Article 17 implementation + stakeholder dialogue





Article 17

- draft laws in parliament (2)
- draft laws available (3)
- o nothing yet (22)



France

- Implemented in 2 separate articles, one for copyright and one for related rights.
- Misses the obligation on platforms and rightholders that measures must not impact legitimate uses.
- Legislator assumes that Art 17(7) is covered by already existing exceptions.
- 2nd stage dispute resolution via a governmental body (ARCOR)

Netherlands

- Three new articles in the copyright act (Art. 29a-c) and two new articles in the related rights act (Art. 19a, b).
- Misses the obligation on platforms and rightholders that measures must not impact legitimate uses.
- Legislator assumes that Art 17(7) is covered by already existing exceptions.
- 2nd stage dispute resolution body mentioned, but not assigned.
- Opening clause: further rules can be set by administrative decree.

Belgium

- A new section in Book XI on copyright and related rights (Art. XI.228)
- Contains obligation on platforms and rightholders that measures must not impact legitimate uses.
- Legislator assumes that Art 17(7) is covered by already existing exceptions.
- 2nd stage dispute resolution body not mentioned.
- Opening clause: further rules can be set by royal decree.

Croatia (1)

- Four new articles in the copyright and related rights act (Art.43-46)
- Includes extra language from recital 62 (pirate sites) and language against repeat use of startup privileges
- Stipulates that contracts between content-sharing service providers and authors must be fair, reasonably balanced and authors should receive appropriate compensation".
- Higher standard ("undertake everything in their power") for Article 17(4) measures.

Croatia (2)

- Does contain obligation on platforms and rightholders that measures must not impact legitimate uses.
- Refers to existing exceptions on quotation, incidental use, satire and parody. Exception for pastiche is missing.
- Tasks an existing "Council of Experts for fees in the field of copyright and related rights" with 2nd level dispute resolution.

Hungary

- Adds a new article to the copyright act (Art. 57)
- Contains obligation that measures must not impact legitimate uses.
- Presents two options for a new general exception:
 - (a) allows "anyone to use any work for the purposes of (...) parody by evoking the original work and by expressing humour or mockery".
 - (b) allows "anyone to use any work for the purposes of (...) creating a parody, caricature or pastiche".
- 2nd stage dispute resolution mechanism not mentioned.

Stakeholder dialogue (process)

- There have been 6 meeting of the stakeholder dialogue so far (between October 2019 and February 2020)
- Has produced a lot of position statements but not a lot of empirical evidence.
- The Commission is currently processing the input received.
- Next step is to launch a "targeted consultation" that will give a first indication of the topics to be addressed in the guidelines.
- Intention is to launch the targeted consultation before the summer.

Stakeholder dialogue (issues)

- Definition of best efforts for licensing and preventing availability continues to be unclear
- How trustworthy is rightholder information and how can abuses be prevented/sanctioned
- Filters are not capable of determining context and cannot determine if a use is legitimate or not
 - Is the complaint and redress mechanism a sufficient safeguard for user's rights?
 - Is ex-ante human review required in all cases (or in cases that are not evidently infringing)?

Thank you!



