

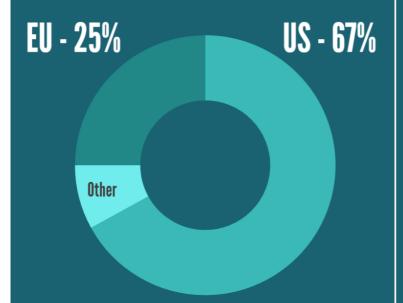
## An Unlawful US © Exemption



- Article 110(5)(B) of the US Copyright Act exempts restaurants and retail stores from getting licenses for the music they play on TV and radio
- The exemption goes against international treaties signed by the US and was ruled unlawful by the WTO in 2000



Repertoire share in US Top 50



Yearly harm to authors and rights holders

EU - \$44m



US - \$109m

## What GESAC asks of the European Institutions

- Urge the United States to align with existing international treaties, specifically the TRIPS agreements
- This will safeguard the WTO ruling procedure from being undermined
- Work together with authors to ensure the harm of this exception is recognised and universally deemed unacceptable.