



International Conference: “Copyright Policies and the Role of Stakeholders”

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Summary of Viewpoints Expressed in the Conference

- Issues such as copy levies, term of protection, collective management, limitations, etc. need to be part of a coherent copyright policy and a general vision.
- Providing incentives for the creation and dissemination of content on the internet is important to creators, producers and the society. The need for a high quality content on the internet still requires investment by creative industries.
- International copyright policy is continuously evolving in the digital age and reflects the concerns of right holders, distributors, users and consumers.
- Fully complying with these international obligations will provide a stable legal environment that will benefit our creators, creative industries, users and consumers.
- There is no clear evidence that DRM are so much expanded that levies should be phased out. Therefore such an initiative is premature.
- We might expect though that any discrepancies in the levy system will be dealt on a voluntary basis through negotiations between different stakeholders.
- Collective management is still needed in the digital environment.
- Proposals for multi-territorial licensing may reply to the needs of the consumers but they might also have consequences on cultural diversity.
- Officers’ training and efficient centralized recording electronic system for reporting suspected goods promotes effective border control.



- There are pending bilateral and multilateral efforts at the European and International level against piracy.
- Ongoing international cooperation on copyright enforcement may need even further strengthening.
- In the digital environment individual enforcement may not have a future. The solution may lie on focusing on the liability of ISPs and the DRM solutions.
- To respond to the challenge of on-line piracy, there is a need to focus on the role of intermediaries and a need to provide for new obligations for access providers.
- There is a need for international harmonization in the area of applicable law.
- Law and sanctions are not enough for the respect and enforcement of copyright. Strong ethical basis is also required and that can only be done through public awareness and education.
- Public awareness has an important role to play in protecting copyright.
- It is early to judge the results of soft law in the area of copyright. However codes of conduct and best practices may have a role to play in the short run taken into account basic human rights including due process.