

Online piracy - Which are the consequences?

Online piracy of content protected by copyright (e.g. streaming or downloading of movies, TV series, music, software) is a global phenomenon, with alarming proportions according to European and international organizations.

Some of the consequences of piracy are the following:

1

Shrinking of the cultural and creative sector

Behind every protected work (musical, literary, audiovisual, visual, etc.) there are creators, such as writers, visual artists, photographers, directors, lyricists and composers, but also performers, actors, producers and hours of work and preparation. These people need to be paid to keep working and to provide art and entertainment.



2

Threat to consumers

For example, software which is obtained illegally carries no guarantee of proper operation, it is highly likely to contain viruses that will damage PCs, while no technical support is provided.



3

Unlawful competition for legitimate businesses

Companies producing music, movies, software etc. invest a lot of money, create jobs and pay salaries and taxes. On the contrary, pirates do none of the above resulting in job cuts, lower wages, less funding for new projects and reduced investment in new creators.



4

Loss of revenue for the state due to tax evasion

Those who are involved in online piracy do not pay proper salaries or taxes. This results to loss of revenue for the state due to tax evasion, reduced VAT income and tax on imports.



Did you know that because of the high value of copyright protected content, its violation yields enormous profits to organized crime groups?

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