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French-German joint declaration

The French and German government released on 31 March 2015 a joint declaration on author's rights. ECSA welcomes the joint statement as it highlights that copyright is essential in stimulating creation, cultural diversity and innovation.



(From the left: Fleur Pellerin, Heiko Maas; photo credit: German Ministry for Justice and Consumer Protection)

It is good news to see the French and German government making a firm commitment for author's right. It guarantees an appropriate return of value to authors and contributes to the development of a sustainable and fair digital environment in which consumers can access best quality content. It is in this context that intermediaries and social internet platforms must be held accountable for the use of works of authors and ECSA respectfully urges the European Commission to examine that issue in further detail.

The joint declaration of the French and German government comes at a crucial moment as the system author's right and copyright is under review in the European Parliament and the European Commission is expected to propose legislation in order to further harmonize author's right and copyright within the EU.

Please find the joint statement of the French and German government here: [French version](#) / [German version](#).

Save the date: ECSA autumn GA in London from 29th September – 1st October 2015

Hosted by the British Academy of Songwriters, Composers and Authors (BASCA), the next ECSA General Assembly will take place in London from the 29th September to the 1st October 2015.

The ECSA autumn session will be an important opportunity to follow up and provide input on current affairs of the association, most notably on the review of the EU copyright acquis and on ECSA's cultural activities.

More information such as the official invitation and detailed schedule of the meetings will follow shortly.

The ECSA team looks forward to seeing all ECSA members in London!

ECCO launched call for works

The ECCO executive committee recently launched a call for works to be considered for its next ECCO Concert which will be given during the ECSA General Assembly in London, on 30 September 2015. The concert will be performed by the BBC Singers.

ECCO is an initiative of the *Ecf committee* of ECSA. It aims to establish a Europe-wide network dedicated to the performance, distribution and promotion of contemporary art music. It is a grouping of ensembles, orchestras and young professionals, supporting creative dialogue between composers and performers and offering young professionals the opportunity to develop their skills at an international level with ensembles experienced in contemporary music.

JURI committee meeting, 16th April 2015

The next JURI committee meeting will take place on 16th April 2015. During the afternoon session the amendments to MEP Julia Reda's report will be considered. The meeting will be broadcasted online. To follow the afternoon session please click [here](#).



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