Copyright Reform: Unlocking copyright for users?

WHAT WORKS?

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USERS

ANYONE CAN BENEFIT FROM IT

Including citizens, artists, organizations, and companies

ACTS

COVERS ALL ACTS OF USE

Copy, distribute, communicate, make available online

WORKS

APPLIES TO ANY COPYRIGHTED MATERIALS

Works protected by authors' and neighbouring rights

FREE

FREE OF CHARGE

No remuneration is due to authors or rights holders

LIMITS

LIMITED BY THE PURPOSE and 3-STEP TEST

E.g. non-commercial educational purposes



Lisbon Municipality runs **Urban Art Gallery** online, to present urban art works located in public spaces



Tintin has been given a parallel life full of jokes on current geopolitical events



An Estonian history teacher runs a **teaching blog** where she makes available her students works



A Finish university prepared **e-learning materials** quoting musical notes and fragments of recordings

WHY DOES IT WORK?

FULL ADVANTAGE OF POLICY SPACE AVAILABLE UNDER INFOSOC



EDUCATION

LITERAL TRANSPOSITION OF THE INFOSOC PROTOTYPE



QUOTATIONS

RESPECT THE LIMITS IMPOSED BY THE INFOSOC

WHAT WORKS?

INFOSOC CAN WORK FOR PARODY, EDUCATION, QUOTATIONS AND FOP

- :: Harmonization, convergence and high level of protection of copyright
- :: Fairly opened and flexible exceptions in the InfoSoc, but not fair balance between proprietary rights and users rights because exceptions are not mandatory
- :: No implementation or narrow implementations of the InfoSoc exceptions in the national laws, leading to legal uncertainty and cross-border problems

WHAT WORKS?

DSM DIRECTIVE DOES NOT WORK FOR EDUCATION

- :: Narrows down the InfoSoc policy space
- :: Applies to digital and certain online uses only, whereas the InfoSoc is technologically neutral
- :: Only benefits a few, whereas the InfoSoc covers an opened-network of users
- :: Allows MS to exclude from the scope of the exception materials that are subject to licenses
- :: Mandatorily subject to remuneration, whereas the InfoSoc leaves that decision to MS
- :: Adds complexity, and overlaps with InfoSoc

Copyright is about balancing the rights of creators and the rights of users.

Tell the EU to #fixcopyright and adopt strong copyright exceptions across Europe

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