

The Hellenic Copyright Organization (HCO)



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About the HCO

INTRODUCTION

**The competent authority in Greece for
copyright and related rights issues
(legal entity under private law)**

**Placed under the supervision of the
Ministry of Culture and Sports**

**Operates on the basis of art. 69 of Law
2121/1993 and the Presidential Decree
311/1994**



Main aim of HCO:




a) to protect copyright authors and rightholders of related rights

b) to take steps to the implementation of Law 2121/1993, Law 4481/2017, relevant EU law and international conventions

More specifically...


Among others...

- drafts laws pertaining to copyright and related rights issues
- represents Greece in the EU and international fora (e.g. WIPO, WTO, UNESCO)
- organizes seminars, events or conferences for the training of judges, lawyers, rightholders, e.tc.
- provides general information to the public, and
- raises public awareness and shapes public mentality on the issue of copyright and related rights protection



Special responsibilities in the framework of collecting management supervision:

- competent supervisor authority of the CMOS, IMEs, and CPOS established in Greece,
- suggests to the Minister of Culture and Sports to adopt the request submitted by a CMO/CPO to obtain an operating license, provided that the conditions of the Law 4481/2017 are fulfilled, and the respective organization's viability is obvious,
- it posts on its website information about the CMO (the operating licenses, the tariff tables, the agreements concluded between CMOs and representative users associations, any infringement decisions, the notifications provided under the law for foreign CMOs and IMEs, and the uniform formats for the use of works),

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- it investigates cases where potential violations of the provisions of the Law 4481/2017 or of the Law 2121/1993 are respectively notified,
 - has an initiating role in the sanctioning procedure, as related to the compliance or non – compliance of the CMO with the relevant recommendation, as well as with regard to the amount of the administrative fine that should be imposed,
 - it constitutes the competent authority in Greece to inform the competent authority of another EU MS and to provide information on the issues related to the implementation of the provisions on collective management performed by CMOs and IMEs established in Greece and which are operating in Greek territory and/or in another MS



Special responsibilities in the framework of collecting management supervision:

- constitutes the national correspondent for the rights provided under Law 2121/1993, in accordance with the Directive 2004/48 on the enforcement of rights,
- assists the Committee for the Notification of Copyright and Related Rights Infringement on the Internet (EDPPI), established under Art. 66E of Law 2121/1993,
- offers intermediation services for issues related to copyright, related rights and collective management,
- draws up a list of arbitrators taking into account the opinion of the parties concerning the settlement of the disputes about the amount of the remuneration due for the use of the works

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HCO undertakes legislative preparatory work, provides information to the public on copyright and related rights issues, represents Greece before the competent international organizations and the institutions of the E.U....

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NEW
New section in the HCO website: **ALTERNATIVE FORMS OF DISPUTE RESOLUTION**

It includes general information, special cases of alternative forms of dispute resolution in the copyright legal framework, the cooperation of the HCO with WIPO's ACR Center, news and updates and certain 'tools' of WIPO.

