

# EUROPEAN CITIZENS AND INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY: PERCEPTION, AWARENESS, AND BEHAVIOUR

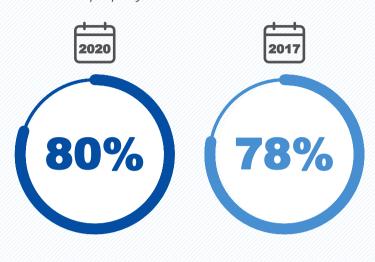
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### **INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY – AWARENESS AND OPINIONS**



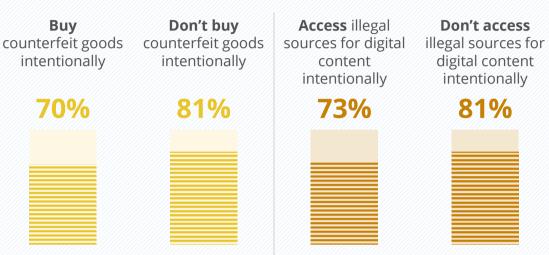
## Subjective understanding of intellectual property (IP) remains high

Very good + rather good understanding of the term 'intellectual property'



## Those with a low understanding appear likelier to infringe IP

Very good + rather good understanding of the term 'intellectual property' among those who ...

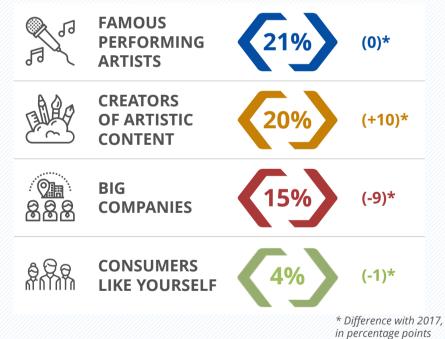


### **COUNTERFEIT GOODS - OPINIONS AND CONSUMPTION**



## More think IP benefits mainly creators of artistic content

Who benefits the most from the protection of IP?



## **Europeans are aware of the negative effects of counterfeits**

Totally agree + tend to agree

Buying counterfeit

businesses and jobs

Buying counterfeit

to health and safety

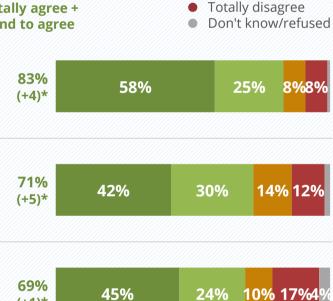
Buying counterfeit products supports

child labour and

illegal trafficking

products poses a threat

products ruins



\* Difference with 2017, in percentage points

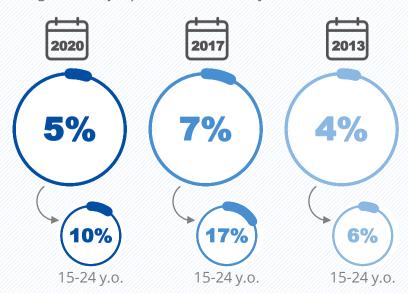
Totally agree

Tend to agree Tend to disagree

## Few admit to buying counterfeits, but it

Bought counterfeit products intentionally in last 12 months

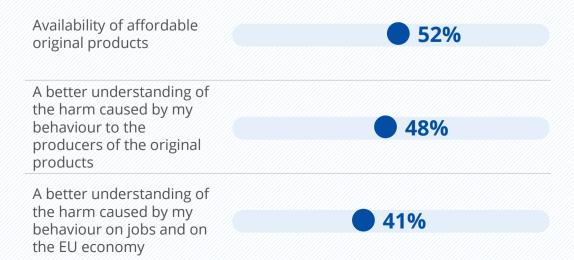
is more common among youngsters



## Understanding of harm is a key reason not to buy counterfeits, after affordability

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Reasons for not buying counterfeits





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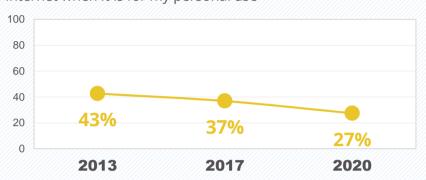
### **ONLINE CONTENT - PIRACY AND USE OF LEGAL SOURCES**



## Accessing online pirated content for personal use is less accepted

Totally agree + tend to agree

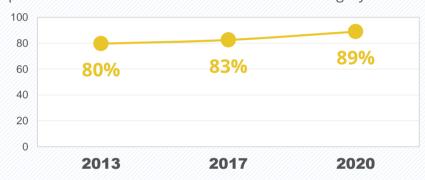
'It is acceptable to obtain content illegally from the internet when it is for my personal use'



### **Growing preference for affordable legal sources**

Totally agree + tend to agree

'Whenever there is an affordable legal option I prefer to access/download/stream content through authorised platforms and do not access/download/stream illegally'



### The perceived quality of legal sources is up

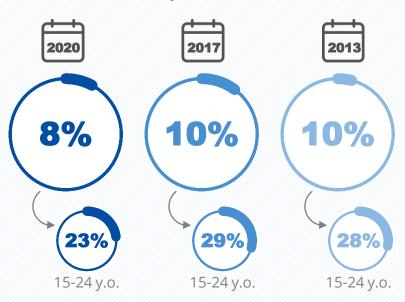
Totally agree + tend to agree

'The quality of content offered by legal services is better than what can be found through illegal solutions'



## Limited decline in use of illegal sources; stronger decline among young people

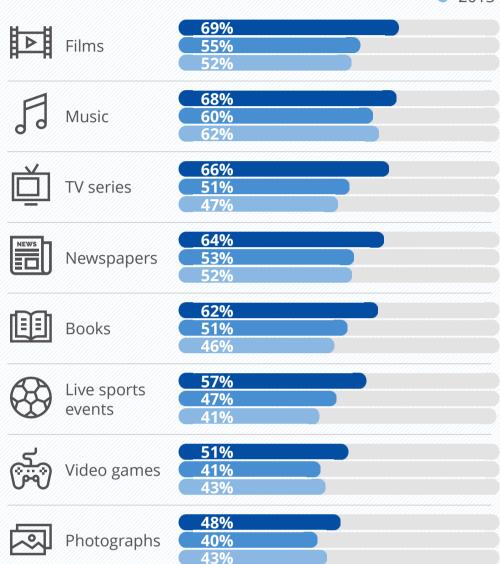
Accessed or downloaded or streamed content from illegal online sources intentionally in last 12 months



## **Growing awareness about all types of legal offers**

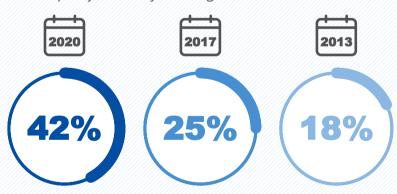
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#### Paying for online content is increasingly widespread

Content paid for online from a legal service in last 12 months



## Affordable legal content is the key reason to stop using illegal sources, but its importance is declining

