spain	Police and Border Guard Estonia
				
Missing Persons Bureau UK	National Police Poland	Republic of Srpska Police	Bundesamt für Polizei Switzerland	Guardia Civil Spain



Danish National Police



Ministry of the Interior  
Slovakia



French Judicial Police



Grand Ducal  
Luxembourg



Ministry of the interior  
Czech Republic



National Police, Lithuania



Directorate for Coordination  
of Police Bodies of Bosnia  
and Herzegovina



Swedish Police Authority



# 03

## **AMBER Alert Europe's 5-point plan in 2019**

## 3. AMBER Alert Europe's 5-point plan in 2019

AMBER Alert Europe's current agenda and future actions are shaped by its 5-point plan that serves as a stepping stone in improving mechanisms to save more missing children in Europe.

### 3.1. Point 1: More, stronger national AMBER Alert systems

AMBER Alert Europe's ultimate goal is to improve the protection of endangered missing children in Europe. Therefore, we strongly support the EU's recommendation for all Member States to have interoperating child alert systems in place. In addition, we are actively working with Member States to assist in the development of alert systems, while also helping national police experts on missing children to implement these systems. Furthermore, in the best interest of the child, countries like the UK, the Czech Republic, the Netherlands, Poland and France have issued child alerts without evidence for a proven abduction, but based on an informed risk assessment, thus significantly increasing the chances of saving a missing child's life. AMBER Alert Europe believes that this approach should be adopted for all child alerts.

#### **Call for action:**

AMBER Alert Europe calls for a legal, policy and operational environment that allows for the establishment of national child alert mechanisms that can interoperate cross-border. More specifically, we call on EU member states to establish national child alert systems that interoperate. Lastly, we strongly encourage an amendment of the current criteria for issuing child alerts by adding the possibility to issue an alert when law enforcement specialists have assessed that the child's life is in imminent danger or at immediate risk of serious harm.

### 3.1.1. Activities

#### **Task Force on AMBER Alerts**

In 2018, AMBER Alert Europe launched its dedicated Task Force on AMBER Alerts in order to save more missing children in Europe. Police experts on missing children from the Czech Republic, Malta, Poland and the Netherlands joined the first virtual meeting to set out the Task Force's framework and priorities. In 2019, the Task Force on AMBER Alerts built on the outcomes of this meeting.

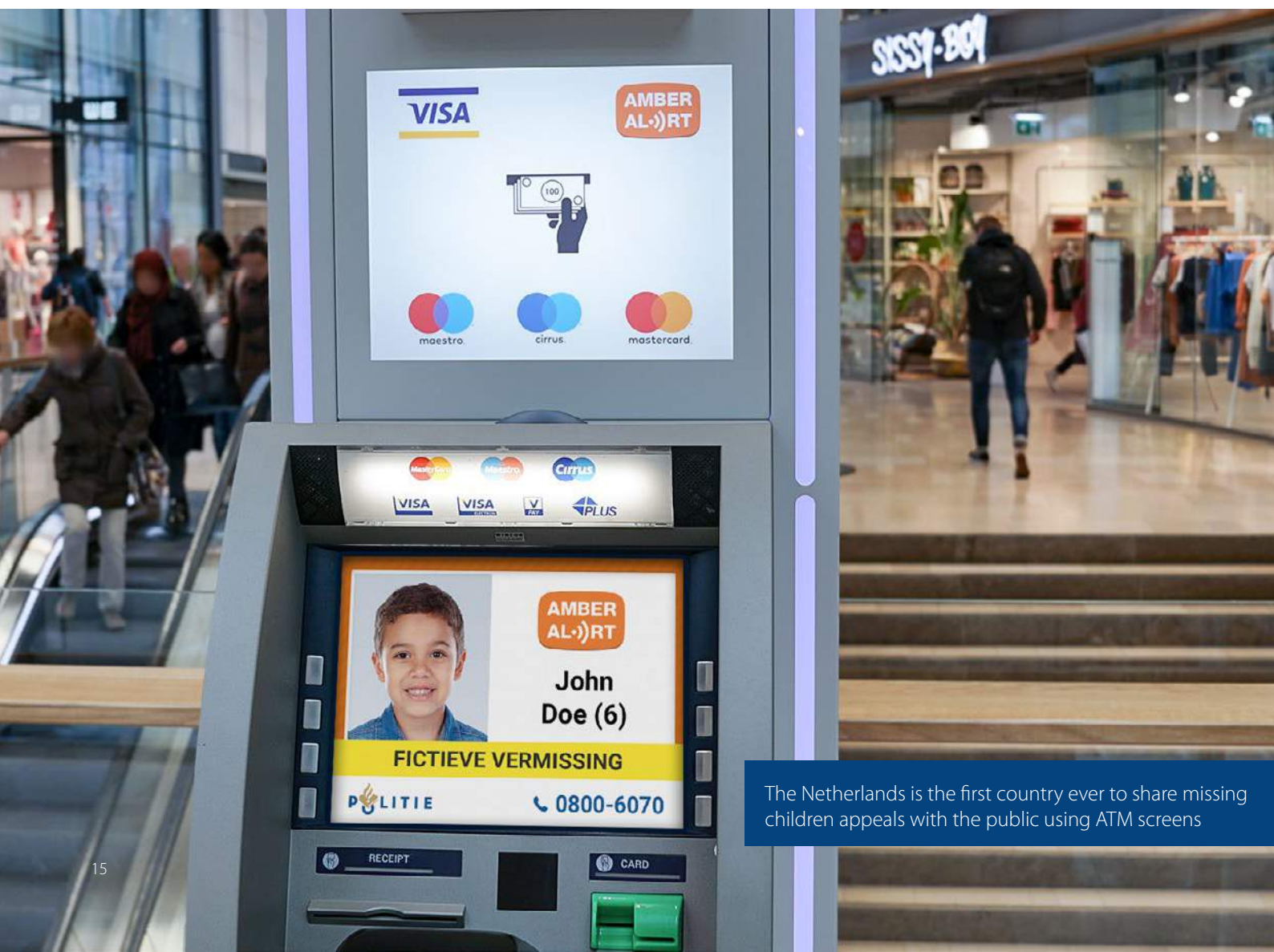
The Task Force on AMBER Alerts provides a platform for discussion and sharing of information among missing children experts. As members of the Task force, police experts can network with colleagues across Europe, to exchange best practices, and to overcome challenges when working on missing children cases. They can also learn about the latest innovations to enhance their national AMBER Alert systems.

## Netherlands publicly tests its national AMBER Alert system

In April and September, AMBER Alert Europe members AMBER Alert Netherlands and the Dutch National Police performed a successful nationwide test to assess the operational readiness of the Dutch national AMBER Alert system. During the test, which occurs twice every year, a simulated AMBER Alert was sent out, reaching millions of citizens and thousands of partner organisations. The Netherlands is the first European country to publicly check its child alert system on a regular basis.

