The Creators Conference is a European forum bringing together creators, creative industry stakeholders and EU representatives to discuss key issues related to authors' rights and the digital future. This year's conference is organised by ECSA in alliance with EFJ, EWC, FERA and FSE in light of the modernisation of EU copyright rules. The preliminary programme is already available and questions related to fair remuneration and sustainability in digital exploitation of copyright protected works will be high on the agenda. The European Commission's Vice-President Andrus Ansip, in charge of the Digital Single Market, as well as key MEPs such as Pavel Svoboda (EPP, Chair of JURI) and Dietmar Köster (S&D member of JURI) have already confirmed their participation and will exchange views with authors, composers, journalists, film-directors and screenwriters. Further speakers include representatives of EU creative industry stakeholders, as well as consumer representatives. The Creators Conference will take place on 31 May 2016 at the Residence Palace in Brussels. For further information and registration, please visit www.creatorsconference.org

European Film Music Day – 17 May 2016, Cannes

The European Film Music Day (EFDM), a platform highlighting the value of film music and the creative craftsmanship of composers, film-directors and screenwriters, will take place in Cannes on 17 May 2016 in the framework of the Cannes Film Festival. This year's EFDM edition will focus on film music from the Nordic countries and includes roundtable discussions with composers, film-directors and screenwriters as well as workshops and panel discussions with audiovisual production companies. In the evening, a networking reception will be held at La Plage Quinzaine. The EFMD is an ECSA initiative, co-financed by the EU Creative Europe Programme and organised in partnership with FERA, the Directors' Fortnight, FSE, FTT, SKAP, NOPA, UCMF and Soundtrack Cologne (tbc).

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Composers' Directory launched

The Composers' Directory has been officially launched. The Directory is designed as a user-friendly search tool which offers a database to the educational sector and companies who wish to connect with and contact living composers. All composers are invited to create a profile on the website – www.composersdirectory.eu

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