

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.

13 March 2019

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Kari Soinio, Photographer
Aku Toivonen, Songwriter
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France

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Jane Evelyn Atwood, Photographer
Serge Bloch, Illustrator
Eric Bouvet, Photographer
Daniel Buren, Plastic artist
C215, Street artist
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Costa-Gavras, Filmmaker
Odile Decq, Architect
Sophie Deschamps, Screenwriter
Michel Hazanavicius, Filmmaker
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Gabi Kubach, Director
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Carolin Otto, Screenwriter and Director
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Domenikus Probst, Director
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Annika Tepelmann, Screenwriter
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Hans Werner, Director
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Tamás Tóth, Literary translator and Translator

Italy

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Ennio Morricone, Composer, Orchestrator and Conductor

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Paolo Taviani, Director

Latvia

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Karlis Kazaks, Songwriter and Musician

Karlis Lacis, Composer

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Lithuania

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David Laborier, Composer and Performer

John Rech, Author, Composer and Performer

Pascal Schumacher, Composer and Performer

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Poland

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Piotr Rubik, Composer

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Peter Lipa, Singer, Songwriter
Vašo Patejdl, Singer and Songwriter
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Miroslav Žbirka, Singer and Songwriter

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Marko Brdar, Cinematographer
Janez Burger, Director and Screenwriter
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Jure Černec, Cinematographer
Radovan Čok, Cinematographer
Jan Cvitkovič, Director and Screenwriter
Klemen Dvornik, Director and Screenwriter
Nejc Gazvoda, Director and Screenwriter
Karpo Godina, Cinematographer, Director and Screenwriter
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Darko Herič, Cinematographer
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Matjaž Ivanišin, Director and Screenwriter
Ven Jemeršič, Cinematographer
Janez Kališnik, Cinematographer
Miha Knific, Director and Screenwriter
Marko Kočever, Cinematographer
Damjan Kozole, Director and Screenwriter
Lev Predan Kowarski, Cinematographer
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Matevž Luzar, Director and Screenwriter
Luka Marčetić, Director and Screenwriter
Ivan Marinček, Cinematographer
Igor Meglič, Cinematographer
Urša Menart, Director and Screenwriter
Matjaž Mrak, Cinematographer
Marko Naberšnik, Director and Screenwriter
Rok K. Nagode, Cinematographer
Jure Nemec, Cinematographer
Sven Pepeonik, Cinematographer
Valentin Perko, Cinematographer
Jure Pervanje, Cinematographer and Director
Boris Petkovič, Director and Screenwriter
Metod Pevec, Director and Screenwriter
Simon Pintar, Cinematographer
Sonja Prosenč, Director and Screenwriter
Nejc Saje, Cinematographer
Marko Šantić, Director and Screenwriter
Darko Sinko, Director and Screenwriter
Hanna Slak, Director and Screenwriter
Miloš Srdić, Cinematographer
Martin Srebotnjak, Director and Screenwriter
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Janez Stucin, Cinematographer
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[Joan Smith](#), Writer
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