## Netherlands first country ever to display missing children on ATMs

Since May, Dutch AMBER Alerts are also displayed on ATMs. The Netherlands is the first country ever to share missing children appeals with the public using ATM screens. More than three hundred ATMs of Dutch ATM provider In2Retail now show information about a missing child, for whom a national AMBER Alert has been issued, on their screensavers. The ATMs will also display so-called Vermist Kind Alerts. The ATMs are located in multiple airports such as Schiphol and Rotterdam Airport, in large shopping malls and near popular tourist attractions.



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## 3.2 Point 2: Better cross-border law enforcement cooperation

With over 37 percent of Europeans living near a border, a missing child can easily cross to a neighbouring country. Research shows that on average 1 out of 4 abducted children is taken abroad. Therefore, missing children police experts must have the possibility, when needed, to pick up the phone and quickly contact their colleagues in another European country on specific missing children cases. The AMBER Alert Europe-run Police Expert Network on Missing Children has already showcased the necessity for mutual learning, exchange of best practices, as well as development of innovative working methods which may be transferable to other countries.

### Call for action:

AMBER Alert Europe calls for the appointment of a national Single Point of Contact (SPOC) who has expertise in endangered missing children, appointed by the relevant authorities in each European country. The SPOC is the first point of contact for other countries when a child goes missing and might have crossed the border. The SPOC is also the first point of contact for sharing of police expert best practices and relevant documents on the topic of endangered missing children.

## 3.2.1 Activities

### Police Expert Network on Missing Persons

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### Sweden joins AMBER Alert Europe

On February 18th, the Swedish Police Authority officially joined AMBER Alert Europe. Superintendent Ola Stoltz and inspector Susanne Welander of the Swedish Police Authority and AMBER Alert Europe signed the partnership agreement to further improve the protection of endangered missing children in Europe.



"By joining forces we hope to increase the chances to protect more missing children and we strongly believe this cooperation with AMBER Alert Europe will benefit our shared mission towards zero missing children", says Ola Stoltz, superintendent of the National Operations Department of the Swedish Police Authority.

### **Lithuania joins AMBER Alert Europe**

On October 10th, the Lithuanian National Police officially joined AMBER Alert Europe. Irena Ambrasaite, Chief inspector at the Lithuanian Criminal Police Bureau and AMBER Alert Europe signed the partnership agreement to further improve the protection of endangered missing children in Europe.

"Joining AMBER Alert Europe gives us the possibility to share all of our knowledge, as well as methods and tools used in national missing children cases with our colleagues abroad. Additionally, it enables us to spread information about these cases all over Europe, while learning about the latest technologies in the search for missing persons. All of the above, will highly contribute to finding missing children", says Irena Ambrasaite, Chief Specialist at the Lithuanian Criminal Police Bureau.





### 3.3 Point 3: Better cross-border information sharing

Border and law enforcement authorities must have appropriate access to all relevant information when it will help them do their job. The value of our security information is maximised when existing databases, systems and border and law enforcement experts talk to each other.

#### Call for action:

AMBER Alert Europe calls for protocols to ensure that when a child is at risk in a border area or law enforcement suspects that the child may have crossed the border, law enforcement agencies in the other country are informed immediately. When law enforcement decides to inform the media and public about such a case, media and public at the other side of the border should also be immediately informed.

#### 3.3.1. Activities

##### Euregional cooperation on missing persons

In collaboration with the Euregion Meuse-Rhine and the Dutch Province of Limburg, AMBER Alert Europe continues its cross-border project aimed at recovering missing persons close to the border of Belgium, Germany and the Netherlands. Over 50 regional media outlets in the Netherlands, Belgium and Germany have signed up to be quickly informed when a vulnerable person is missing in the Euregion Meuse-Rhine.

##### AMBER Alert! Dutch infant safely recovered in Germany

In December, a Dutch AMBER Alert was issued for a one-year-old infant. The boy was taken by his non-custodial mother. Because police feared mother and son had crossed the border, the Dutch AMBER Alert was also shared with police and residents in Germany. A few hours later, the infant and his mother were found safe and sound in a German hotel by detectives who tracked the duo down after receiving a tip from a vigilant citizen. The case is a leading example of the importance of quick and effective cross-border information sharing to save missing children.



**AMBER ALERT**

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[Meer informatie](#)

**AMBER ALERT**

Heeft u dit kind gezien? **Bel 0800 - 6070**

**POLITIE**

Dutch AMBER Alert successfully shared across the German border

**Zoek mee!** Deel deze vermissing



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### **3.4 Point 4: Improving the identification and protection of missing children at risk**

Raising awareness and providing practical guidance for police experts and border guards is essential to identify and protect children that may be at serious risk of harm, for example by means of trafficking, smuggling or abduction. In cooperation with relevant stakeholders, AMBER Alert Europe has done extensive work on what is risk; why it is essential for a so-called triage process (i.e. risk assessment) to take place when a child is reported missing; how risk should be evaluated over time; and how to prevent oneself from making bad assumptions.

In accordance with the best interest of the child, law enforcement should make a timely assessment of a child's risk of abduction or a child's risk of harm if the child goes missing. This assessment could then, for example, lead authorities to issue a preventive SIS alert.

#### **Call for action:**

AMBER Alert Europe calls for the mandatory insertion and prioritisation of endangered missing children in the Schengen Information System, ensuring that international procedures for entering Article 32 Alerts (Missing Persons) are always followed. In order for this to have effect, the passports of children leaving or entering the EU should be swiped and checked against, at the very least, national- and SIS II databases.

At the same time, AMBER Alert Europe calls for actively notifying border guards, at the very least, about information on endangered missing children and child alerts made public by law enforcement agencies. Subsequently, raising awareness and providing for practical guidance for police and border guards should enable them to assess which children are at risk, and ensure that these children are protected.

### 3.4.1. Activities

#### **Proper risk assessment is a child's basic right**

instance, police can decide to issue a national AMBER Alert to involve citizens in the search. Based on several international treaties, this risk assessment is not only a vital part of the investigation, but a missing child's right.

Core to this process is assessing the level of risk to the missing person and how immediate that risk is. This assessment and the particular circumstances of the case should shape the response. Underreaction can result in serious harm or death to the child. Over-reaction and doing too much is a waste of resources and potentially an unwarranted intrusion on a child's privacy.

Questions such as 'Does their age make them particularly vulnerable?', 'Is their behaviour out of character?', 'Do they suffer from a life threatening illness or require medication?' or 'Are there adverse weather conditions likely to put them at risk?', among others, all determine the level of risk a missing child is in.

