

EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT SIDES WITH CREATORS IN CRUCIAL VOTE ON THE COPYRIGHT DIRECTIVE: A GREAT STEP FORWARD FOR COMPOSERS AND SONGWRITERS

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Today, the European Parliament decided to move ahead on the copyright reform by adopting the Directive by an overwhelming majority of 438 votes in favor, 226 against and 39 abstentions. ECSA welcomes this historical step forward for European creators and warmly thanks all Members of the European Parliament for sending such a strong message to the music authors of Europe.

ECSA President Alfons Karabuda commented: “As much as my colleagues and I have every reason to celebrate today, more importantly, we are truly happy for the next generation of creators that are now given the opportunity to work hard and professionally for a continuously diverse musical landscape in Europe.”

By adopting chapter 3 and its essential provisions for creators, the EP acknowledges the imbalance that authors face in front of their contractual partners and the urgent need for change. In addition, despite the considerable pressure of a few big tech companies, the European Parliament also contributed to put an end to the unfair transfer of value from creators to certain big platforms and bring more justice and fairness to the digital world.

“It was said to be the once in a generation reform, and we can be proud that we did not let this opportunity go past us.” ECSA President Alfons Karabuda

We now strongly encourage the European Commission and all Member States to recognize the key improvements adopted by the European Parliament and convert good intentions into concrete improvements.