

AFS Statement on the Copyright Directive vote in Plenary

[Brussels, 5 July] We welcome the European Parliament's decision to choose quality over speed. Allied for Startups has repeatedly underlined that the protection and fair remuneration of creatives does not have to come at the cost of innovation in Europe.

"Startups are part of the solution and should be at the center stage when it comes to harnessing technology to the benefit of our society and economy." "The current text would have meant a battle between publisher giants and a few platforms to take place on the back of startups, innovators and fundamental rights. We welcome it's overwhelming rejection" says Lenard Koschwitz, EU Director for Allied for Startups.

Now the Parliament will have a chance to turn the reform into an opportunity for Europe's cultural diversity and innovative strength to flourish side by side.