European countries have an extensive legal obligation to protect the lives of all children within its borders. This obligation is based on different international treaties such as the Convention on the Rights of the Child, Universal Declaration of Human Rights, the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights and the European Treaty on Human Rights. Seeing how proper risk assessment is potentially life saving, it should be considered a missing child's right.

#### **Preventive alerts to better protect children at EU borders**

At the beginning of 2019, new rules to strengthen the Schengen Information System (SIS) came into force, to help national law enforcement (especially border guards) better monitor who is crossing European borders. AMBER Alert Europe, in cooperation with the Dutch, Slovak and Maltese Presidencies of the Council of the EU, successfully lobbied for the new rules to include so-called "preventive alerts" for children at risk of going missing, in order to better protect children across Europe.



## Guide on risk assessment

### Understanding and Managing Risk in the Context of Missing Persons

In consultation with missing children law enforcement experts from all over Europe and Canada, AMBER Alert Europe has developed a decision-making guide on risk management. A quick risk assessment is crucial to identify the correct response.

Download the guide here:

<https://ftp.amberalert.eu/risk/risk-assessment.pdf>

Currently, the SIS enables police and border guards to enter and consult information on wanted or missing persons. Children at risk of abduction or who might be harmed if they go missing are not included. The new SIS rules will change that. By entering preventive alerts for children at risk of going missing into SIS, law enforcement will be able to prevent some of these children from disappearing.

Children who are vulnerable and at risk when they go missing must be found as soon as possible. If law enforcement must wait to respond until after a child's location is unknown, it takes more time to start the search. In the meantime, the child can travel a great distance, sometimes crossing borders. If a child is abducted and taken across a border, the search becomes even more difficult. Preventive alerts can locate these children earlier and stop them from crossing borders, helping in a speedy recovery.

The SIS is Europe's most important information sharing system for security and border management. The SIS provides around 79 million records on persons who do not have the right to enter or stay in the Schengen area, persons wanted for criminal activities, missing persons, and details of lost or stolen objects (for example cars, firearms, boats and identity documents). It also includes data that is needed to locate a person and confirm their identity. Over 30 countries throughout Europe are part of the SIS. In three years, the new SIS rules will be fully operational.





### 3.5 Point 5: Privacy and the right to erasure

Placing information about a missing child at risk in the public domain increases the chances to find the child safe and sound. At the same time, this may have consequences for the privacy of the child and the child's family. In line with article 8 of the European Convention on Human Rights (ECHR), article 17 of the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR), and relevant national legislation, AMBER Alert Europe believes that for a child that is reported as missing, privacy should be embedded in the risk assessment process to be followed by the relevant police experts. In this process, the best interest of the child should always be the focal point. Therefore, once found, children should have "the right to erasure" and their information should be removed from public sources.

#### Call for action:

Respecting the privacy of the child is crucial in every step of a missing investigation, and its aftermath. AMBER Alert Europe calls on all relevant stakeholders to jointly work out best practices for standardising the process of removing information on missing children from public spaces, as well as best practices for police experts on how privacy is best embedded in the risk assessment process used in a missing investigation.

#### 3.5.1. Activities

##### Right to erasure

When an AMBER Alert is issued, the personal data of a missing child (name, gender, age, other specifications), as well as a photograph, is shared with the public in order to quickly retrieve the child. AMBER Alert Europe actively requests its participating organisations and the public to immediately remove any information about a missing child after the AMBER Alert has been cancelled. This to protect the child's privacy and to shield the child from any negative consequences in the future. AMBER Alert Europe will continue to emphasise privacy protection in the coming years, always putting the best interest of the child first.



## Shared

Only share information about a missing child that is made public by law enforcement



## Found

Has the child been found? Great! But what should you do with the information you shared?



## Erased

Erase all information about the child to prevent it from causing harm in the future



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# 04

## **International Missing Children's Day 2019**

## 4. International Missing Children's Day 2019

**On the occasion of International Missing Children's Day, national police agencies from twelve European countries launched a prevention campaign to educate children across Europe on how to protect themselves from getting lost or against a possible abduction. The campaign was created in close cooperation with AMBER Alert Europe.**

The prevention campaign was built around an animated video 'Stay safe with Simon'. In this video simple, but possibly lifesaving, tips were given to children. With the help of animations, children were taught how to act in specific situations. For example, telling parents where they are going and not to panic when they get lost, but ask other parents for help. These rules of thumb were created by members of the Police Expert Network, consisting of police experts in the field of missing children from all over Europe.

"Every year, up to one million children go missing across Europe. This video teaches children exactly what they should and shouldn't do in risky situations", said Frank Hoen, AMBER

Alert Europe's Founder and Chairman. "The last thing you want to do is scare them. You want to empower children and encourage them to trust their instincts. For example, to not just go somewhere with someone, even if they know the person. Self-reliance is key."

The prevention campaign was shared in Italy, Spain, the Czech Republic, Poland, Slovakia, Slovenia, The Netherlands, The Republic of Srpska, the United Kingdom, Portugal, Malta, and Austria.

STAY SAFE  
WITH  
Simon



AMBER Alert Europe's prevention campaign 'Stay safe with Simon'

# 05

**Statistics 2019**

## 5. Statistics 2019

**AMBER Alert Europe only maps AMBER Alerts and Child Alerts issued by law enforcement authorities across Europe. The aim of this data collection is to gain better knowledge of the number of AMBER Alerts and Child Alerts shared by law enforcement or police-mandated organisations and the use of AMBER Alert systems in Europe.**

The data in this report are collected by daily monitoring of law enforcement and police-mandated organisations' websites from European Union Member States. This data does not represent the total number of children who annually go missing in Europe

### 5.1 Criteria for an AMBER Alert

The decision to launch an AMBER Alert is country-specific. In the Netherlands for example, the National Police is responsible for issuing AMBER Alerts. In other countries the Public Prosecutor has the final say. In general, however, the following criteria are used:

- The victim is a minor (i.e. under 18 years of age);
- It is a proven abduction or there are clear elements indicating that it could be a case of abduction;
- The health or the life of the victim is at high risk;
- Information is available which, once disseminated, will allow the victim to be located. Publication of this information is not expected to add to the risk facing the victim;
- There are good reasons to believe that the perpetrator has crossed the border with the child, or the abduction occurred in a region very close to a border that can be an escape route for the perpetrator

Of course, other cases of child disappearances are also important, and, in some of these cases, publicity can help find the child more quickly. The level and the kind of publicity for endangered missing children strongly differs per country. In some countries, for example, the police ask the public to help via Twitter or Facebook, while the police in other countries use targeted SMS text messages in the area where the child went missing.



