Title: "Victimization of children by cyber-bullies and online groomers: minor netizens facing the Web's reality".

The new ways of communication that have emerged from the use of the Internet and the modern technology, to which the majority of minors has become addicted as a means of being socialized, have brought to light several problems of moral and legal interest. Using the Web in order to upset, embarass, threaten or defame others (cyber-bullying) or, even worse, psycologically manipulate them so as to sexually entice and abuse them (online grooming) forms the dark side of social networking, upon which some light needs to be shed, especially when children are involved. Bearing in mind not only the causes and the ways (using pc's or mobile phones, through chatrooms, online games, e-mails, instant messages, password theft, hacking, masquerading as the victim itself, sending porn, "sexting" e.t.c.) of such behaviour but also the harmful effects it has on children (depression, isolation, intimidation, suicide and so on), reference is being made on its criminal nature and the legal consequences that follow such a delinquency, on the methods of protection-both ethical and technical (such as content filtering, "ethical hacking", "report abuse" policies, groomers' registration, law and police enforcement strategies)-, of the awareness campaigns and the parents' agony, the legislation adopted and the progress made in this field (in the U.S., the UK and the European Union), taking into account the case law, in an effort to prevent further damage on a child's life.