



## **PRESS RELEASE** | Fighting against illegal content and online child sexual exploitation and abuse, Point de Contact asserts itself as a unique public-private partnership in France and in the EU

- *Point de Contact, as a force multiplier uniting platforms, hosting/ tech providers, law enforcement and citizens*
- *Point de Contact ranking first among trusted flaggers of French law enforcement in terms of overall volume and quality of assessed reports*
- *Point de Contact appointed four new members to its Board and is taking up the presidency of INHOPE, the International Association of Internet Hotlines*

Paris, July 23<sup>rd</sup> 2020 – In a context where for lawmakers it is all about shaping Europe’s digital future, namely with the Digital Services Act (DSA) package, Point de Contact is taking more action on fighting illegal content by positioning itself as a force multiplier within the French ecosystem and at the EU level. Point de Contact is strengthening its growth strategy by widening the make-up of its Board and by taking more responsibility within the INHOPE network which unites 40+ countries worldwide against online child sexual exploitation and abuse.

The Executive Committee currently comprises:

Mr. Jean Christophe Le Toquin – **Videntifier**, as President

Ms. Béatrice Oeuvarard – **Facebook**, as Secretary

Mr. Thibault Guiroy – **Google**, as Treasurer

During its General Assembly which was held on June 26<sup>th</sup>, alongside Mr. Hector de Rivoire, Microsoft who was already a member of the Board, Point de Contact appointed four new members, French and non-French, to its Board:

**Snapchat** - Mr. Jean Gonié, Director Europe, Public Policy

**OVHcloud** – Mr . Romain Beeckman, Chief Compliance Officer

**TikTok** – Ms. Sarah Khemis, Public Policy and Government Relations Manager France

And **Yubo** – Mr. Lucien Grandval, Public Policy and Communication Lead

Ranking first among trusted flaggers of French law enforcement authorities, Point de Contact embodies a rather unique model of public-private partnership in action. Empowering citizens to report harmful and illegal content, Point de Contact brings together the entire ecosystem on an operational level and continues to make its mark as an innovation lab against the most aggravated forms of cybercrime, child sexual abuse material, terrorist propaganda, hate speech or incitement to violence.

Jean-Christophe le Toquin said *“The Board is the heart of any given organization. Point de Contact and INHOPE can now benefit from a diverse and strong Board for the next two years. I know the commitment and resolve of the industry players and national hotlines that make up these two governance bodies and that makes me very optimistic about our collective capacity to boost our impact towards a safer world.”*

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## About Point de Contact

[Point de Contact](#) is a French NGO (*Association loi 1901*) and reporting platform, with over 20 years of experience in tackling illegal content. With funding from the European Commission, it relies on a unique “private-public partnership in action” model which unites key tech companies and platforms, as well as law enforcement authorities, the latter with observer status. Point de Contact is a founding member of INHOPE - the International Association of Internet Hotlines which unites over 40 countries worldwide in fighting child sexual abuse material (CSAM).

Point de Contact coordinated the [White Paper entitled \*Child sexual abuse material and online terrorist propaganda | Tackling illegal content and ensuring staff welfare\*](#). The French reporting hotline has also been adapting the reporting of suspected illegal content to new digital uses and younger generations, with a mobile app (iOS, Android) and “next gen” reporting add-ons, available across browsers.