## 5.2 Yearly statistics 2019

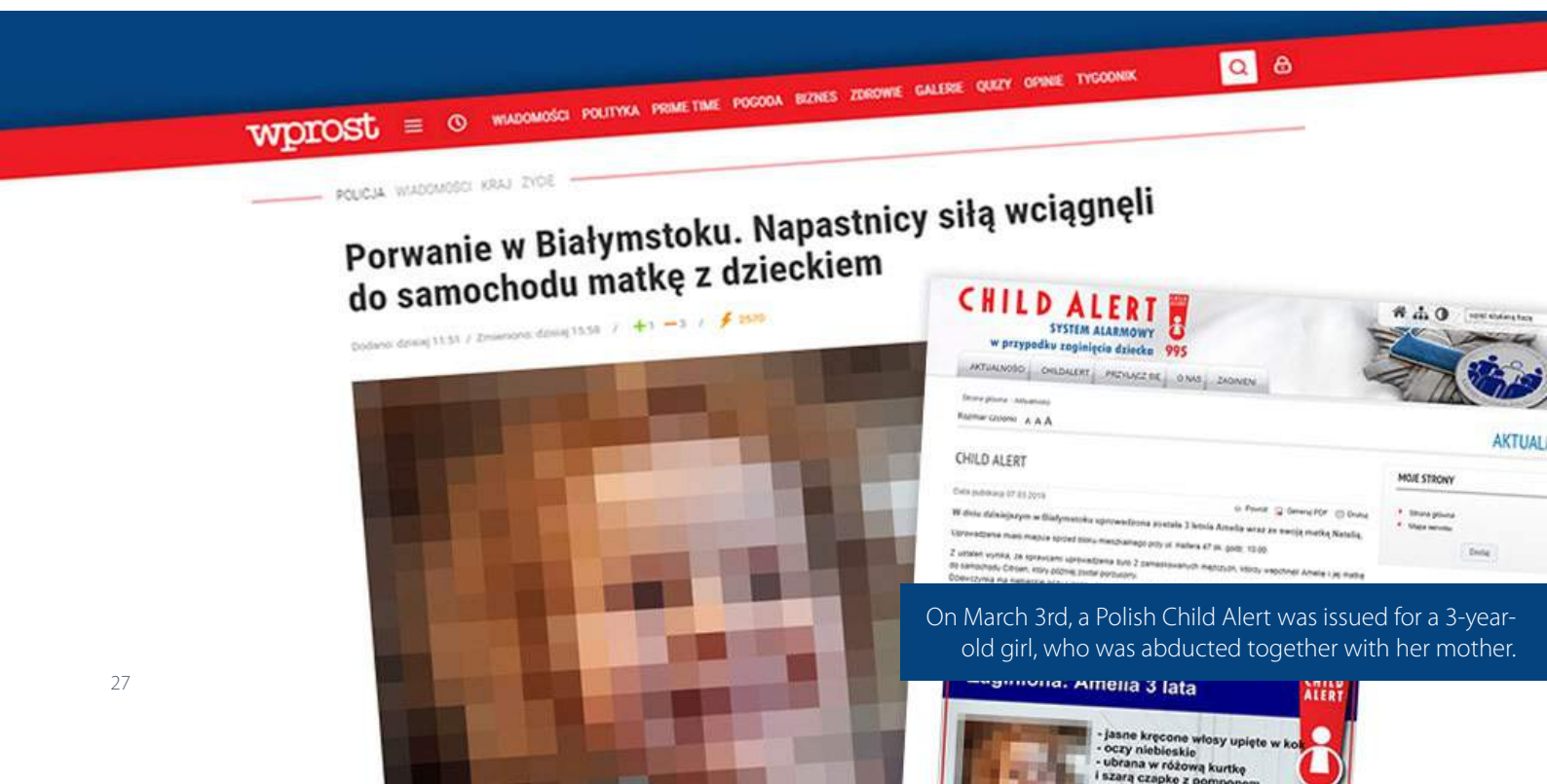
In 2019, AMBER Alert Europe shared 35 AMBER Alerts issued by competent law enforcement in Europe. In 89 percent of these cases, the children were safely recovered.

### The Netherlands: Successful cross-border case

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### Poland: Violent kidnapping of mother and child

In March, a Polish Child Alert was issued for a 3-year-old girl and her mother after they were both violently kidnapped by two masked men and dragged into a car. This event was witnessed by the grandmother of the girl. After a gruelling 24 hours, both mother and daughter were found alive and well in the company of the abductors, among whom the father of the girl.



On March 3rd, a Polish Child Alert was issued for a 3-year-old girl, who was abducted together with her mother.

2019

35 ALERTS

FOR 35 CHILDREN

89%

were **successfully** recovered

17 GIRLS



18 BOYS



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ALERTS

Q2

13

ALERTS

Q3

7

ALERTS

Q4

7

ALERTS



1 ALERT IN **FRANCE**

22 ALERTS IN **THE CZECH REPUBLIC**

1 ALERT IN **POLAND**

1 ALERT IN **SPAIN**

6 ALERTS IN **GREECE**

4 ALERT IN **THE NETHERLANDS**

## 5.3 Quarterly statistics 2019

### Quarter 1: January – March

In the first quarter of 2019, competent law enforcement issued 8 AMBER Alerts for 8 children across Europe. The AMBER Alerts were issued in the Czech Republic (7) and Poland (1). In all these cases the children were recovered safe and sound. In Poland, for example, a Polish Child Alert was issued for a 3-year-old girl, who was abducted together with her mother. Around 10 AM that day, they were pushed into a vehicle by two masked men. Fortunately, both mother and daughter were recovered in good health the following day.

### Quarter 2: April – June

In the second quarter of 2019, AMBER Alert Europe shared 13 Child Alerts with the public. 85 percent of these children were found. These alerts were issued in Spain (1), Greece (2), the Czech Republic (7), France (1) and the Netherlands (2). For one child, the 5-year old Samuel Benjamin from Spain, the search still continues.

On May 5th, a French Alerte Enlèvement was issued for a 2-year-old boy from Marseille. Thanks to a crucial tip, the police were led to the hotel where the toddler could be rescued.

In June, two national AMBER Alerts were issued by the Dutch Police. When a 16-year-old boy went missing on June 4th, The Dutch public was asked to be on the lookout for the teenager. The boy was found in good health thanks to a tip from a vigilant citizen, who recognised the boy from the AMBER Alert.

On June 8th, a second Dutch AMBER Alert was issued for a 12-year-old girl from Rotterdam, The Dutch police feared for the girl's safety as there were indications she was in the company of an English-speaking middle-aged man. The following day, the teenager was found and the suspect was arrested.

