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## ACTIONS UNDERTAKEN BY THE HELLENIC COPYRIGHT ORGANIZATION

### FOR THE PROTECTION OF COPYRIGHT IN 2014

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#### I. LEGISLATIVE MEASURES

We have **incorporated into Greek law international conventions and EU legislation** with the exception of Directive 2014/26 on collective management of copyright and related rights and multi-territorial licensing of rights in musical works for online use in the internal market. This is a very recent Directive whose deadline for implementation is April 2016. OPI currently works on a draft law to this end.

#### II. RAISING AWARENESS AND EDUCATIONAL ACTIVITIES

##### 1. Teachers and Pupils in Elementary Schools

OPI -in collaboration with teachers - has created an **educational programme** for elementary school students. The training programme (available at <http://www.opi.gr/index.php/en/library/educational-content-on-copyright>) aims at sensitising pupils on the importance of copyright and raising teachers' awareness in the field. It focusses essentially on the need to respect copyrighted works and related rights subject matter. This programme supplements OPI's prior initiative to include a chapter on copyright in one of the basic school textbooks. The programme has obtained the official approval from the Ministry of Education to be taught at schools and has been distributed in schools all over Greece.

A **series of seminars** that aim at informing teachers both regarding the basic principles of copyright and related rights and regarding the educational programme have been run, whilst a number of other seminars are under way.

- ✓ Ministry of Culture and Sports, October 10 2014
- ✓ Rhodes, November 7 2014
- ✓ Athens, New Acropolis Museum, November 14 2014
- ✓ Thessaloniki, November 21 2014
- ✓ Thessaloniki, Thessaloniki, November 22 2014
- ✓ Crete, Lasithi, Aghios Nikolaos, December 9 2014
- ✓ Crete, Iraklio, December 9 2014
- ✓ Crete, Chania, December 10 2014

- ✓ Lamia, December 16 2014
- ✓ Pireas, December 20 2014

(For more information visit <http://www.opi.gr/index.php/en/>).

## **2. Law Students**

OPI organised **meetings** in its premises (20/3/2014 and 22/10/2014) with law students to raise their awareness on copyright and related rights and the need for their respect.

## **3. World Intellectual Property Day**

In April 2014, OPI organized an **electronic campaign** on the occasion of the celebration of the World Intellectual Property Day (26/04/2014). Material concerning the need to respect copyright and related rights and their role and significance for culture and the economy was sent to the press, the public administration, educational institutions, local government, lawyer's associations and other stakeholders.

## **4. Public at large**

OPI provides on a daily basis information to the public regarding copyright and related rights protection issues.

## **5. Press and the Media**

The Director of OPI provides, on a consistent basis, interviews and publications on the importance of copyright and related rights.

### **III. GREEK PRESIDENCY IN THE EU**

OPI has fulfilled all obligations that arose during the Greek Presidency in the Council of the EU (first semester 2014) with great success.

In the context of **heading the Working Group on Intellectual Property (Working group on Copyright) of the Council and the representation of the European Union in the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO)** OPI has stressed the importance of safeguarding the interests of rightholders as a necessary prerequisite for the advancement of EU economy and culture. It has also created a forum of discussion in this respect focusing essentially on whether there is a need for amending current EU copyright legislation as well as examining legislative and other proposals at an international level (as these appear on the WIPO agenda).

Within the context of the Greek Presidency OPI organized an **international conference** ("Copyright and the Digital Agenda for Europe: Current Regulations and Challenges for the Future", Megaron, The Athens Concert Hall, 6 June 2014). Speakers of the Conference

were prominent academics, representatives of international organizations and stakeholders' associations. The Conference was considered to be extremely successful and had a great number of participants.

The minutes of the Conference have been published.

#### **IV. CO-OPERATION WITH ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES AND OTHER GOVERNMENTAL AGENCIES**

##### **1. Co-ordination of Enforcement and Other Agencies**

OPI holds on a consistent basis meetings with enforcement agencies (Police, Tax Police, Custom authorities, Port police, etc.) and other governmental agencies (e.g. SIKAP, Ministry of Foreign Affairs) underlining the need to continuous action in the field.

##### **2. Legal Cases on Infringements Pending in the Courts**

OPI intervened in favour of rightholders in judicial proceedings concerning online piracy.

#### **V. OBSERVATORY FOR PIRACY AND STATISTICS**

OPI maintains an electronic Observatory for Piracy, which comes on top of its constantly updated site, containing all relevant information on copyright and related rights.

The Observatory contains all the latest developments concerning piracy at national, EU and international level.

OPI continues to collect primary data from enforcement and judicial authorities in order to produce charts and statistical analysis with the objective of monitoring piracy in Greece. Those charts are available in the Observatory for Piracy.

(For more information visit:

<http://web.opi.gr/portal/page/portal/opi/info.html/techhelp.html>).