

Securing Rights of the Child in the Era of Digitalisation

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Objectives

Objectives of the research is to highlight the unique and constantly developing situation concerning the availability of harmful and violent content to the Child which is freely available online. Constant increasing of time spent online not only for adults, but also for children, is becoming a problematic in many aspects: health, violent and even harmful sexual content. All of this is leading to the violation of human rights and rights of the Child.

Materials and Methods

Author is giving an analysis from the three perspectives: 1) out to date or idealistic, not corresponding to reality international law and local law about the usage of internet by children; 2) Mobile applications and their usage for prevention methods as one of the tool, but not always or rarely used by the parents 3) Human factor and other circumstances affecting the situation concerning securing the rights of the child online

Results

Result of the research is an interesting material about the total conflict between the legal presumptions and actual use of internet by the children as well as an illusion about the control from adults to avoid violent or harmful content. For example, initially in GDPR it was planned that WhatsApp will be used only starting from the age of 14th, but nowadays it is widely used starting from the age of 7 or even earlier. Law can't control the actual usage of the internet by children.

Conclusions

Author is giving her conclusions from the three perspectives: 1) examples of out to date or idealistic, not corresponding international law and local law; 2) characteristic of Mobile applications and their usage for prevention methods as one of the tool, but not always used by the parents 3) her conclusions about Human factor and other circumstances affecting the situation concerning securing the rights of the child and human rights online