

Dear Members of the European Parliament,

WE UNDERSIGNED EUROPEAN CREATORS - ESTABLISHED AND EMERGING - FROM ALL ARTISTIC FIELDS, ARE ASKING YOU TO DO THE RIGHT THING AND ADOPT THE COPYRIGHT DIRECTIVE WITHOUT FURTHER DELAY.

Our films, plays, books, articles, music, drawings, paintings, sculptures, photos, choreographies and other forms of art are a source of wealth and pride for European culture. Our art is both our passion and our profession.

For people to continue enjoying European culture in today's digital environment, and for creators to be able to make a living today and tomorrow, we urge you to adopt the Copyright Directive.

This directive creates a much-needed level playing field between us, the creators, and those who communicate and distribute our works on different media and platforms. It is a matter of mutual respect. It is essential to the sustainability of our activities and therefore of the cultural and artistic diversity of Europe.

It is in everyone's interests to promote authors' rights so that they may continue to create, and in doing so bring lasting benefits to the whole of society. To retain Europe's best talents and build the next generation of European creators, we must safeguard creators' rights and promote their livelihoods. We cannot afford to wait another decade for copyright legislation to be adapted to the digital environment. This is not only about us but about the future of Europe's culture.

You have the opportunity to send a historical and positive message to future generations of creators: that they are valued and that they will be fairly remunerated for their work.

We therefore urgently call on you, Members of the European Parliament, to say yes to this reform.

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Signatories:

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Peter Payer, Director
Stefan Ruzowitzky, Director
Cesár Sampson, Singer and Songwriter
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Stefaan Fernande, Songwriter
Benoit Feroumont, Screenwriter, Director and Cartoonist
Frédéric Fonteyne, Director
Matthieu Frances, Screenwriter and Director
Jean-Luc Goossens, Writer and Director
Thomas Gunzig, Author

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Guillaume Malandrin, Screenwriter and Director
Emmanuel Marre, Director
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Michaël R. Roskam, Director and Screenwriter
Guillaume Senez, Director
Yves Sente, Comic book author
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Isabelle Wéry, Writer and Actress

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David Koller, Composer and Singer
Richard Krajčo, Composer, Songwriter and Singer
Michal Prokop, Singer and Songwriter
Ondřej Soukup, Composer and Music producer
Zdeněk Svěrák, Scriptwriter, Author, Dramatist, Writer and Actor
Milan Uhde, Author, Writer, Dramatist and Scriptwriter
Emil Viklický, Composer and Jazzman
Meky Žbirka, Composer and Singer

Denmark

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Frans Bak, Film composer
Pernille Rosendahl, Singer and Songwriter

Finland

Eija-Liisa Ahtila, Visual artist and Filmmaker
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Marjukka Korhonen, Sculptor
Juho Kuosmanen, Director and Screenwriter
Kaija Kärkinen, Lyricist
Marita Liulia, Visual artist
Markus Nordenstreng, Songwriter
Mari Rantasila, Director, Actress and Musician
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Kari Soinio, Photographer
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France

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Eric Bouvet, Photographer
Daniel Buren, Plastic artist
C215, Street artist
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Costa-Gavras, Filmmaker
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Michel Hazanavicius, Filmmaker
Invader (Space invaders), Visual artist
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Radu Mihaileanu, Filmmaker
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Jean-Paul Salomé, Filmmaker
Marjane Satrapi, Comic book writer and Filmmaker
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Céline Sciamma, Filmmaker

Bertrand Tavernier, Filmmaker
Julien Teisseire, Filmmaker
Laurent Tirard, Filmmaker
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Guy Le Querrec, Photographer
Katell Quilleveré, Filmmaker

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Prof. Peter F. Bringmann, Director
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Jochen Greve, Screenwriter
Oliver Heuss, Film Composer
Oliver Hirschbiegel, Director
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Wiebke Jaspersen, Screenwriter
Christian Jeltsch, Screenwriter
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Imogen Kimmel, Director
Gabi Kubach, Director
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Herbert Nauderer, Artist and Musician
Carolin Otto, Screenwriter and Director
Maris Pfeiffer, Director
Domenikus Probst, Director
Christoph Rinnert, Composer
Marcus O. Rosenmüller, Director
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György Szomjas, Director
Tamás Tóth, Literary translator and Translator

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Janis Holsteins-Upmanis, Songwriter and Musician

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Karlis Lacis, Composer
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David Laborier, Composer and Performer
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Netherlands

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Poland

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Portugal

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Slovakia

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Monika Kompaníková, Writer and Artist

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Spain

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Stella Duffy OBE, Writer and Theatre author
Jonathan Fryer, Writer
Piers Haggard, Director
Joanne Harris, Writer
Victoria Horn, Songwriter
Shirley Hughes, Writer
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Phil Manzanera, British composer and guitarist
Roger Michell, Director
Sir Alan Parker, Director and Screenwriter
Paul Powell, Screenwriter and Producer
Diane Redmond, Screenwriter
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Ali Smith, Writer
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Charles Sturridge, Writer and Director
Delyth Thomas, Director and Producer
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