

EDiMA's statement in reaction to the consultation on the role of publishers in the copyright value chain and ancillary copyright

EDiMA* welcomes the European Commissioner's open consultation on the issue of the role of publishers in the copyright value chain and ancillary copyright and believes it is essential to hear what the real concern is which needs to be addressed in this space. EDiMA and other stakeholders have asked for transparency on this issue for a long time and are encouraged by the approach taken by the EC to consult on a broader level than ever discussed before.

EDiMA highlights that the consultation not only covers the Spanish and German models of ancillary copyright currently in place, but contemplates a much broader version for other publishers and additional rights. With such a scope - unparalleled anywhere else in world - the impact of an ancillary copyright could have much more far-reaching implications. We look forward to outlining how this potential new, broader ancillary copyright would significantly impact private copying levies, text and data mining, enforcement and online liability rules.

EDiMA furthermore urges the Commission to follow a similar procedure that allows for transparent input from all stakeholders on the matter of extending copyright to over-ride the liability regime for intermediaries as foreseen in the public consultation on Modernising Copyright.

We remain at your disposal for any further information on this issue and look forward to seeing the responses that will be provided to this consultation.

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