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euCONSENT is a non-governmental organisation, initiated and originally funded by the European Union to develop a privacy-preserving, international standards-based mechanism for the interoperable use of online age checks – both age verification and AI-based age estimation – across multiple relying party services. It delivered a successful pilot across five countries with 1,600 users navigating dummy websites without needing to complete more than one age check. Phase 2 of the project will put this network into live operation with leading platforms, creating an open and competitive market for certified providers of age assurance, and a convenient verify-once-use-many-times age check for users. euCONSENT’s mission to make the Internet age aware in order to enable more effective child online protection would benefit greatly from extending its partnership with the ITU.

SWGfL presented end-to-end encryption (E2EE) as a technology that secures digital communication so that only the sender and recipient can access the information. While E2EE is essential for privacy and security, it presents challenges for law enforcement agencies and child protection advocates, as it can potentially impede efforts to detect and prevent online threats against children.

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