

Copyright vote in the JURI Committee: MEPs must make their voices heard in Plenary

Brussels, June 20th, 2018 EDiMA¹ is disappointed by the result of the Legal Affairs Committee vote on the proposed Directive on copyright in the Digital Single Market. We look now to the many MEPs who have voiced their concerns throughout this process and who must have the opportunity to debate and vote on this key piece of legislation.

The report adopted today is irreconcilable with current EU law and unworkable in practice. MEPs are only in recent weeks becoming aware of the massive concerns raised by citizens, journalists, NGOs, small publishers, [the pioneers](#) of the Internet and even [the UN](#) about the impact of the upload filter and the neighbouring right on freedom of expression and access to information.

The proposal has narrowly passed through the Legal Affairs Committee, but the European Parliament as a whole will have a chance to make its voice heard on this file in the coming weeks and we hope that they will do just that.

The following can be attributed to EDiMA Director General Siada El Ramly:

"Less than 2% of MEPs have decided on behalf of all EU citizens to introduce measures that will destroy the Internet. This is unacceptable and needs to be decided upon in Plenary.

The upload filter and neighbouring right will result in the censorship of free speech online and a disintegration of the Internet as we know it. This has been confirmed by the pioneers of the Internet, and the UN. We urge MEPs to reject these proposals in a full vote of the European Parliament as we cannot sacrifice EU fundamental values for the protection of vested interests."

¹ EDiMA is the European trade association representing online platforms and other innovative businesses. It is an alliance of new media and Internet companies whose members include Airbnb, Allegro, Amazon EU, Apple, eBay, Expedia, Facebook, Google, King, Microsoft, Mozilla, Oath, OLX, Snap Inc., TripAdvisor, Twitter, Veon Digital and Yelp. EDiMA's members provide Internet and new media platforms offering European consumers a wide range of online services, including e-content, media, e-commerce, communications and information/search services.