



FAIR INTERNET response to the adoption of EU Copyright Communication: Brussels 9 December 2015

Europe's performers urge EU legislators to turn words into concrete actions

The FAIR INTERNET coalition* welcomes the European Commission's commitment to consider solutions to increase the balance in the system that governs the remuneration of performers in today's adopted communication entitled "*towards a modern, more European copyright framework*"¹.

The FAIR INTERNET campaign calls on EU legislators to introduce a new measure in the EU copyright acquis guaranteeing an unwaivable remuneration right for digital uses of performer's work, collected from the users who make the performances available on demand and subject to mandatory collective management.

Whilst Spotify, Netflix, iTunes and other legal, on-demand streaming and download services continue to grow in popularity and value, the vast majority of performers are not benefiting from the increased digital revenues streams. **Only 7% of performers believe that their share of revenues is fair**, according to results of an ongoing survey launched by the FAIR INTERNET coalition².

65% of performers state that they **receive no income or less than 5% of their income from online distribution**, the survey results show.

Vice President Ansip recently stated that "*we want artists to be fully and fairly paid for their work*"³. However, words must now be translated into concrete actions.

"At a time when 68% of performers have their recordings available online, it is no longer acceptable that the vast majority of them are not remunerated. The legal framework aimed to protect performers has largely failed" says Benoit Machuel, Secretary General of FIM, partner of the FAIR INTERNET coalition.

"It is high time for the European Commission to step forward with effective measures to create a sustainable creative industry where all performers can be fairly remunerated from download and streaming services" declares Jean-Jacques Milteau, the jazz harmonicist.

¹ http://ec.europa.eu/newsroom/dae/document.cfm?action=display&doc_id=12526

² <http://www.fair-internet.eu/wp-content/uploads/survey-results-2015-12-08.pdf>

³ http://ec.europa.eu/commission/2014-2019/ansip/blog/getting-digital-single-market-ground-next-steps-forward_en



Support for the FAIR INTERNET campaign is widespread. So far the [petition](#) for the fair remuneration of performers in the EU gathered over 20,000 signatures.

To learn more about the FAIR INTERNET coalition and how you can support our campaign for fair remuneration for performers visit our website www.fair-internet.eu and follow us on twitter [@FairInternet4P](https://twitter.com/FairInternet4P).

Background

**The [Fair Internet for Performers Campaign](#) partners represent over 500.000 musicians, singers, actors and dancers in the EU. The Fair Internet campaign is run by four international organisations representing together over half a million performers in Europe:*

- *The Association of European Performers' Organisations (AEPO-ARTIS) represents 35 European performers' collective management organisations from 26 countries, 23 of which are established in the Member States of the European Union. The other countries represented are Norway, Serbia and Switzerland.*
- *The International Federation of Actors (FIA) is an international non-governmental organisation representing more than 100 performers' trade unions, guilds and associations around the world. The European group of FIA represents professional trade unions of performers in 23 EU Member States, in the European Economic Area and Switzerland, working both in live performance and in the recorded media.*
- *The International Federation of Musicians (FIM) is an international non-governmental organisation representing musicians' trade unions, guilds and associations in about 70 countries covering all regions of the world, which enables it to speak for hundreds of thousands of musicians. The European group of FIM counts 28 trade unions of musicians in 22 EU Member States, working both in live performance and in the recorded media.*
- *The International Artists Organisations (IAO) is an international, non-governmental organisation representing featured musicians' guilds and associations in Belgium, France, Germany, Norway, Spain and the UK.*

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