

ENPA STATEMENT

Press publishers in Europe welcome journalists' support for a neighbouring right at EU level

Brussels, 19 April 2017 – ENPA President Carlo PERRONE, Vice President of ITEDI (La Stampa, Il Secolo XIX) welcomes the announcement made by the European Federation of Journalists (EFJ) on copyright, in particular on the neighbouring right for press publishers at EU level.

Carlo PERRONE stated: *“Following the recent public statement of the EFJ, it is an important step to see that the European Federation of Journalists acknowledges the need for a publisher’s right at EU level which contributes to press sustainability and employment on a long term. This is a common objective that we want to achieve in order to safeguard press freedom and journalism.”*

The different aspects of the press publishers’ right are currently debated at the European Parliament and the Council. The statement from the EFJ claiming a right for remuneration of journalists and suggesting the mechanism of collecting management should be discussed in more details. These ideas need in particular to be matched with the prevailing situation and possibilities at each national level.

However, these conditions strongly depend on the core existence of a neighbouring right for the press in Article 11 which cannot be removed. It is therefore urgent that the European Parliament and Council expressed their broad support to this article.

In September 2016, the European Commission has proposed a right for press publishers (Article 11) as part of its proposal for a Directive on copyright in the Digital Single Market. Such a right has been strongly supported by all press publishers across the EU.

For further information:

<http://europeanjournalists.org/blog/2017/04/11/licensing-and-remuneration-of-journalists/>

<https://www.publishersright.eu/>

<http://www.empower-democracy.eu/>

Contact:

Sophie SCRIVE
Executive Director
ENPA - European Newspaper Publishers' Association
Rue de Namur, 73A
B-1000, Brussels, Belgium
Tel.: +32 (0)2 551 01 97
Fax: +32 (0)2 551 01 99
sophie.scrive@enpa.eu
www.enpa.eu