Copyright Exceptions and Limitations within the Scope of the Review of the EU Copyright Framework

26 – 27 March, 2015
EU House, Aspazijas Boulevard 28, Riga, LATVIA

Working language: English
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Thursday, 26 March
13.00 – 13.30 Registration of participants

Opening of the seminar
13.30 – 13.45 Dr. Rihards Gulbis – Head of Copyright Division, Ministry of Culture of Latvia
Maria Martin-Prat – Head of Copyright Unit, DG Communications Networks, Content and Technology, European Commission

Plenary session I: The current EU legal framework of exceptions and limitations and its impact on functioning of the EU single market
13.45 – 15.45 Presentations by:
Silke von Lewinski – Prof., Research Associate, Max Planck Institute for Innovation and Competition
Martin R.F. Senftleben – Prof. of Intellectual Property and Director, Kooijmans Institute for Law and Governance, VU University Amsterdam
Jonathan Griffiths – Reader in Intellectual Property Law, Queen Mary, University of London
Alain Strowel – Prof., UCLouvain, Saint-Louis University, Brussels
Moderator: Ilona Pētersone – Senior Legal Adviser of Copyright Division, Ministry of Culture of Latvia

15.45 – 16.00 Coffee break

Plenary session I (continued)
16.00 – 18.00 Joint panel of all speakers of the plenary session I
Indicative discussion points:
- How does the optional nature of exceptions and limitations affect the functioning of the EU single market;
- Application of existing exceptions and limitations and the role of the Court of Justice of the European Union;
- Impact of the existing legal framework on the cross-border cooperation between cultural institutions and on the provision of educational services;
- Interpretation of the three-step test in practice.
Moderator: Ilona Pētersone – Senior Legal Adviser of Copyright Division, Ministry of Culture of Latvia

20.00 Dinner in the Old Town at the restaurant “3 Chefs”, Torna Street 4, Jekaba Kazarmas 2 B
Friday, 27 March

Plenary session II: Review of the EU Copyright framework of exceptions and limitations – the possible ways forward

09.30 – 11.00 Presentations by:
Thomas Dreier – M.C.J., Prof., Director, Institute for Information and Economic Law, Karlsruhe Institute of Technology (KIT)
Séverine Dusollier – Prof., SciencesPo, Paris and University of Namur
Valerie-Laure Benabou – Prof., University of Versailles
Moderator: Dr. Rihards Gulbis – Head of Copyright Division, Ministry of Culture of Latvia

11.00 – 11.30 Coffee break

Plenary session II (continued)

11.30 – 13.00 Joint panel of all speakers of the plenary session II

Indicative discussion points:
- Exceptions and limitations – adjusting to the digital environment;
- The EU legal framework of exceptions and limitations – seeking balance between legal certainty and flexibility;
- Review of the scope of exceptions and limitations – regulation of new uses of works and other subject matter in the digital environment;
- The necessary extent of the harmonization of exceptions and limitations.

Moderator: Dr. Rihards Gulbis – Head of Copyright Division, Ministry of Culture of Latvia

13.00 – 14.30 Lunch at the EU House

Informal meeting of the EU Council Working Party on Intellectual Property (Copyright)

14.30 – 17.00 Participants: members of the Working Party only
(no web stream provided)
(Negotiations room)