

## **Motion for a free and open web**

Today a Swedish court sentenced four “Pirate Bay” administrators to one-year prison and a compensation of several million euros to the major music and media companies. Apparently the main reason for conviction was not the violation of copyright but the creation of a file-sharing system amongst users that would put under risk the profits of the big companies.

This sentence, along with French and Italian propositions to close down file-sharing websites, clearly shows the intention to make the web no longer free and open to the knowledge and art sharing but subject to the dictate of the major producers.

The European Left wants to represent the copyright issue at the next European Parliament and speaking for those who are against the conservative view of copyright and for an actual free world wide web.

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