

WIDELY USED ILLEGAL STREAMING PLATFORM SWITCHED OFF FROM SWITZERLAND

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Nearly €1.9 million profit generated from about 20 000 boxes sold





Europol supported law enforcement from France, Germany, Monaco, the Netherlands and Switzerland to take down an organised crime group involved in intellectual property crime.

Eleven servers taken down in four countries

On the action day, law enforcement officers seized eleven servers in France, Germany, the Netherlands and Switzerland. Officers carried out nine house searches in all involved countries, arrested three suspects and seized eight bank accounts in Switzerland.

Swiss police blocked the website, which illegally distributed the multimedia. Europol also prepared the 'splash' page appearing on the website after the domain seizure. Europol supported the action day through the coordination centre hosted by Eurojust.

Illegal streaming of over 82 000 pieces of multimedia content

A Swiss company put a multimedia box, on the market. The box enabled the distribution of over 82 000 movies and TV series, all protected by copyright. The company used a dedicated website to stream the content while advertising their illegal services on social media. An illegal application system enabled viewers to use the system and access the media. According to the first elements of the investigation, around 20 000 boxes have been sold, the payments for which were made via regular gateways and payment systems. The sale and distribution of these boxes has generated a turnover of about €1.9 million. The company also played an active role in the management of the hosting servers broadcasting the content. The investigation was triggered by complaints filed with

the Swiss authorities against the Swiss company. Paid TV channels and American film studios also signalled copyright infringement activities.

Since 2019, Europol supported the investigation with operational coordination and analysis. Europol supported the action day with the deployment of two virtual mobile offices. These enabled Europol's experts to cross-check operational information in real time and provide support to the investigators in the field. Europol's experts also joined the coordination centre hosted by [Eurojust](#) .

[Europol's IPC3 \(Intellectual Property Crime Coordinated Coalition\)](#) which supported the investigation is a project co-funded by the EUIPO to combat intellectual property crime.

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