

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.**

LIST OF SIGNATORIES

EUROPE

1. [Access Info Europe](#)



2. [Allied for Startups](#)



3. [Civil Liberties Union for Europe \(Liberties\)](#)



4. [Copyright for Creativity \(C4C\)](#)



5. [European Digital Learning Network \(DLEARN\)](#)



6. [European Digital Rights \(EDRi\)](#)



7. [European Games Developer Federation \(EGDF\)](#)



8. [European Innovative Media Publishers](#)



9. [European Network for Copyright in Support of Education and Science \(ENCES\)](#)



10. [Knowledge Ecology International Europe \(KEI Europe\)](#)



11. [League of European Research Universities \(LERU\)](#)



12. [Lifelong Learning Platform](#)



13. [One World Platform](#)



14. [SPARC Europe](#)



AUSTRIA

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](#)



47. [April](#)



48. [Aquinetic](#)



49. [ASPerience](#)

50. [Association La Mouette](#)



51. [Association Lyonnaise pour le Développement de l'Informatique Libre \(ALDIL\)](#)



52. [Bébé et Tournevis](#)



53. [BlueMind](#)



54. [Conseil National du Logiciel Libre \(CNLL\)](#)



55. [DBM Technologies](#)



56. [Échologos](#)



57. [Eriomem](#)



58. [Firewall Services SAS](#)



59. [France Digitale](#)



60. [Les Arts Informatique](#)



61. [NeoDiffusion](#)



62. [Opendoor](#)



63. [Open-Elearning](#)



64. [OpenGo](#)



65. [Oslandia](#)



66. [Ouvaton SA cooperative](#)



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](#)



GREECE

90. [Greek Free Open Source Software Society \(GFOSS\)](#)



91. [Hellenic Startup Association](#)



HUNGARY

92. [Bridge Budapest](#)



ITALY

93. [Associazione Nazionale Stampa Online \(ANSO\)](#)



94. [Coalizione Italiana Liberta` e Diritti Civili \(CILD\)](#)



95. [Istituto Italiano per la Privacy e la Valorizzazione dei Dati](#)



96. [Roma Startup](#)



97. [Wikimedia Italy](#)



LUXEMBOURG

98. [Frënn vun der Ënn](#)



MALTA

99. [Silicon Valletta](#)



NETHERLANDS

100. [Bits of Freedom \(BoF\)](#)



101. [Dutch Association of Public Libraries \(VOB\)](#)



102. [Greenhost](#)

103. [Kennisland](#)



104. [Netherlands house for Education and Research \(Nether\)](#)



105. [Revue](#)



NORWAY

106. [Elektronisk Forpost Norge](#)



POLAND

107. [Brand24](#)



108. [Centrum Cyfrowe](#)



109. [ePaństwo Foundation](#)



110. [SentiOne](#)



111. [Startup Poland](#)



112. [Wykop.pl](#)



PORTUGAL

113. [Associação D3 – Defesa dos Direitos Digitais \(D³\)](#)



114. [Associação Nacional para o Software Livre \(ANSOL\)](#)



115. [Beta-i](#)



116. [Internet Society – Portugal Chapter](#)



ROMANIA

117. [APADOR-CH \(Romanian Helsinki Committee\)](#)



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](#)



124. [Association of Publishers of Periodical Publications \(AEEPP\)](#)



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. [Wikimedia 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](#)