### 2018: QUARTER 1

**8 ALERTS**  
FOR **8 CHILDREN**

**100%**  
were successfully recovered

6 GIRLS



2 BOYS



JAN

**2**

ALERTS

FEB

**1**

ALERT

MAR

**5**

ALERTS

**1 ALERT IN POLAND**

**7 ALERTS IN THE CZECH REPUBLIC**

### 2019: QUARTER 2

**13 ALERTS**  
FOR **13 CHILDREN**

**77%**  
were successfully recovered

5 GIRLS



8 BOYS



APR

**5**

ALERTS

MAY

**5**

ALERT

JUNE

**3**

ALERTS

**1 ALERT IN SPAIN**

**2 ALERTS IN THE NETHERLANDS**

**2 ALERTS IN GREECE**

**1 ALERT IN FRANCE**

**2 ALERTS IN THE CZECH REPUBLIC**

### Quarter 3: July – September

In the third quarter of 2019, AMBER Alert Europe shared 7 AMBER Alerts for 7 children issued by competent law enforcement in the Czech Republic (5) and Greece (2). Six of these children were safely recovered. For a 2-year-old Greek girl, who is believed to be in the company of her father, the search still continues.

### Quarter 4: October – December

In the last quarter of 2019, AMBER Alert shared 7 AMBER Alerts for 7 children issued by competent law enforcement in The Czech Republic (3), The Netherlands (2) and Greece (2). Five of these children were safely recovered. In November, a Greek mother took her disabled 17-year-old daughter. Both mother and daughter were later found deceased. In December, a Greek AMBER Alert was issued for a 7-year-old girl, who remains missing.

#### 2018: QUARTER 3

7 ALERTS  
FOR 7 CHILDREN

86%  
were successfully recovered

4 GIRLS



3 BOYS



JULY

2

ALERTS

AUG

1

ALERT

SEPT

4

ALERTS

2 ALERT IN GREECE

5 ALERTS IN THE CZECH REPUBLIC

#### 2019: QUARTER 4

7 ALERTS  
FOR 7 CHILDREN

86%  
were successfully recovered

5 GIRLS



2 BOYS



OCT

1

ALERT

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3

ALERTS

DEC

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ALERTS

2 ALERTS IN GREECE

2 ALERTS IN THE NETHERLANDS

3 ALERTS IN THE CZECH REPUBLIC























# 06

## **Participating Organisations and Partners**

## 6. Participating Organisations and Partners

AMBER Alert Europe is backed by police missing children experts, NGOs, law enforcement and 465 Members of the European Parliament: most successful Written Declaration since 2011. It has 33 participating organisations in 21 countries.

### 6.1 Participating Organisations

				
AMBER Alert Netherlands, Netherlands	Dutch Missing Persons Bureau, National Police, Netherlands	Initiative Vermisste Kinder, Germany	Ministry for Home Affairs and Security, Malta	Ministère de la Sécurité Intérieure, Luxembourg
				
National Police – Central Operational Service, Italy	CEOP, United Kingdom	Malta Police Force, Malta	ITAKA, Centre for Missing People, Poland	Ministère de la Justice, Luxembourg
				
La Police Grand-Ducale, Luxembourg	Missing Persons Center KGP, National Police, Poland	Child Helpline at Slovak Committee for UNICEF, Slovak republic	National Coordination Mechanism of the Search for Missing Children (NKMPPD), part of the Ministry of the Interior, Czech Republic	Action Against Abduction, formerly PACT, United Kingdom
				
Omnibus, the Hellenic Centre for Research & Action for Missing Persons, Greece	Ponimanie, NGO focused on child protection, Belarus	Save the Children, Romania	ICMEC, International Centre for Missing & Exploited Children, US	Groupcall, United Kingdom



ROCIT, Regional Centre of Public Internet Technologies, Russia



RijnmondVeilig, The crisis alert platform in the Dutch region of Rotterdam-Rijnmond, Netherlands



APCD, Associação Portuguesa e Crianças Desaparecidas, Portugal



Missing Children Society of Canada, Canada



Kadunud, Estonia



Österreich Findet Euch, Austria



Missing Persons' Families Support Centre Lithuania



CNDES, Centro Nacional de Desaparecidos, National Police and Guardia Civil, Spain



Ministry of the Interior, Spain



Ministry of the Interior, The Republic of Srpska



VOSTeuskadi, Spain



Locate, United Kingdom



National Police, Lithuania



Directorate for Coordination of Police Bodies of Bosnia and Herzegovina



Swedish Police Authority

### 6.1.1 New Participating Organisations

In 2019, AMBER Alert Europe welcomed five new participating organisations: VOSTeuskadi, Locate, the Swedish Police Authority, the Directorate for Coordination of Police Bodies of Bosnia and Herzegovina, and the Lithuanian National Police.

#### **VOSTeuskadi**

VOSTeuskadi is a Spanish NGO that aims to be the central point of information for citizens in emergencies, such as missing person cases. The organisation works closely together with the Spanish National Missing Persons Centre (CNDES).

#### **Locate**

Locate Centre for Missing People Investigations is a community interest company dedicated to helping families of unsolved missing person cases, find their loved ones. We do this by building teams made up of specialists from different disciplines and volunteers from local communities. The teams review the cases to ensure that all that can reasonably be done, has and is being done. Our service is carried out at no cost to families or the police service. Locate Centre for Missing People Investigations operate from Devon and Cornwall Police, Universities of South Wales and Central Lancashire.

#### **Swedish Police Authority**

The Swedish Police Authority (Swedish: Polismyndigheten) is the central administrative authority for the police in Sweden, responsible for law enforcement, general social order and public safety within the country. The agency is led by the National Police Commissioner, who is appointed by the Government and has the sole responsibility for all activities of the police. Although formally organised under the Ministry of Justice, the Swedish police is—similar to other authorities in Sweden—essentially autonomous, in accordance with the constitution. The agency is governed by general policy instruments and is subject to a number of sanctions and oversight functions, to ensure that the exercise of public authority is in compliance with regulations.

#### **Directorate for Coordination of Police Bodies of Bosnia and Herzegovina**

The mission of the Directorate for Coordination of Police Bodies of Bosnia and Herzegovina is to serve the police and other relevant bodies in Bosnia and Herzegovina in the efficient execution of their responsibilities with constant communication, coordination and cooperation with all partners in Bosnia and Herzegovina and abroad. Also, Directorate is responsible to carry out the protection of persons and objects to be protected and thus actively contribute to the safety and quality of life for the citizens of Bosnia and Herzegovina, the region and beyond.



## National Police Lithuania

The Lithuanian Police is composed of the Police Department under the Ministry of the Interior, local police branches, special police institutions and educational police institutions. The Police Department helps the Police Commissioner General to create a strategy of activities and control its implementation. The Department is also responsible for managing local police branches. Local police branches are police offices located in the community that are responsible for executing certain functions defined by the law. Special police offices are police branches founded according to a no territorial principle. They implement functions defined by the law for this type of police department. Educational police institutions are police training institutions established by the Police Commissioner General to ensure the continuous training and professional, in-service development of police officers.

