## JOINT CALL OF EUROPEAN CREATORS AND PRODUCERS



# For the EU Negotiators to Reach Agreement on the Broadcasting and Retransmissions Instrument

#### Brussels, 23 November 2018

We the undersigned representatives of the creators and the creative sector wish to express our strong support for the adoption of the Broadcasting and Retransmissions (SatCab) instrument. We appreciate the considerable efforts you have made and urge you to complete your important work to modernise the EU legal framework without any further delay.

For the European creators and for the independent producers that we represent the importance of this legislation is unquestionable and must not be ignored:

- The current legal framework needs to be updated to address known problems and uncertainties and to facilitate Internet based retransmissions and direct injection.
- The issues have been considered and negotiated very carefully by all the institutions for more than two years.
- This instrument can facilitate wider use of broadcasters' programmes, while securing the legitimate remuneration of creators and right holders.
- You are within reach of an agreement. The time to act is <u>now</u>.
- Not concluding the negotiations at this critical point of time would mean failure of the legislative process.

We sincerely hope that you will not disregard this call of creators from all fields and independent producers from across Europe. Failure to do so would irreversibly harm our future, perpetuate and even exacerbate the current unjustified resource transfer at the expense of our sectors. It would also be a missed responsibility to modernise the legal framework and a failure to protect culture.

### Please act now!

#### Signatories

- AGICOA Association of Audiovisual Producers and Producer Rights Management Organisations
- CIAGP International Council of Creators of Graphic, Plastic and Photographic Arts
- CIAM International Council of Music Authors
- CISAC International Confederation of Societies of Authors and Composers
- ECSA European Composer and Songwriter Alliance
- EUROCINEMA Association of Cinema and Television Producers
- EUROCOPYA European Organisation of Movie and Television Producers' Collecting Societies
- EVA European Visual Artists
- FERA Federation of European Film Directors
- FIA International Federation of Actors
- FSE Federation of Screenwriters in Europe
- GESAC European Grouping of Societies of Authors and Composers
- SAA Society of Audiovisual Authors
- UNI-MEI International Arts and Entertainment Alliance
- W&DW Writers and Directors Worldwide

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