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**Press release**

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**THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT ENDORSES THE COPYRIGHT DIRECTIVE: A GREAT SUPPORT FOR THE EUROPEAN CREATION**

Last Wednesday, the European Parliament adopted its position on the copyright directive in the Digital Single Market with a comfortable majority.

The European Coalitions for Cultural Diversity (ECCD) are delighted at this vote that will open the way for trilogue discussions with the Council and the European Commission.

By their vote, MEPs have shown their support for the proper recognition of rights that will underpin diverse pluralistic creative works and the need to ensure a sustainable environment for cultural diversity online.

The ECCD strongly believe that the provisions voted on 12 September to ensure a fairer sharing of the value made from creators' works online will guarantee better promotion and protection of European cultural diversity.

The ECCD now calls on the European institutions to find a compromise that will take into account the needs of all European creators and cultural professionals in order that they may prosper in the online world.

“We thank Axel Voss and many other MEPs who have worked so hard to guarantee creators' and cultural professionals rights online. The EP text is a great step forward to ensuring strong copyright for online creative works. Finally we may soon have fair rules for European creators and their creation online to flourish. This is essential for the whole good of our society and our democracy” said ECCD Chair Carole Tongue.

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