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**Committee:** European Council

**Topic:** How do the laws of the internet (copyright agreement) affect the EU

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The European Council is an institution of the EU (European Union) where the representatives of the elected governments of 28 member states whose main goals are promoting peace, they get reunited to negotiate and take decisions of the economy policy, security policy and trade, the European Council decides the EU's overall direction and political priorities, deals with complex or sensitive issues that cannot be solved at lower levels of intergovernmental cooperation. The European Council has some main functions as:

- The member states negotiate with each other, right there the Commission within the Council tries to take a collective decision either to approve, reject or modify the proposals of the Commission.
- Improve and implement the EU policy that contains humanitarian aid, defense and trade policies of the European Council with the High Representative of the Union, they are responsible for the external actions of the EU
- The European Union Council indicates the European Commission to negotiate with countries that are not involved with the EU, supervises negotiations, once the European Parliament has given its consent and the agreement has been ratified by the member states they will decide to adopt the resulting text.

Since 1974, the European council has had permanent observer status at the United Nations. The EU fights for a strong UN to obtain a global rules-based order, the UN spans across all the policy areas and they will focus on peace and conflict prevention, a common positive agenda with the promotion and protection of human rights at the heart of

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multilateralism, likewise climate conflicts, environment, migration, counterterrorism and the non-proliferation of weapons of mass destruction. The next few years will be based mainly on humanitarian problems as well as the protection of human rights.

The copyright agreement on avoiding plagiarism of information since each article has an author who decides whether or not to transfer the copyright in the article, each time an author sends an article to a journal publisher, the author needs to sign the copyright transfer agreement to lead the publisher to publish the article in the journal. When you took the information of an article but the author does not sign the copyright agreement the author could demand you of you plagiary his article and use information that don't you.

The European Parliament approved the Copyright agreement since this issue has been taking some impact in Europe, this law obligate all the websites to adopt "upload filters" and apply them in their content unless it is a small website, for this way users don't use information protected by the copyrights and they avoid problems since using copyright information it could be very expensive because the legislation requires all these users to pay for using information that does not belong to them, problem is called "link tax". Proponents of the proposal say that since some information of the work of some artists is being pirated and also journalists take the risk of losing their job since they debilitate their business models, it is necessary to protect all these people so that people can't pirated information

In most networks or platforms the user is responsible for their content on the platform since the platform cannot be held responsible for what people do within it, the platform does not have a Copyright agreement since this platform is not responsible for infringements of the copyright or other illegal content that any user commits so this way the infringements are for all those users and not for the website. The article 11 said that sites like Twitter and Facebook or any other site that share information, any user that use information that is copyright they must pay to the editor. The 13 article of the new EU legislation said that now

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the platform it is going to be responsible content is in it, that means the platforms should make sure they don't violate copyrights likewise, in sites that share photos as in instagram they should be attentive with copyrighted images. Even this laws are only used in the EU, some companies apply them worldwide although they apply the law in only one country.

The copyright agreement was originated in England at the end of the 15th century when printing press began, the number of printing for books was growing too much so the authorities began to control the publication of books that likewise each one of the granted books should have a monopoly on the publication, in 1662 the monopoly was confirmed in order to register all the books and could be managed by the Stationers' Company, a group of printers with the authority to censor publications. In 1710 was publisher "The statue of Anne" that consist which consisted of establishing the principles of the copyright, the copyright started avoiding the monopoly of some books and Anne created a "public domain" so that in that way the copyright could be limited, that is to say that every time someone buys a work, the owner of that work will no longer have the copyright and either the control of the use of the work. The law has been changing over the years as some people instead of buying the work they used that work to do their own, when do their own work they used information that did not correspond to them, that is to say that they put the copyright as if they were the owners of the work and they used other people's information, and that's how it started the copyright agreement.

There have been some cases in which some people that use the copyright incorrectly and suffer several consequences like Julian Assange, in December 6th Assange create a website named "repressive regimes" to disseminate and expose some injustices that were hidden by some governments from various places, he began by broadcasting an official video in which he spoke about the death of 11 Iraqis where he tells the true story of how the facts subsided, he also published hidden information about the afghanistan war in

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which they were 91.000 official documents about that war and also he published 31.000 official documents in which it said that the United States has systematic torture in the war in Iraq, the We of Assange "WikiLeaks" page had much more documents in which the most conflicting points around the world were discovered that were not brought to light and many data that completely undressed the foreign policy of north america all this documents, all these documents he obtained through many hacks that he made in private policy sites. When the affected Governments discovered this problem, they started looking for Assange to arrest him, as soon as they found him they tortured him to find out how he hacked those pages, they accused him of taking information that did not correspond to him and information hacked

The European Union approved the law of copyright because these protections are necessary to protect intellectual property since when someone doesn't have the copyright in some information someone could take your information and put the information with the copyright in his name, in other words the copyright helps with the protections for copyright holders and protect their information since many people misuse the information and stole the information from other authors instead of putting their own information, this problem can greatly affect social networks, making it difficult to use legitimate copyrighted material.

Copyright has been a really important topic and a really demanding topic for the european union and needs to be addressed as soon as possible and due to that said we are going to recommend you some viable solutions such as: An EU rule says that social networks, Internet service providers and search engines must have and will be supervised the copyright, in case they do not have it they will be closed and deleted. In the event that someone uses the information on a page with a copyright this information or page will have to be removed properly and will have an infraction, the law says that they can charge very expensive taxes for the publication of content. The law allowed the exchange of information

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as long as the author agrees, the memes and gifs will be deleted since they use material that contains copyright, in case the author does not agree and the other person tries to do it in secret it will have consequences such as arrest, infractions and fines for having used that information without permission and for not following a law

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