

Identifying Illegal Internet Protocol Television



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On 16 September 2022, Eurojust published a [flyer](#) with tips for users to identify illegal Internet Protocol Television (IPTV) services. IPTV is a technology that enables the broadcasting of television content through the internet instead of via traditional methods, such as satellite or cable. While IPTV services are not illegal if the service providers hold the correct licences for the content they stream, the proliferation of non-licensed and hence illegal IPTV services has become a growing trend. The flyer describes a number of signs that may help users to identify illegal IPTV services. These red flags include the following:

- Low prices or offers free of charge;
- The possibility to use the service anonymously;
- Payment via bitcoins and other cryptocurrencies;
- A lack of information on the service provider as such.

The flyer also provides a series of QR codes by which to learn more about the European Commission's Counterfeit and Piracy [Watch List](#) and Eurojust's support in the fight against Intellectual Property Crime (IPC). It was presented at the [annual workshop](#) of the European Intellectual Property Prosecutors Network (EIPPN) from 16-17 September 2022, which had been organised by Eurojust, together with the European Union Intellectual Property Office (EUIPO). Including over 70 prosecutors from the EU and neighbouring countries, the 2022 event focused on collaborating with private sector intermediaries.

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