

Takedown of Spoofing Website



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In November 2022, a coordinated action between judicial and law enforcement authorities from ten countries (including several EU Member States and third countries, such as Australia, Canada, Ukraine, the United Kingdom and the United States), supported by Eurojust and Europol, led to the takedown of a major [spoofing website](#). The website had enabled fraudsters impersonating trusted corporations or contacts to access sensitive information, in effect causing an estimated worldwide loss in excess of €115 million (while earning over €3.7 million in 16 months). Through the coordinated action, 142 users and administrators of the website were able to be arrested across the world and the website and server be taken offline by US and Ukrainian authorities.

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