

# Dear Members of the European Parliament,

**WE UNDERSIGNED EUROPEAN CREATORS - ESTABLISHED AND EMERGING - FROM ALL ARTISTIC FIELDS, ARE ASKING YOU TO DO THE RIGHT THING AND ADOPT THE COPYRIGHT DIRECTIVE WITHOUT FURTHER DELAY.**

Our films, plays, books, articles, music, drawings, paintings, sculptures, photos, choreographies and other forms of art are a source of wealth and pride for European culture. Our art is both our passion and our profession.

For people to continue enjoying European culture in today's digital environment, and for creators to be able to make a living today and tomorrow, we urge you to adopt the Copyright Directive.

This directive creates a much-needed level playing field between us, the creators, and those who communicate and distribute our works on different media and platforms. It is a matter of mutual respect. It is essential to the sustainability of our activities and therefore of the cultural and artistic diversity of Europe.

It is in everyone's interests to promote authors' rights so that they may continue to create, and in doing so bring lasting benefits to the whole of society. To retain Europe's best talents and build the next generation of European creators, we must safeguard creators' rights and promote their livelihoods. We cannot afford to wait another decade for copyright legislation to be adapted to the digital environment. This is not only about us but about the future of Europe's culture.

You have the opportunity to send a historical and positive message to future generations of creators: that they are valued and that they will be fairly remunerated for their work.

We therefore urgently call on you, Members of the European Parliament, to say yes to this reform.

25 March 2019

## Signatories:

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Gerhard Ertl, Screenwriter, Director and Producer  
VALIE EXPORT, Media artist, Performance artist and Filmmaker  
Brigitte Kowanz, Transmedia artist and Light artist  
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Peter Payer, Director  
Stefan Ruzowitzky, Director  
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Luc Dardenne, Writer, Director and Producer  
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Alain Daussin, Photographer  
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Matthieu Donck, Screenwriter and Director  
Stefaan Fernande, Songwriter  
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Frédéric Fonteyne, Director  
Matthieu Frances, Screenwriter and Director  
Jean-Luc Goossens, Writer and Director  
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Olivier Meys, Director  
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Axelle Red, Singer and Songwriter  
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Jaco Van Dormael, Screenwriter and Director  
Felix van Groeningen, Director and Screenwriter  
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Ondřej Soukup, Composer and Music producer  
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[Jean-Jacques Goldman](#), Author, Composer and Performer  
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[Domenikus Probst](#), Director  
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[Jochen Schmidt-Hambrock](#), Composer  
[Rolf Silber](#), Screenwriter and Director  
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[Hans P. Ströer](#), Composer and Musician  
[Annika Tepelmann](#), Screenwriter  
[Eva Zahn & Volker A. Zahn](#), Screenwriter

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Christian Wagner, Director  
Eva Wehrum, Screenwriter and Producer  
Hans Werner, Director  
Helmut Zerlett, Composer and Music Producer

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László Cselényi, Film director and Editor  
György Dobray, Director  
Károly Duló, Director and Screenwriter  
Péter Gárdos, Director and Writer  
János Gulyás, Film director and director of photography  
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Gábor Herendi, Film director and Screenwriter  
Zoltán Hevér, Director  
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László Juszti, Reporter, Writer and Journalist  
Gábor Kiss, Director of photography  
Gyula László Váradi, Music historian and Director  
Péter Molnár, Film director and Director of photography  
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Ágnes Szalkai-Lőrincz, Dubbing dramaturge and AV translator  
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György Szomjas, Director  
Tamás Tóth, Literary translator and Translator  
Sándor Vida, Director and Screenwriter

## Ireland

Geraldine Creed, Director and Writer  
Trish McAdam, Filmmaker and Visual Artist

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Matteo Garrone, Director  
Marco Tullio Giordana, Screenwriter and Director  
Ennio Morricone, Composer, Orchestrator and Conductor  
Francesco Ranieri Martinotti, Director  
Paolo Taviani, Director

## Latvia

Martins Brauns, Songwriter and Musician  
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Janis Holsteins-Upmanis, Songwriter and Musician  
Karlis Kazaks, Songwriter and Musician  
Karlis Lacis, Composer  
Valdis Muktupavels, Ethnomusicologist, Composer and Musician  
Juris Arvids Murnieks, Songwriter and Music publisher  
Valdis Rumnieks, Writer and Literary historian  
Ingus Ulmanis, Songwriter and Musician

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David Laborier, Composer and Performer  
John Rech, Author, Composer and Performer  
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Serge Tonnar, Author, Composer and Performer  
Gast Waltzing, Composer, Performer and Conductor  
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Micha Hamel, Composer  
Ilvy Nijokiktijen, Photographer  
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Pim Ras, Photographer  
Freek van den Bergh, Photographer  
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Jan Pospieszalski, Composer and Musician  
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Catarina Amaro, Scenographer

Tózé Brito, Musician, Composer, Songwriter and Performer

Pedro Calapez, Painter

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António Casimiro, Painter and Scenographer

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Daniel Kollár, Writer

Monika Kompaníková, Writer and Artist

Uršula Kovalyk, Writer

Katarína Kubošiová (Katarzia), Singer, Songwriter

Peter Lipa, Singer, Songwriter

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[Miquel Barcelo](#), Painter  
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[Joanne Harris](#), Writer  
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