## 6.2 Partners

Since 2016, AMBER Alert Europe has joined forces with Victim Support Europe and Eurojust to save the lives of missing children. Victim Support Europe provides support and information services to victims of crime. Representing more than 40 national organisations, Victim Support Europe advocates on behalf of more than 2 million people affected by crime. Eurojust, in turn, is the European agency responsible for dealing with judicial cooperation in criminal matters. When a serious crime has been committed against a child, Eurojust initiates cooperation between EU member states.



## 6.3 Sponsors

AMBER Alert has the support of thousands of organisations that voluntarily aid the search when a child goes missing. These sponsors make their knowledge and technology available in various ways to quickly find missing children with AMBER Alert. The power of crowdsourcing has made the AMBER Alert platform so extensive and progressive. Partners think along with AMBER Alert, so that the system becomes stronger, more extensive and more effective.

Everyone contributes in their own unique way. For example, Euronet Worldwide, a leading global financial technology solutions and payments provider, publishes active AMBER Alerts on 23,000 ATM screens across Europe. By doing so, the chance of a successful outcome is considerably increased.

Below you can find a few of our sponsors:

### **TRUE**

The website of AMBER Alert is more powerful than ever since the gratuitous support of our hosting partner TRUE. The Amsterdam-based IT company keeps the AMBER Alert platform, including our website, up and running 24 hours a day, seven days a week. When a child goes missing, the AMBER Alert website is now able to process one hundred times as many page views as Dutch top websites.

The services are provided entirely free of charge and can be quantified at an amount of approximately €160,000 annually.

### **Axon Advocaten**

Axon is a law firm based in Amsterdam that specializes in internationally oriented services. They apply an hourly rate of €325 (excl. VAT). The service, as requested by AMBER Alert Europe, is provided free of charge. An exact amount to be quantified cannot be provided in advance.

No min-max has been agreed upon between parties.

### **Accon AVM**

Accon AVM provides AMBER Alert Europe with financial advice, as well as financial statements. This service, costing around €10,000 annually, is provided free of charge.

### **Notariaat Pas**

A contract has been concluded with notary office Notariaat Pas whereby the necessary notarial-legal advice and support will be given free of charge. This is difficult to quantify in advance.

### **CompuTest**

CompuTest performs a periodic "stress test" of the AMBER Alert Europe systems. This service is approximately €7,000 annually and is provided free of charge.

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# 07

## **AMBER Alert Europe Board**

## 7. AMBER Alert Europe Board

AMBER Alert Europe Foundation is run by a Board of Directors, who develop policy and execute tasks at the benefit of the foundation. AMBER Alert Europe's Advisory Board functions as an advisory organ to the Board of Directors, regarding the foundation's policy and general affairs.

AMBER Alert Europe's Board and Advisory Board are composed of a selection of experts from law enforcement, academia, civil service as well as civil society. Board membership is an honorary position. Board members do not receive a salary.

### Board of Directors

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**Dr. Petra Binková (Czech Republic)**

Worked for the Ministry of the Interior of the Czech Republic, as member of the Committee for the Rights of the Child at the Governmental Council for Human Rights/ Government's Office.



**Carole Bird (Canada)**

Royal Canadian Mounted Police (RCMP ret.)



**Frank Hoen (The Netherlands)**

AMBER Alert Europe, Founder and Chairman

### Advisory Board

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**Damjan Miklič (Slovenia)**

Criminal Police Inspector Specialist at the Slovenian Police Directorate – PEN-MP President



**Carmelo Abela (Malta)**

Ministry within the office of the Prime Minister



**Patrícia De Sousa Cipriano (Portugal)**

Associação Portuguesa de Crianças Desaparecidas



**Caroline Humer (USA)**

International Centre for Missing & Exploited Children



**Henk Jansen (The Netherlands)**

Independent Security and Investigations Professional, former Dutch Police (a.o. head of Organised Crime Division)



**Lars Bruhns (Germany)**

Initiative Vermisste Kinder



**Rinus van Schendelen (The Netherlands)**

Erasmus University Rotterdam



**Victor Reuter (Luxembourg)**

Grand Ducal Police



**Maurice Lenferink (The Netherlands)**

Safety Region Rotterdam-Rijnmond



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## Annex

# Financial Report

## 2019

**STICHTING AMBER ALERT EUROPE  
AT BEEK**

Annual Report 2019

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## REPORT OF THE ACCOUNTANT



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Reference: 3073751  
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Date: June 24, 2020

Dear board of directors,

We hereby send you the report regarding the financial statements of your foundation for the year 2019.

## **1 ACCOUNTANT'S COMPILATION REPORT**

The financial statements of Stichting AMBER Alert Europe at Beek have been compiled by us using the information provided by you. The financial statements comprise the balance sheet as at December 31, 2019 and the profit and loss account for the year 2019 with the accompanying explanatory notes. These notes include a summary of the accounting policies which have been applied.

This compilation engagement has been performed by us in accordance with Dutch law, including the Dutch Standard 4410, "Compilation engagements", which is applicable to accountants. The standard requires us to assist you in the preparation and presentation of the financial statements in accordance with presented explanatory notes. To this end we have applied our professional expertise in accounting and financial reporting.

In a compilation engagement, you are responsible for ensuring that you provide us with all relevant information and that this information is correct. Therefore, we have conducted our work, in accordance with the applicable regulations, on the assumption that you have fulfilled your responsibility. To conclude our work, we have read the financial statements as a whole to consider whether the financial statements as presented correspond with our understanding of Stichting AMBER Alert Europe. We have not performed any audit or review procedures which would enable us to express an opinion or a conclusion as to the fair presentation of the financial statements.

During this engagement we have complied with the relevant ethical requirements prescribed by the "Verordening Gedrags- en Beroepsregels Accountants" (VGBA). You and other users of these financial statements may therefore assume that we have conducted the engagement in a professional, competent and objective manner and with due care and integrity and that we will treat all information provided to us as confidential.

We draw attention to the other disclosure to the financial statements which sets out the financial effects of the corona crisis on the foundation.

## **2 GENERAL**

### **2.1 Company**

Stichting AMBER Alert Europe is dedicated to the protection of endangered missing children, and provides for training and cross-border coordination to law enforcement. AMBER Alert Europe connects citizens with law enforcement when the police believe the public can help find the child. AMBER Alert Europe provides support in an advisory and knowledge-sharing role to its members and partners, who, together with the network of connected citizens, are on the lookout when a child goes missing across Europe.

The foundation is registered in the trade register of the chamber of commerce in Limburg under number 57040559.

