



Press Release

Vote on Gallo report on enhancing the enforcement of intellectual property rights in the internal market

The International Federation of Actors (FIA), the International Federation of Musicians (FIM) and UNI-MEI Global Union for Media, Entertainment & Arts (UNI-MEI) welcome the adoption of the “Gallo report” on the Enforcement of Intellectual Property Rights in the Internal Market by the European Parliament today.

As trade unions representing actors, musicians, technicians, screenwriters, directors and other creative workers in the EU cultural industry, FIA, FIM and UNI-MEI are satisfied that a majority of members of the European Parliament acknowledge that copyright and neighbouring rights are as relevant to creators in the digital world as they are in the analogue environment.

Creators deserve a fair share of the income generated by the exploitation of their work. They also need the industry to remain sustainable and continue to create employment opportunities. The rollover of new business models for legal distribution needs to be encouraged, in order to provide consumers with more choice, increased flexibility of use and affordable rates. In light of all of this, the Gallo report represents a positive initiative.

The three federations equally appreciate the fact that this report advocates a balanced and fair approach to illegal file-sharing, with an emphasis on educational and awareness raising measures rather than repressive provisions.

FIA, FIM and UNI-MEI look forward to further initiatives to promote quality jobs and better remuneration for creators in the sector, as well as the value of intellectual property as a tool to sustain the European culture and economy.

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FIA represents more than 100 performers' trade unions, guilds and associations around the world including in 23 EU Member States. FIM represents musicians unions, guilds and associations in about 70 countries around the world, thereof 27 in 22 EU Member States. UNI-MEI represents 140 unions and guilds in the media and entertainment industries in over 70 countries including 25 EU Member States. FIA, FIM and UNI-MEI form the International Arts and Entertainment Alliance - IAEA. The Alliance is a member of the ITUC & ETUC.