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Danish initiative to strengthen the enforcement of copyright on the Internet

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A Committe set up by the Danish Government has recently proposed concrete initiatives to strengthen the enforcement of copyright on the Internet.

The Committee identified four primary focus areas: enforcement of copyright on the Internet, legal business models, increased consumer awareness and sending information letters. In addition, the Committe rejects so-called compensation models according to which file sharing of copyright content without consent would have been legalised in exchange for a compensation scheme. The Committe rejects such proposal for the very reason that it would contravene international conventions and EU directives in the filed of copyright.

The proposals put forward by the committe mirrors to a great extent the findings of a report by a Committe set up by the Swedish government a few years ago. (The author of this blog post was the secretary of that report). It is also in line with current initiatives at the international level, where increased transparency and accountability regarding activities carried out online and in the area of internet governance is called for. The contemporary international trend in this field is however questioned by some bloggers.

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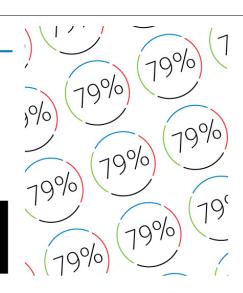
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