https://opi.gr/en/about-copyright/alternative-forms-of-dispute-resolution

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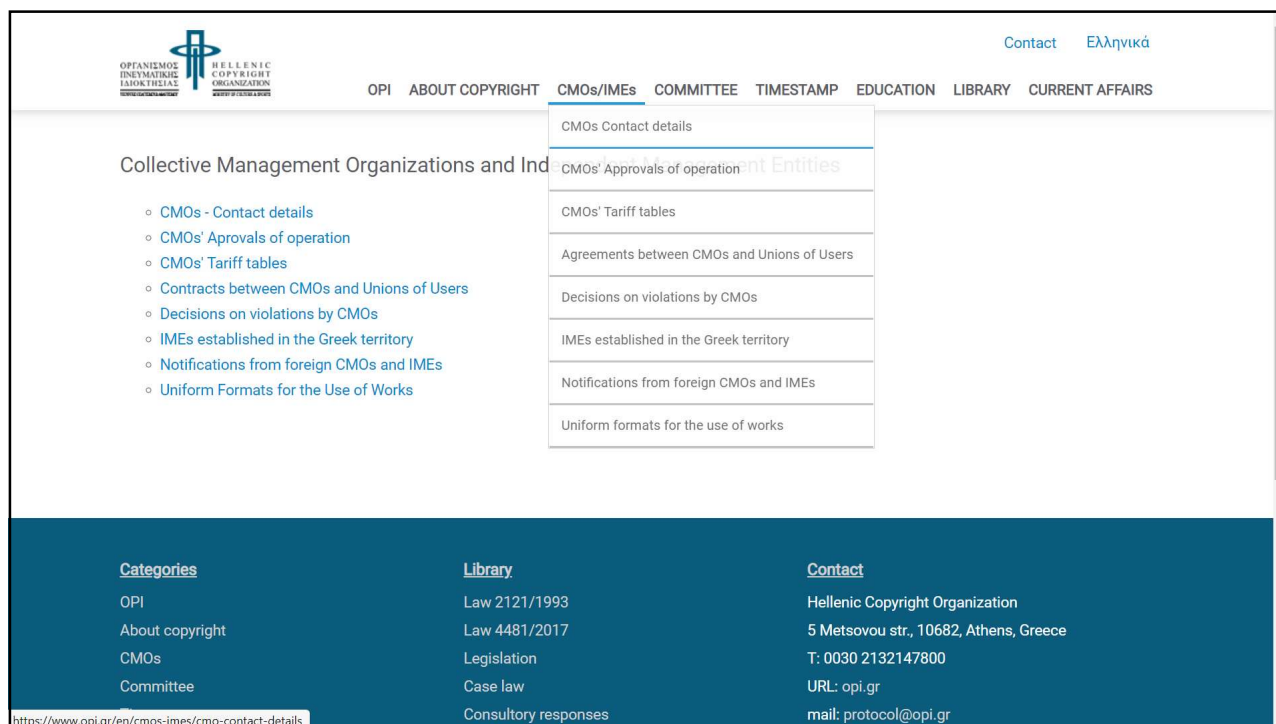
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- Webinar on June 8, 2023, under the title "Mechanisms of alternative resolution of disputes (ARD) in respect of disputes concerning copyright" which is organized by the HCO and the WIPO ADR Center.
The HCO and the WIPO ADR Center are jointly organizing on June 8, 2023, a webinar devoted to ADR on copyright and related – rights disputes within the framework of the Memorandum of Co-Operation that was signed on 14.12.2022.
The registration link for the webinar via the Zoom platform is available [here](#). The programme of the webinar is available [here](#).
- Participation of the WIPO ADR Center to the HCO's scientific event devoted to the "Recent Legislative Amendments to Copyright Law: Law 4996/2022 and 4961/2022" that took place on February 14 and 15, 2023. .
The WIPO Arbitration and Mediation Center of WIPO participated in the scientific conference under the title "Recent Legislative Amendments to Copyright Law: Law 4996/2022 and 4961/2022" that was organized by the HCO in collaboration with the Law School of the National and



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- CMOs' Tariff tables
- Contracts between CMOs and Unions of Users
- Decisions on violations by CMOs
- IMEs established in the Greek territory
- Notifications from foreign CMOs and IMEs
- Uniform Formats for the Use of Works

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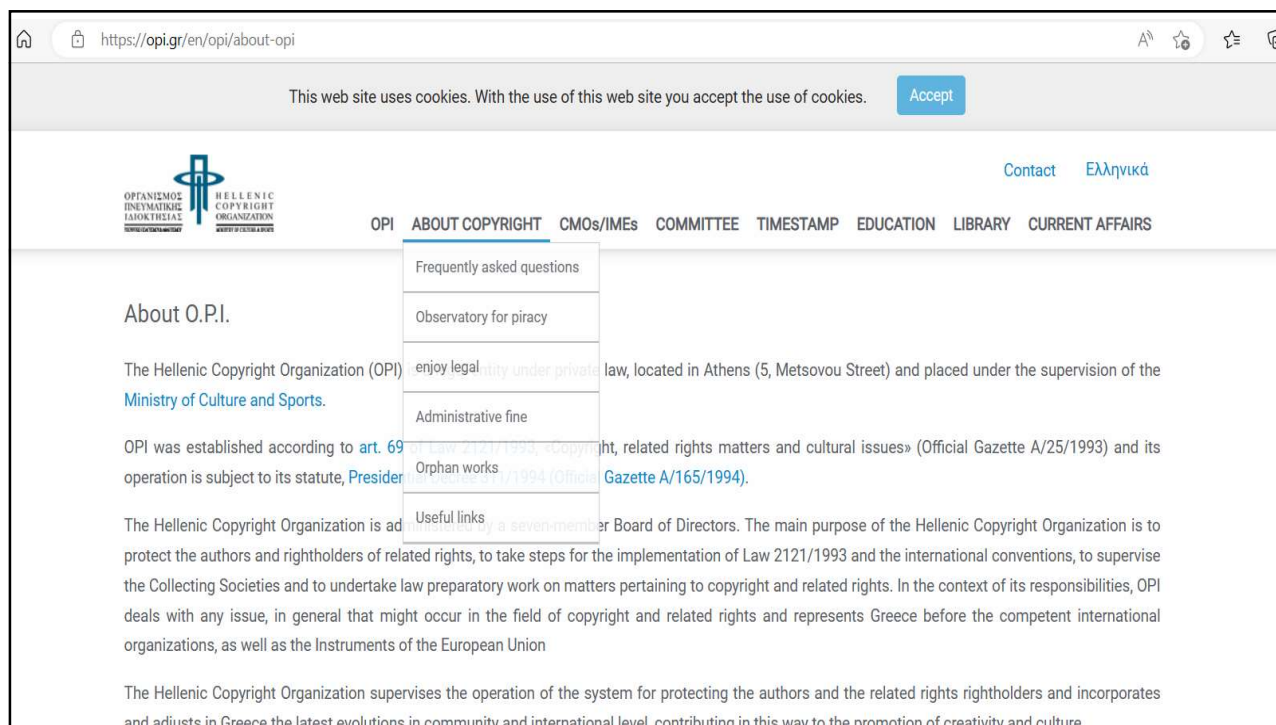
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About O.P.I.

