

The Internet and copyright – the scope of liability of individual parties involved and modes of protection against piracy

ABSTRACT

This diploma thesis deals with copyright issues in the Internet. The aim of this thesis is to analyse the current evolution of copyright modernisation in the Digital Single Market, focusing on the relevant European and national regulation of the new liability regime of the online content-sharing service provider.

The thesis is divided into six parts, which are divided into individual chapters. The first part is devoted to the basic institutes of copyright. It also describes the characteristics and content of copyright, the copyright work and the non-contractual use of the copyright work.

The second part presents some sociological aspects of modern society which lead to the need to modernise copyright. This part deals with the notion of information, information society and information technology law.

The third part deals with the Internet, in this part its definition, creation and development is presented. Also related terms such as cyberspace, Deep web and Dark web are described.

The fourth part of the thesis focuses mainly on the liability of ISPs (Internet service providers) in the Internet environment. The first chapter focuses on the general concept of private, administrative and criminal liability. The following chapters describe the concept of ISPs and the development of their liability taking into account the relevant case law. At the end of this part, the liability regulation of individual ISPs is analysed.

The fifth part reports on some current aspects of cybercrime that copyright must deal with.

The final sixth part focuses on the current copyright reform in the European Union. In this part, the European legislative framework of the Digital Single Market is introduced. Furthermore, the thesis focuses on problematic aspects of the Copyright Directive in the Digital Single Market. The last chapter deals with the draft amendment to the Copyright Act, which transposes the aforementioned directive into Czech law.

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