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BTO Meeting with European Newspaper Publishers' Association (ENPA) and European Magazine Media Association (EMMA) – 8 May 2017

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- ENPA and EMMA are strongly opposed to a presumption of representation (Reference to Ms Comodini's draft report) which would not address their problems. They also referred to freelance journalists, who rarely grant exclusive licences to press publishers.
- ENPA and EMMA explained the recent public support of the European Federation of Journalists (EFJ), in favour of the publisher's right (under certain conditions, notably the exercise of the right through collective management organisations with both publishers and authors on their boards, so as to ensure fair remuneration for journalists – a meeting between EIF and I2 is scheduled to better understand their position). In this regard, they consider that there is a shift in the Parliament: an increasing number of MEPs would support the Commission's proposal. This is particularly the case, in their view, regarding MEPs (especially S&D members from UK, IT and FR) who have expressed their opposition to the press publishers' rights on the basis of possible negative impacts on authors.
- A discussion followed on Grammatikakis' (S&D/EL) amendment to reduce the scope of the right by excluding private and non-commercial uses by individual users. They could be supportive, although certain doubts were raised as to the impact of such carve-out on commercial services where users post content for non-commercial purposes. They do not have a clear line on this, but they tend to argue that the Facebook share button should be considered an implicit licence and therefore not be covered by the proposal.

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