### **2.2 Board of directors**

On December 31, 2019 the board of directors is formed by:

- F. Hoen
- P. Binková

### **2.3 Incorporation of a company**

The foundation Stichting AMBER Alert Europe was incorporated by notarial deed on January 23, 2013 at mr.J.T.M. Pas, Beek. The activities are performed as of the aforementioned date or an earlier date respectively at the risk and costs of the Stichting AMBER Alert Europe partnership.

### **2.4 Appropriation of the nett result 2019**

The profit for the year 2019 amounts to € 2,141 compared with a profit for the year 2018 of € 452,687. The proposed appropriation of result is disclosed under other disclosure.

### 3 RESULTS

#### 3.1 Comparative overview

The result for 2019 amounts to € 2,141 compared to € 452,687 for 2018. The results for both years can be summarized as follows:

	Balance 2019	Budget 2019	Balance 2018	Difference 2019
	€	€	€	€
<b>Income</b>				
Benefits from individuals	232	1,000	368	-136
Income from organisations	238,793	250,000	68,773	170,020
Other benefits	-	1,000	3,999	-3,999
<b>Gross margin</b>	239,025	252,000	73,140	165,885
<b>Government subsidies</b>				
To be a life-saving factor in abductions or disappearances of children or other vulnerable people throughout Europe	218,136	223,300	232,465	-14,329
<b>Expenses</b>	18,384	3,700	10,241	8,143
<b>Result</b>	2,505	25,000	-169,566	172,071
Financial income and expenses	-364	-1,000	-2,747	2,383
Taxes	-	-	-	-
<b>Balance from normal business operations</b>	2,141	24,000	-172,313	174,454
Extraordinary income	-	-	625,000	-625,000
<b>Balance</b>	2,141	24,000	452,687	-450,546

#### 4 FINANCIAL POSITION

	12/31/2019		12/31/2018	
	€	%	€	%
<b>Current assets</b>				
Receivables, prepayments and accrued income	873	3.6	1,446	6.2
Cash and cash equivalents	23,654	96.4	21,741	93.8
	<u>24,527</u>	<u>100.0</u>	<u>23,187</u>	<u>100.0</u>
<b>Eigen vermogen</b>				
Other reserves	9,932	40.5	7,791	33.6
<b>Current liabilities</b>				
Trade creditors	1,077	4.4	3,622	15.6
Taxes and social securities	6,519	26.6	5,579	24.1
Other liabilities and Accruals and deferred income	6,999	28.5	6,195	26.7
	<u>14,595</u>	<u>59.5</u>	<u>15,396</u>	<u>66.4</u>
	<u>24,527</u>	<u>100.0</u>	<u>23,187</u>	<u>100.0</u>

The balance sheet can be summarized as follows:

	12/31/2019		12/31/2018	
	€	€	€	€
<b>Long term funds:</b>				
Corporate capital		9,932		7,791
		<u>9,932</u>		<u>7,791</u>
This amount is applied as follows:				
Receivables, prepayments and accrued income	873		1,446	
Cash and cash equivalents	<u>23,654</u>		<u>21,741</u>	
		24,527		23,187
Debit: Short-term debt		14,595		15,396
Working capital		<u>9,932</u>		<u>7,791</u>



We trust that we have compiled with all your instructions.  
We will gladly provide more detailed explanations upon request.

Sincerely yours,  
acon avm accountants b.v.



P.J.E.A. van Dinther AA

## FINANCIAL REPORT

**2019 MANAGEMENT REPORT**

The financial report will be included in the annual report of 2019.

## **FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

- Balance sheet
- Statement of income and expenses
- Cash flow statement 2019
- Notes to the balance sheet and statement of income and expense



	<u>December 31, 2019</u>		<u>December 31, 2018</u>	
	€	€	€	€
<b>ASSETS</b>				
<b>Current assets</b>				
Receivables, prepayments and accrued income	(1)	873	1,446	
Cash and cash equivalents	(2)	<u>23,654</u>	<u>21,741</u>	
		24,527		23,187
		<u>24,527</u>		<u>23,187</u>

Compilation report issued

## 2 STATEMENT OF INCOME AND EXPENSES 2019

		Balance 2019	Budget 2019	Balance 2018
		€	€	€
<b>Income</b>				
Income from organisations	(5)	238,793	250,000	68,773
Benefits from individuals	(6)	232	1,000	368
Other benefits	(7)	-	1,000	3,999
<b>Sum of the benefits</b>		239,025	252,000	73,140
<b>Expenses</b>				
<b>Spend on the purposes</b>				
To be a life-saving factor in abductions or disappearances of children or other vulnerable people throughout Europe	(8)	218,136	223,300	232,465
<b>Management and administration</b>				
Other operating expenses	(9)	18,384	3,700	10,241
<b>Balance before financial income and expense</b>		2,505	25,000	-169,566
Financial income and expenses	(10)	-364	-1,000	-2,747
Extraordinary income	(11)	-	-	625,000
<b>Result</b>				
Other reserves		2,141	-	452,687

### 3 CASH FLOW STATEMENT 2019

The cash flow statement has been prepared using the indirect method.

	2019		2018	
	€	€	€	€
<b>Cash flow from operating activities</b>				
Operating result	2,505		-169,566	
Adjustments for:				
Movement of working capital:				
Movement of accounts receivable	573		-215	
Movement of short-term liabilities (excluding short-term part of long-term debts)	-801		-1,849	
Cash flow from operating activities		2,277		-171,630
Interest and similar expenses	-364		-2,747	
Extraordinary expenses	-		625,000	
		-364		622,253
Cash flow from operating activities		1,913		450,623
<b>Cash flow from financing activities</b>				
Decrease in other long-term debt		-		-440,000
		1,913		10,623

### Compilation cash

	2019		2018	
	€	€	€	€
Compilation cash at January 1		21,741		11,118
Movement of cash and cash equivalents		1,913		10,623
Cash and cash equivalents at December 31		23,654		21,741



## **4 NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

### **GENERAL**

#### **Activities**

Stichting AMBER Alert Europe is dedicated to the protection of endangered missing children, and provides for training and cross-border coordination to law enforcement. AMBER Alert Europe connects citizens with law enforcement when the police believe the public can help find the child. AMBER Alert Europe provides support in an advisory and knowledge-sharing role to its members and partners, who, together with the network of connected citizens, are on the lookout when a child goes missing across Europe.

The foundation is registered in the trade register of the chamber of commerce in Limburg under number 57040559.

#### **Registered address**

Stichting AMBER Alert Europe is located at Peter Treckspoelstraat 4 at Beek.

### **GENERAL ACCOUNTING POLICIES**

The financial statements are prepared according to directive RJK.C2 "Kleine fondsenwervende organisaties". The Annual Report has been prepared in accordance with directive RJ650 "Fondswervende organisaties van de Raad voor de Jaarverslaggeving".

