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### LIBE joins IMCO in taking future-proof approach to Article 13 in Opinion on Copyright in the Digital Single Market

Brussels, November 20<sup>th</sup>, 2017 EDiMA\* has long advocated for the creation of a fit-for-purpose European copyright Directive; today the LIBE Committee took a positive step towards achieving this goal by laying the foundations of a reasonable and future-proof compromise on Copyright in the Digital Single Market.

“While it is unfortunate that LIBE did not take this opportunity to delete Article 13 in its entirety, MEP Boni’s Opinion has made progress in righting some of the more flawed aspects of the Commission’s proposal”, commented EDiMA’s Director General Siada El Ramly. Most notably, by rejecting any clarification of the concept of the communication to the public and acknowledging the importance of the limited liability framework of the e-Commerce Directive, the Opinion presents negotiators with a forward-looking text which will provide a much-needed basis for upcoming discussions – both in Parliament and Council.

EDiMA has [highlighted](#) how the proposal on Article 13 and its accompanying Recitals would undermine the online ecosystem as we know it and could pose real dangers for users’ fundamental rights. With this vote, LIBE joins the IMCO Committee of the European Parliament in taking a strong stance in favour of an open, innovative and user-friendly copyright framework for European businesses, creators and consumers. This vote sends a strong signal to lawmakers and we hope that it is taken into consideration in ongoing negotiations on this important file.

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