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to the Commission**

Rule 130

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Subject: Illegal online content

A recent study of consumer habits with regard to online content carried out by the Coalition of Content Creators and Industries (Coalición de Creadores e Industrias de Contenidos) revealed that, in 2014, 88% of the online content accessed in Spain was illegal. According to the study, online content was accessed illegally 4.455 billion times. The market value of this content is put at more than EUR 23 billion and the loss of earnings to creators at EUR 1.7 billion.

The study also revealed that only one in ten consumers pays for online music downloads. In 2014, music was downloaded illegally 1.831 billion times. The market value of that content was EUR 6.777 billion.

In the context of the revision of the directive on the enforcement of intellectual property rights:

How will the Commission protect copyright in Europe?

What measures will it take to ensure that online content providers comply with copyright law?