Call to Members of the European Parliament – Europe’s citizens, startups, human rights organisations, publishers, creators, educators, cultural heritage professionals, librarians, and researchers ask for your support

Please vote to have a proper democratic debate about the important issues raised in the Copyright Directive. Please vote against the mandate on copyright in order for a first reading that will ensure legal certainty and a robust, well-regulated Internet in the EU that enables growth, innovation, knowledge and the rights of our citizens.

Dear Member of the European Parliament,

We believe in policy making that looks at facts and beyond rhetoric, and that considers the intervention of citizens in the EU legislation process as a healthy indication of democracy in action.

The signatories urge the European Parliament to vote against the JURI Committee mandate on copyright, otherwise there will be a huge gap between the Directive’s intended value for the European economy and citizens and the damage that the text will cause. The current language proposed by JURI raises significant risks as has been evidenced by the input of an impressive range of academics, internet pioneers, civil society organisations, organisations representing startups and other experts.

We represent startups which generate 9.5% of total European GDP and 2.5% of the labour market. We are the innovators that have chosen to embrace the future digital enables rather than grasp at the past. We are the believers of healthy competition, where barriers to entry should not be raised by poorly thought through regulation, to the detriment of millions of European innovators.

We represent human rights and digital rights who defend the core values of what has made the European Union’s democratic model thrive. We believe that our fundamental rights are priceless and we advocate for strong safeguards when fundamental rights are at risk, as in this case. By defending a democratic and open internet, we defend the same internet that allows human rights defenders to expose actions from oppressive governments and monopolies, while allowing a wide range of business models to enjoy their fundamental freedom to conduct a business.

We represent the knowledge community which embodies the future of the EU’s knowledge potential, encompassing libraries across Europe, European library users, and higher education institutions. This makes us the enablers allowing the future generations to conduct research and discover the cures and improvements for our future, and ensuring that the even younger generation opens up to the joy of reading, whilst preserving and improving our common heritage and memory. We cannot accept this attempt at modernizing the copyright framework to deliver as little as it currently does.

We represent IT companies and specialists (programmers, open source community) across Europe that help millions of users to access the internet, learn to code, and serve as a major software hub for companies that develop connected products; the narrow “carve-out” for certain code-sharing platforms is inadequate. Imposing upload filters on platforms will seriously damage the capacity to improve software and products that contain software.

Because of all of the above, we urge you to vote for a public debate on the Directive and, therefore, against the negotiating mandate.
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15. aufdraht – kulturverein

16. AustrianStartups

17. Digital Society

18. epicenter.works – for digital rights

19. Forum Informationsfreiheit

20. Freies Radio Innsbruck – FREIRAD

21. Peter Kuhm – IT Dienstleistung

22. Radio FRO

BELGIUM

23. FusionDirectory

24. KlasCement.net

25. Net Users' Rights Protection Association (NURPA)

26. Opensides

27. Samenwerkingsverband Auteursrecht &Samenleving

28. Startups.be
BULGARIA

29. BlueLink Foundation

30. Bulgarian Helsinki Committee

31. Bulgarian Startup Association (BESCO)

32. Digital Republic

CROATIA

33. Code for Croatia

CYPRUS

34. Startup Cyprus

CZECH REPUBLIC

35. Ecumenical Academy

36. EDUin

37. Seznam.cz

DENMARK

38. Prauda (Danish Association of Independent Internet Media)

ESTONIA

39. Estonian Human Rights Centre

40. Estonian Society for Digital Humanities

41. Estonian Startup Leaders Club

42. Robotex
43. Wikimedia Eesti

FRANCE

44. Adiczion

45. Altairis

46. APITUX

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48. Aquinetec

49. ASPerience

50. Association La Mouette

51. Association Lyonnaise pour le Développement de l'Informatique Libre (ALDIL)

52. Bébé et Tournevis

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54. Conseil National du Logiciel Libre (CNLL)

55. DBM Technologies

56. Échologos

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58. Firewall Services SAS
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62. Opendoor
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67. OW2 Consortium
68. Paris Open Source Summit Team & Program Committee
69. Ploss Auvergne-Rhône-Alpes (PLOSS-RA)
70. ProLibre
71. SASU 2ndQuadrant France
72. SEMI-K
73. SensioLabs
74. SoLibre
75. Syndicat de la Presse Indépendante d’Information en Ligne (SPIIL)

76. Uni-Deal

77. Wikimédia France

78. Yaltik

GERMANY

79. Bundesverband Deutsche Startups

80. Coalition for Action 'Copyright for Education and Research'

81. Digitale Gesellschaft e.V.

82. Factory Berlin

83. Freelens

84. Freischreiber

85. Initiative gegen ein Leistungsschutzrecht (IGEL)

86. Silicon Allee

87. Ubermetrics Technologies

88. Verein Deutscher Bibliothekarinnen und Bibliothekare e.V. (VDB)

89. ZB MED – Information Centre for Life Sciences
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90. Greek Free Open Source Software Society (GFOSS)

91. Hellenic Startup Association

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92. Bridge Budapest

ITALY

93. Associazione Nazionale Stampa Online (ANSO)

94. Coalizione Italiana Libertà e Diritti Civili (CILD)

95. Istituto Italiano per la Privacy e la Valorizzazione dei Dati

96. Roma Startup

97. Wikimedia Italy

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99. Silicon Valletta

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101. Dutch Association of Public Libraries (VOB)

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118. Association for Technology and Internet (ApTI)

SLOVAKIA

119. Sapie.sk

SLOVENIA

120. Digitas Institute

121. Forum za digitalno družbo (Digital Society Forum)

122. Intellectual Property Institute

SPAIN

123. Asociación de Internautas


125. MaadiX

126. Pangea

127. Plataforma en Defensa de la Libertad de Información (PDLI)

128. Rights International Spain

129. Spanish Startups Association

130. Sugus

131. Xnet
SWEDEN

132. Wikipedia Sverige

UNITED KINGDOM

133. COADEC

134. My Private Network

135. Open Rights Group (ORG)

GLOBAL

136. Association for Progressive Communications (APC)

137. Center for Democracy & Technology (CDT)

138. COMMUNIA Association

139. Creative Commons

140. Electronic Frontier Foundation (EFF)

141. Index on Censorship

142. Mind the Bridge

143. Open Knowledge International

144. OpenMedia

145. Public Knowledge

146. Software Heritage
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147. Juridicum Remedium [Czech Republic]

148. FDV Informatique [France]

149. Systematic Paris-Region [France]

150. Társaság a Szabadságjogokért (Hungarian Civil Liberties Union)

151. Mediawise Society [Romania]

152. Confederation of Open Access Repositories (COAR) [United Kingdom]

153. File Sanctuary [United Kingdom]

154. LCHost [United Kingdom]

155. Private Internet Access [United Kingdom]

156. The-Organization.com [United Kingdom]

157. uno Communications [United Kingdom]

158. Valcato Internet [United Kingdom]

159. VPN Compare [United Kingdom]

160. Wikimedia UK [United Kingdom]
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161. Freischreiber Österreich [Austria]

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162. Electronic Frontier Finland (Effi) [Finland]

163. Czech Foundation for a Free Information Infrastructure (FFII.cz) [Czech Republic]

164. Illyse [France]

165. Objectif Libre [France]

166. Solunix [France]

167. WWB [Spain]