The Authority for Online Terrorist and Child Pornographic Material is a Regulator that was established as the final piece of self-regulation. The starting point is that the online service providers themselves make every effort to prevent their platform from being misused to combat this material.

To help them do so and to exchange best practices, the Authority works closely with them. It has a sector council where trends and policy intentions are discussed. There, the chain partners are also called to account for the so-called bad hosters, parties that do nothing about the distribution of the material. Together, we look for the best approach to these malicious parties.

This collaboration is unique. The starting point is that we are jointly responsible for a safe online world, but that there is no non-committal in that collaboration. The choice of an Authority ensures that there is sufficient distance between the executor and politics, thus preventing censorship.

In addition to these partnerships, the Authority has the powers to investigate, detect the material and issue fines. The Authority can also develop and offer tooling to help smaller parties in particular with the fight against this material. We work together with the existing hotlines so as not to disrupt the existing, and well-functioning, mechanisms. In this way, self-regulation is optimally supported, but there is no longer any non-committal, after all, not acting means risking a fine.

With this way of working, we strengthen all stakeholders in their own role and prevent uninformed government decisions that threaten a free and open internet.