The Hellenic Copyright Organization (OPI) enjoy legal entity under private law, located in Athens (5, Metsovou Street) and placed under the supervision of the Ministry of Culture and Sports.

OPI was established according to art. 69 of Law 2121/1993, «Copyright, related rights matters and cultural issues» (Official Gazette A/25/1993) and its operation is subject to its statute, Presidential Decree 511/1994 (Official Gazette A/165/1994).

The Hellenic Copyright Organization is administered by a seven-member Board of Directors. The main purpose of the Hellenic Copyright Organization is to protect the authors and rightholders of related rights, to take steps for the implementation of Law 2121/1993 and the international conventions, to supervise the Collecting Societies and to undertake law preparatory work on matters pertaining to copyright and related rights. In the context of its responsibilities, OPI deals with any issue, in general that might occur in the field of copyright and related rights and represents Greece before the competent international organizations, as well as the Instruments of the European Union

The Hellenic Copyright Organization supervises the operation of the system for protecting the authors and the related rights rightholders and incorporates and adjusts in Greece the latest evolutions in community and international level, contributing in this way to the promotion of creativity and culture

Frequently asked questions

Observatory for piracy

Administrative fine

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Useful links

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Providing a rebuttable presumption of the date of creation



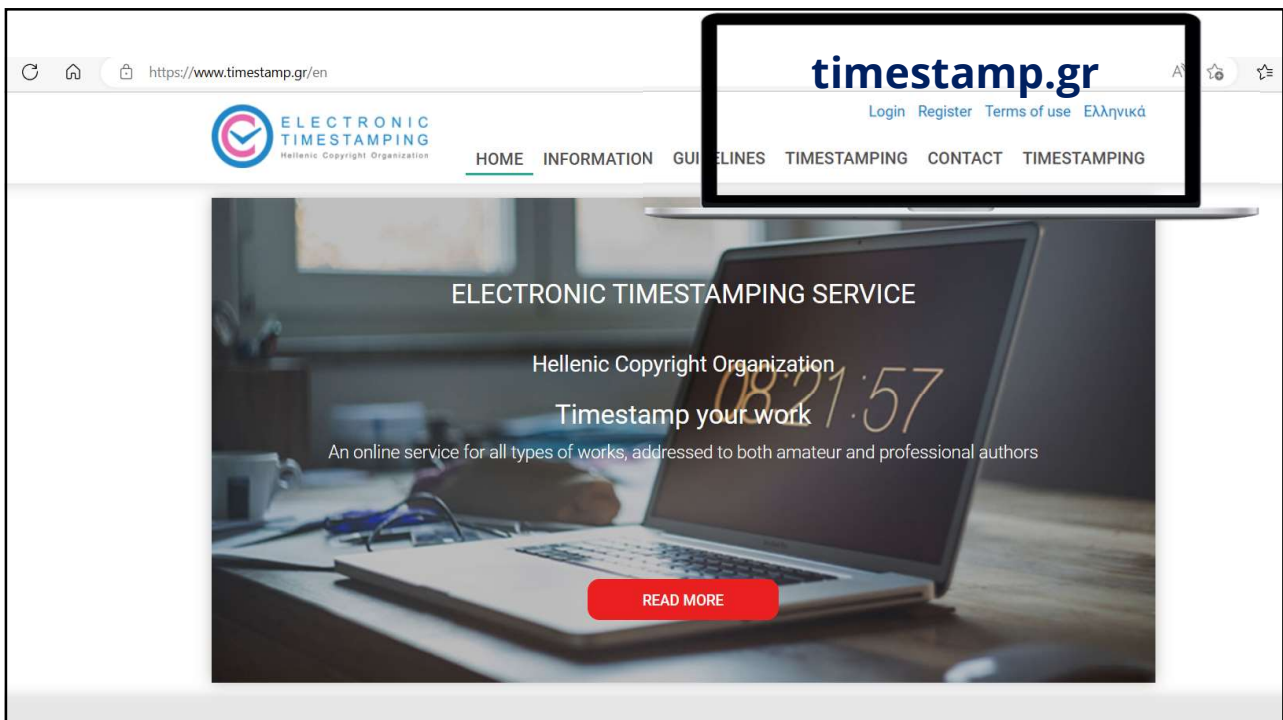
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General information about the timestamping process

