

A large, dense crowd of people in black and white, filling the entire background. In the center, there is a large, colorful geometric shape composed of several overlapping triangles in shades of purple, orange, yellow, and blue. Inside this shape is a white octagonal area containing text.

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**DEFENDING THOSE AFFECTED
AGAINST DIGITAL VIOLENCE**

The contribution of law
enforcement

What we do



Counselling for those affected

- We work closely with those affected
- **„First Aid“: emotional support**
- **Cyber-Security counselling**
- **Communication Advice**



Enforcing the rights of those affected

- Support those affected with legally secure documentation of digital violence
- Litigation financing: we pay the legal fees (litigation and law enforcement)



Creating public awareness: Attorney of those affected

A man in a light-colored suit is sitting on a dark, low concrete bench, looking down at a device in his hands. The background is dark. Two large, colorful speech bubbles with a rainbow gradient border are positioned above him. The left bubble contains the text 'The Internet – a legal vacuum?' and the right bubble contains 'No, but there is rarely any law enforcement.'

The Internet –
a **legal vacuum**?

No, but there is
rarely any law
enforcement.

The (German) situation

- **Strong protection of personality rights** against *defamation, insults and threats*
- **Strict laws to defend society** against *anticonstitutional activities* (racist hate speech/incitement, symbols, instigation of violence)

VS.

No law enforcement on the internet



Reasons



- Investigation on the Internet is complex and time consuming
- Biggest problem: identification – most perpetrators act anonymously
- No cooperation from platforms even if severe crimes are committed
- Lack of awareness of destructive effects of digital violence
- Lack of understanding for those affected



Consequences



- Perpetrators know that the worst consequence is deletion of content
- Those affected no longer file complaints
- Law enforcement agencies conclude that there is no problem
- Right wing extremist organize online undisturbed to intimidate activists, women, politicians, journalists...



How we tackle the problem



1. Education

Educate law enforcement, judiciary and politics

2. Collaboration

Cooperate with specialized prosecution offices

3. Encourage and support those affected

Provide competent legal support and create low threshold options to file and increase the number of criminal complaints



A large, dense crowd of people is shown in black and white, filling the entire background. Overlaid on this crowd is a large, colorful geometric shape, specifically a 12-sided polygon (dodecagon). The polygon is divided into several colored sections: a white central area, a purple section on the left, a blue section at the bottom left, a green section at the bottom, a yellow section at the bottom right, an orange section on the right, and a red section at the top. The text "Thank you for your attention." is centered within the white area of the polygon.

Thank you for your attention.