



European  
Publishers  
Council



EUROPEAN  
NEWSPAPER PUBLISHERS' ASSOCIATION



EUROPEAN  
MAGAZINE MEDIA  
ASSOCIATION

NEWS MEDIA EUROPE

**NEWS RELEASE**  
**13 February 2019**

**EU Regulators Give Vote Of Confidence For Future Of Europe's Independent Press And Professional Journalism:**

**EU Publisher's Right Makes Copyright Fit for The Digital Age**

Europe's press publishers, represented by EMMA (European Magazine Media Association), ENPA (European Newspaper Publishers' Association), EPC (European Publishers Council) and NME (News Media Europe) welcome today's agreement reached in trilogue as part of the EU copyright reform.

The co-legislators have endorsed a right which aims at improving press publishers' bargaining position and protects them against the unauthorised digital reproduction and distribution of their press publications.

The agreed text must now be formally confirmed by the European Parliament and the Council. Once confirmed and published in the Official Journal of the EU, Member States will have 24 months to transpose the new rules into national legislation.

A spokesman for the press publishers said: "We now call on the European Parliament to endorse the text, as soon as possible, as it did last September, in order to allow a fair value exchange between those who produce and those who distribute for their own commercial gain, for the cycle to continue profitably and fairly."

The press publishers continued: "Quality journalism is at the heart of our democracies and if we want a future for professional journalism in the European Union, we must take action to support the press and to redress an unbalanced ecosystem."

For further information, please contact:

**Ilias Konteas** *EMMA and ENPA Executive Director*

Ilias.Konteas@magazinemedi.eu [www.magazinemedi.eu](http://www.magazinemedi.eu); [www.enpa.eu](http://www.enpa.eu)

**Angela Mills Wade** *EPC Executive Director*

Angela.MillsWade@epceurope.eu [www.epceurope.eu](http://www.epceurope.eu)

**Wout van Wijk** *NME Executive Director*

wout.vanwijk@newsmediaeurope.eu [www.newsmediaeurope.eu](http://www.newsmediaeurope.eu)

