

From: [REDACTED] (COMM)
 Sent: 20 June 2018 17:29
 To: [REDACTED]
 Cc: VANDYSTADT Nathalie (COMM); [REDACTED] (COMM)
 Subject: RE: Background briefings for today: free flow of data and copyright

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Hi [REDACTED]

Not really short, but here some comments (can be attributed to Nathalie):

The Commission stands ready to start the negotiations with the Council and the Parliament on the new copyright rules as soon as possible.

Today's vote in the JURI committee of the European Parliament was an important step towards the adoption of the Copyright Directive, after almost two years of negotiations. We are confident that today's vote will pave the way for opening trilogue negotiations on the Directive on copyright in the Digital Single Market soon.

The Commission presented the copyright modernisation package in September 2016 to make sure that consumers and creators can make the most of the digital world. This file is a key element for completing the Digital Single Market. The legislative proposals will help European creative and copyright industries to flourish and European authors to better reach new audiences in a fairer copyright marketplace.

The Commission's proposal is balanced and puts a big emphasis on freedom of expression as well as the interests of the European creators aiming for a fairer and sustainable marketplace for the creative industries and the press, while ensuring that online platforms – 7000 are European – can develop new and innovative offers and business models.

The Commission is not yet in the position to comment on the specific amendments to its proposals which have been voted by the JURI committee today. This will followed by a plenary vote at the beginning of July before co-legislators can start negotiating.

However, we want to underline that it is essential to strike the right balance in the copyright rules in protecting authors and creators while not curbing freedom of expression and the capacity for online economy to grow in the EU. These rules were designed for a rapidly developing online environment. We need this modernisation for all players, creators, authors, consumers and platforms alike.

We are pleased to see that the Parliament and the Council have agreed with the overall objectives and the spirit of our proposals. The Commission is ready to work constructively with the co-legislators in the next steps of the legislative process with the objective of reaching a final agreement by the end of the year.

Article 11

The Commission has proposed a new related right for press publishers for the use of their publications in digital environments. This will **strengthen the bargaining position of publishers when they negotiate the use of their content with online players.**

The Commission made clear in its proposal that the proposed publishers' right will not affect people's ability to link to newspapers websites online.

This is absolutely **not an EU levy** on search engines either. We want to enable the press industry to develop new business models and to ensure that quality journalism flourishes in digital era.

Related or neighbouring rights are attributed to those that help make the original author's work available to the public at large, for example performers, producers and broadcasters. It would recognise their role as investors in content and give them a stronger position when negotiating with other market players. We want the press industry to benefit from a fairer market place and the best possible environment to develop innovative business models so it can to continue to offer the quality content online which consumers crave.

Granting such rights to press publishers would not affect the way users share hyperlinks on the internet.

Best,



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From: [Redacted]
Sent: Wednesday, June 20, 2018 5:13 PM
To: [Redacted] (COMM)
Subject: Re: Background briefings for today: free flow of data and copyright

Hi [Redacted]

Thanks. Yes, can use the briefing and press release for free flow. On copyright, would you be able to say anything on your concerns about the plenary vote? What if the negotiating mandate is rejected? And your take on the record on the neighboring right would also help if you want to share a short quote on that.

Thank you.



On 20 June 2018 at 17:11, [Redacted] wrote:

For free flow you can quote EU official/source based on the briefing and our official comment is in the press release.

I was thinking more for copyright, as it was held on background. Would you have anything in particular in mind?

Cheers,



From [Redacted]
Sent: Wednesday, June 20, 2018 5:07 PM

To: [REDACTED] (COMM)

Subject: Re: Background briefings for today: free flow of data and copyright

Hi [REDACTED]

Thanks very much. Sure, an official comment would be excellent. Do you mean on copyright or the free flow of data - or perhaps both?!

Thanks!

[REDACTED]

On 20 June 2018 at 17:04, [REDACTED] wrote:

Hi [REDACTED]

Let me know if you need something on the record. We can comment regarding our side of the proposal.

Best,

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] (COMM)

Sent: Wednesday, June 20, 2018 1:51 PM

To: [REDACTED]

Subject: RE: Background briefings for today: free flow of data and copyright

Hi [REDACTED] – well noted. Hope you can make it for the first as well!

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, June 20, 2018 12:32 PM
To: [REDACTED] (COMM)
Subject: Re: Background briefings for today: free flow of data and copyright

Thanks, [REDACTED] I plan to attend but will likely be late arriving to the first!

[REDACTED]

On Wed, 20 Jun 2018 at 12:05, [REDACTED] wrote:

Dear all,

Additionally to the briefing on **free flow of data** today at 14:15, our experts are ready to update you on the latest developments regarding the proposed copyright rules. The **copyright background briefing** will take place in the BERL press bar at **15:00**.

Please let us know by 13:30 whether you plan to join the two sessions.

Best,

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