

Modernisation of EU copyright rules

Presentation of the proposal on out-of-commerce works in the copyright package adopted on 14/09/2016



Background

- Digital Single Market Strategy (May 2015): need to address in the EU copyright framework the key obstacles to the functioning of the DSM
- Commission's Communication on the modernisation of the EU copyright framework (December 2015): targeted actions and long-term vision
- Proposal for a regulation on cross-border portability of online content services (December 2015)
- Second copyright package adopted on 14 September 2016



Copyright modernisation package adopted on 14 September

- 4 legislative proposals and an accompanying Communication:
 - ✓ Regulation on online transmissions and retransmissions of TV and radio programmes
 - ✓ Directive on copyright in the Digital Single Market
 - ✓ Implementation of the Marrakesh Treaty for people with print disabilities through a Directive and a Regulation



Three main objectives

- 1. Facilitating cross-border access to copyright protected content online
- 2. Modernising the EU rules on key exceptions and limitations in the areas of research, education, and preservation of cultural heritage
- 3. Introducing fairer rules of the game for a better functioning copyright marketplace



Facilitating cross-border access to content online

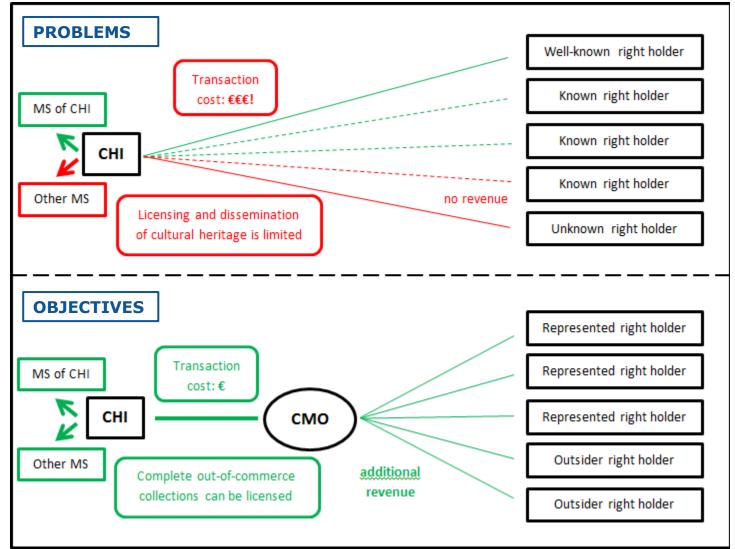
- Measures to facilitate the clearance of rights for broadcasters online services (live TV, catch-up) and retransmission service providers (IPTV, satellite, mobile)
- Legal framework to help cultural heritage institutions to digitise and make available across borders out-of commerce works
- Negotiation mechanism to facilitate the licensing of European films on VoD platforms



Licensing of out-of-commerce works Overview

- Legal framework to help cultural heritage institutions to digitise and disseminate across borders out-of commerce works (Articles 7-9 + Article 2(3) of the DSM Directive)
 - Objective: <u>reduce transaction costs</u> in mass digitisation projects (background: 2011 MoU on OOC books and journals)
 - Member States to introduce the possibility of <u>extended collective</u> <u>licensing</u>, <u>presumption of representation or similar</u> for licensing OOC works for non-commercial uses
 - Safeguards for right holders: possibility to opt-out; publicity requirements; consideration of the origin of works and all editions
 - <u>Cross-border effect</u>: possibility of multi-territorial licences
 - Stakeholders' dialogue to facilitate the use of such mechanisms for different categories of works: specific and regular dialogue







Licensing of out-of-commerce works Further details

- All types of works, including never-in-commerce works
- Permanently in the collection of cultural heritage institutions
- Possibility to determine groups of works OOC as a whole
- CMO requirements: representativeness in the type of works and the category of rights, equal treatment
- "specific requirements and procedures" (...) "in consultation with rightholders" (...) "necessary and reasonable": flexibility
- EUIPO portal: required for cross-border effect