The annual accounts have been prepared based on the historical cost. Valuation of assets and liabilities and determination of the result takes place under the historical cost convention.

Given that the budget of this foundation is not used as an important steering tool for controlling the activities, the differences between the budget and the balance aren't analyzed.

### **ACCOUNTING PRINCIPLES APPLIED TO THE VALUATION OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES**

#### **Receivables and deferred assets**

Upon initial recognition the receivables on and loans to participations and other receivables are valued at fair value and then valued at amortised cost, which equals the face value, after deduction of any provisions. The fair value and amortised cost equal the face value. Any provisions for the risk of doubtful debts are deducted. These provisions are determined based on individual assessment of the receivables.

#### **Cash and cash equivalents**

The cash is valued at face value. If cash equivalents are not freely disposable, then this has been taken into account in the valuation.

## **ACCOUNTING PRINCIPLES FOR THE DETERMINATION OF THE RESULT**

### **General**

The result is defined as the difference between the revenue from goods delivered and services performed on one hand and, on the other hand, the costs and expenses for that year, valued at historical costs. The revenues and expenses are with VAT included.

### **Financial income and expenses**

Financial income and expenses comprise interest income and expenses for loans (issued and received) during the current reporting period.

### **Extraordinary income and expenses**

Extraordinary income and expense comprises income and expenses who differ highly from ordinary operations and have therefore an extremely incidental character.

## **ACCOUNTING POLICIES FOR THE CASH FLOW STATEMENT**

The cash flow statement has been prepared using the indirect method.

The funds in the cash flow statement consist of cash and current securities. Securities are considered to be highly liquid investments.

Cash flows in foreign currencies are converted at an estimated average rate.

Income and expenses related to interest, received dividend and profit taxes are included in the cash flow statement for operational activities. Dividend payments are included in the cash flow statement for financing activities.

## 5 NOTES TO THE BALANCE SHEET AS OF DECEMBER 31, 2019

### ASSETS

#### CURRENT ASSETS

	12/31/2019	12/31/2018
	€	€
<b>1. Receivables, prepayments and accrued income</b>		
Other receivables, deferred assets	873	1,446
<b>2. Cash and cash equivalents</b>		
Rabobank NL31RABO0177498633	23,461	21,548
Rabobank NL58RABO3464305996	105	105
Cash	88	88
	<u>23,654</u>	<u>21,741</u>

#### EQUITY AND LIABILITIES

#### 3. Reserves and funds

Other reserves	9,932	7,791
	<u>2019</u>	<u>2018</u>
	€	€
<i>Other reserves</i>		
Carrying amount as of January 1	7,791	-444,896
Result allocation	2,141	452,687
Carrying amount as of December 31	<u>9,932</u>	<u>7,791</u>

The purpose of the foundation is to be a life-saving factor in abductions or disappearances of children or other vulnerable people throughout Europe. In accordance with the statutes of the foundation there is no profit motive.

The result from the current financial year is allocated to the other reserves.  
The statutes of the foundation don't determine a minimum or maximum balance of the other reserves.  
The foundation hasn't formed a specific allocation reserve.

#### 4. Current liabilities

	12/31/2019	12/31/2018
	€	€
<b>Trade creditors</b>		
Creditors	1,077	3,622
<b>Taxes and social securities</b>		
Pay-roll tax	6,519	5,579
<b>Accruals and deferred income</b>		
Holiday bonus	6,996	6,063
Bank charges / insurance costs	3	132
	6,999	6,195



## 6 NOTES TO THE STATEMENT OF INCOME AND EXPENSES 2019

	Balance 2019	Budget 2019	Balance 2018
	€	€	€
<b>5. Income from organisations</b>			
Donations and gifts	238,793	250,000	68,773

These donations and gifts from organisations are donated by Beheermaatschappij Eureka Communications B.V. and Netpresenter B.V.

### 6. Benefits from individuals

Donations and gifts	232	1,000	368
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### 7. Other benefits

Received fees	-	1,000	3,999
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Besides above mentioned income, AMBER Alert Europe receives most of its sponsorships in kind. Several companies and individuals offer their services free of charge in the context of their Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR). These sponsorships in kind are specified and valued in the management report of the foundation.

### Spend on the purposes

#### 8. To be a life-saving factor in abductions or disappearances of children or other vulnerable people throughout Europe

Expenses spend on the purpose	218,136	223,300	232,465
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#### Honorarium of directors and supervisory directors

The honorarium of the directors totals at € 0.

#### Staff

At partnership during 2019, an average 4 employees were employed (2018: 4).

### 9. Other operating expenses

Office expenses	7,017	-	4,540
General expenses	11,367	3,700	5,701
	18,384	3,700	10,241

### 10. Financial income and expenses

Interest and similar expenses	-364	-1,000	-2,747
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#### Interest and similar expenses

Bank charges	-291	-1,000	-397
Current Account	-	-	-2,200
Exchange rate difference	-73	-	-150
	-364	-1,000	-2,747

The interest on the Current Account has been donated. The donation has been accounted for under the donations from organisations.



**11. Extraordinary income**

	Balance 2019	Budget 2019	Balance 2018
	€	€	€
Remission result	-	-	625,000

The full amount of the Current Account has been remitted per December 31, 2018.  
 The remission totals at € 625.000.

## **7 OTHER DISCLOSURE**

### **Post balance sheet events**

At the time of signing the financial statements of 2019 the society is affected by the corona crisis.  
At this time it isn't possible to estimate the affects of the crisis for the foundation.

### **Appropriation of the profit for 2019**

The board of directors proposes to appropriate the profit for 2019 as follows:

	<u>2019</u>
	€
Reduction other reserves	<u><u>2,141</u></u>

This proposal has been processed in the annual account in advance of the adoption by the General Meeting.

## **Signing Annual Accounts**

Beek, June 24, 2020

F. Hoen

P. Binková

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## Annex

### **Budget Income and Expenses 2020**

## Budget Income and Expenses 2020 Stichting Amber Alert Europe

Income	2020
	€
– Income from organisations	180,000
– Benefits from individuals	1,000
– Financial income	0
– Other benefits	1,000
<b>Sum of the benefits</b>	<b>182,000</b>
<b>Expenses</b>	
–Spend on the purposes To be a life-saving factor in abductions or disappearances of children or other vulnerable people throughout Europe	159,400
– Management and administration Other operating expenses	14,400
<b>Balance before financial income and expenses</b>	<b>8,200</b>
Financial expenses	-1,000
<b>Result</b>	<b>7,200</b>

The expenses of the Stichting are expected to be financed by contributions from private individuals and the reimbursement from organisations for expenses incurred.





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