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The HCO and its educational program

HCO recognises that education plays a key role in raising awareness about copyright protection.

Organization of seminars-teaching the teachers and pupils about copyright.

Creation of a dynamic website to host all the informative material. This material is sorted according to the target audience (primary school students, high school students, school teachers, parents).

Printing and distribution of informative material to schoolteachers and pupils (folders with guides about copyright and related rights, comic books and stickers).

Educational e-games.

A short movie animation about the importance of copyright and related rights as a tool for the survival of authors and artists.



https://www.copyrightschool.gr/index.php/en/

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Welcome!

Are you a pupil, a teacher or a parent? Do you want to explore copyright?
If so, you are in the right place!

Copyrightschool.gr was created to assist teachers, pupils and their parents to find out more about copyright.

Copyrightschool.gr hosts the educational programme of the Hellenic Copyright Organization (HCO).

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Educational content on Copyright

Guides about Copyright

Below follows a list with handbooks about copyright. Select the handbook that is of interest to you to open it or to download it

- [Handbook for Teachers](#)
- [Handbook for Primary School Pupils](#)
- [Handbook for high School Students](#)
- [Basic Handbook on Copyright](#)

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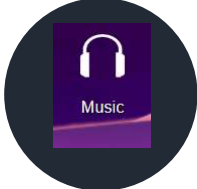
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Legal online content sources

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created under the initiative of the HCO

AGORATECA
member of the Agorateka network that has been launched by the European Office of Intellectual Property (EUIPO).





OBJECTIVE

to inform the Greek public about online platforms that offer copyright and/or related rights protected content lawfully.

ENJOYLEGAL & HCO

HCO collects and provides users with online platforms where they can lawfully watch or download movies, series and sports events, listen to or download music, read online or download books and gain access to images and videogames.

As already mentioned...

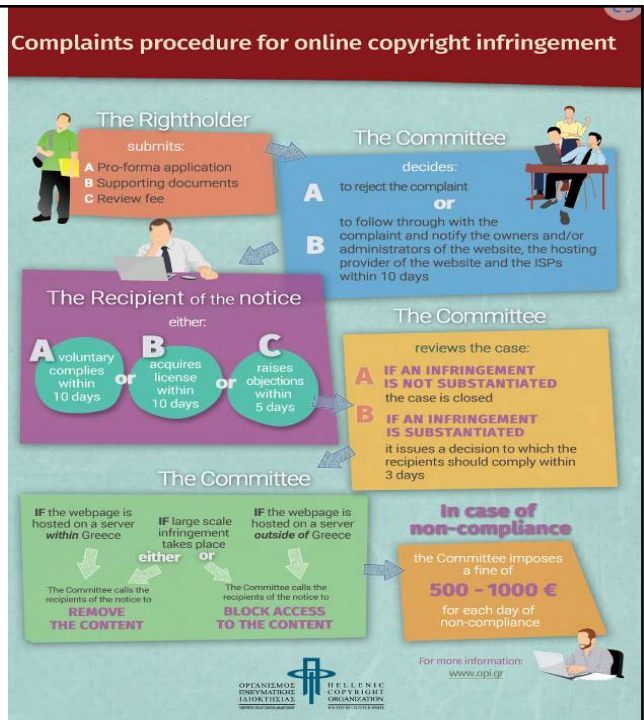
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assists the Committee for the Notification of Copyright and Related Rights Infringement on the Internet (EDPPI), established under Art. 66E of Law 2121/1993

out-of-court mechanism

an administrative authority

prompt and effective termination and prevention of the infringement of copyright on the digital environment.



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**Thank you
very much for
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