

New ECSA Secretary General

Patrick Ager is terminating his tenure as Secretary General end of February for a new position in Austria. Mr. Ager, who served ECSA since late 2009, has developed ECSA into a crucial organization voicing the views of music writers at both European and international levels and established the ECSA office as indispensable link between EU institutions and composers and songwriters throughout Europe. *“It is with great fulfillment that I retire from my duty as Secretary General, especially when comparing my start four years ago with the results of where ECSA stands today. This would not have been possible without the firm view of all ECSA members that only a strong and independent organization, build and governed by the creators themselves, can represent the interests of composers and songwriters. Only authors can speak on behalf authors. This is the driving spirit of ECSA and I feel proud to having served that cause,”* says Patrick Ager on the occasion of his departure.

ECSA’s new Secretary General, Mrs. Lucie Mattera, started on February 3rd. Patrick Ager and Lucie Mattera will be working together throughout February for a transition time before the final departure of Mr. Ager end of February. Mrs. Mattera, French national, previously worked as member of Cabinet of France’s Minister for the Economy and Finance and as



Photo (Audrey de Wael): Patrick Ager and Lucie Mattera

political advisor for the Vice-President of the European Parliament. *“I look forward to working with all members to increase ECSA’s visibility, actively promote the cultural value of music, consolidate the alliance’s structure and build on past advocacy successes in a changing EU legislative environment”*, say Mrs. Mattera on the occasion of her start.



Creators for Europe

ECSA recently launched a campaign entitled *Creators for Europe* as an initiative highlighting the value of culture and copyright in Europe. The campaign shall facilitate the participation of creators in the EU consultation of copyright with the objective to safeguard the rights of creators and to object to the dismantling of copyright in Europe.

After an extension the new deadline for submitting responses to the consultation is 5 March.

www.creatorsforeurope.eu

Upcoming ECSA Annual General Assembly

ECSA General Assembly and committee meetings will take place on 13th and 14th February 2014 at Flagey Cultural Centre in Brussels. This will be the opportunity for ECSA members to exchange views on various topics on the composers and songwriters’ agenda. It will also be the occasion to introduce Lucie Mattera, new Secretary General, to ECSA members. On top of the agenda are also the EU public consultation on copyright, as well as the EP study on contracts and ECSA internal issues.