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PROTECTION OF CHILDREN VS. PROTECTION OF PERSONAL DATA: CRITICAL PROFILES OF THE PROPOSAL FOR A REGULATION ON THE PREVENTION AND FIGHT AGAINST ONLINE CHILD SEXUAL ABUSE

The digital transition exposes minors to a wide range of sexual abuse, determining the need to develop a regulatory framework that contributes to the repression of illicit content without interfering with the free development of cyberspace. The study examines the recent proposal for a regulation for the prevention and fight against sexual abuse of minors online presented by the European Commission on 11 May 2022 (COM(2022)209 final), paying particular attention to the possible restrictive effects that the new legislation could produce on some fundamental rights, such as the right to private life and the right to data protection.