

EIFL Copyright and Libraries Programme

An Update

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EIFL-IP

What we do



- **Advocate** for national copyright law reform
- **Support** global copyright rules to maximize access to content
- **Build** capacity of librarians in copyright
- **Develop** practical resources in multiple languages

National copyright law reform

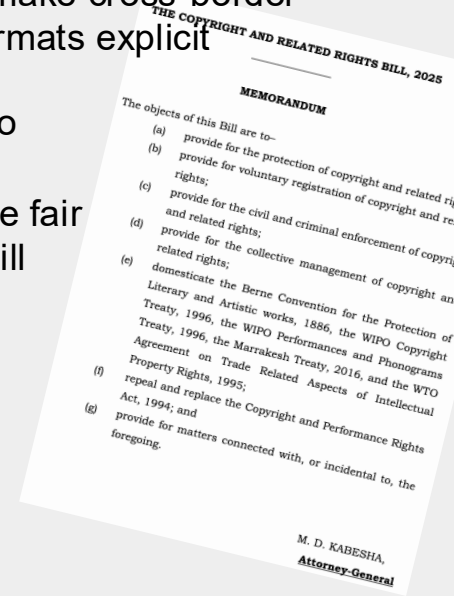
Analysis and recommendations

in 3 countries

Zambia

- **March 2026 Consultation** Copyright and Related Rights Bill, 2025
- **Welcomed** new exceptions for text and data mining, people with print disabilities
- **Offered** clarifications e.g. make cross-border exchange of accessible formats explicit
- **Recommended** provision to safeguard exceptions from contract terms; re-introduce fair dealing eliminated in the Bill

Joint comments by EIFL, IFLA and Geneva Centre on Knowledge Governance



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Kenya

- **March 2026 Consultation** Copyright and Related Rights Bill, 2026 v Copyright Bill, 2025
- **Welcomed** more straightforward provisions on fair dealing and TDM
- **Regretted** other amendments e.g.
 - fair dealing became a closed list;
 - 2 provisions deleted: contract override, exception for temporary, cache copies
 - 2 tests introduced: three-step test, commercial availability test for making of accessible format copies for persons with print disabilities.

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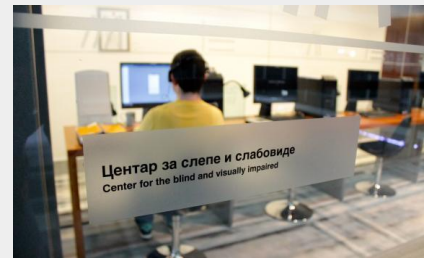
in 3 countries

Serbia **EU candidate status**

Harmonize law with EU Directives on orphan works, collective management organizations, and Marrakesh Treaty

- [April 2026 Consultation](#) Draft Law on Copyright and Related Rights (2026)
- [Marrakesh](#): complete and faithful transposition
- [Orphan works](#): place mandatory resources for diligent search in by-law that can be updated; implement DSM Directive that introduced more effective OW solutions
- [Library lending](#): avail of derogation in PLR Directive to exempt certain types of libraries - it appears PLR could apply to all types of libraries, all types of works, and to all types of authors.
- [Secondary publication right](#): introduce SPR – legal right of authors to make a work openly available after or in parallel to publication of a formal version

Comments by EIFL



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Updates

Uganda

- Copyright and Neighbouring Rights (Amendment) Act, 2026 adopted
- Marrakesh language is simple and clear, new exception for online learning
- Restrictions on photocopying; orphan works take a licensing approach

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Albania ** EU candidate status **

Ensure activities of libraries, research and education fully supported during EU accession negotiations on IP chapter

Nepal

- New copyright law under development – to align with international treaties, new issues and technological advancements
- Statement at SCCR/48 underscored the importance of L&Es to ensure development and innovation are balanced.



European copyright law reform

2 surveys 1 Call for Evidence with EIFL-OA



November 2025 Survey to Help Inform EU Policy on Open Access and Copyright

January 2026 Questionnaire on European Research Area Act

- strengthen Europe's research infrastructures
- mainstream open science practices and align policies

June 2026 Call for Evidence Proposal for Directive enhancing copyright environment for European creativity and innovation

- EIFL submitted case studies from Repository Managers in [Latvia](#), [Armenia](#), [Serbia](#) and [Moldova](#)

EIFL is calling for a guaranteed right to research

Harmonized, mandatory research exception to update Article 5(3)(a) InfoSoc Directive; applies to all types of research and works; protected from licence terms and TPMs

EU-level Secondary Publication Right (SPR): legal right of authors of publicly-funded research to share work in OA repositories, even w/out OA publishing agreement or national OA policy

Supporting EIFL Network - Moldova

** EU candidate country **

Public Lending Right (PLR)

PLR gives authors (and other rightsholders) the right to receive payment for the lending of works by libraries

30 PLR schemes in Europe, Australia & NZ, Canada, UK
EU Rental and Lending Directive (1992)

National Workshop on PLR April 2026 with

State Agency on Intellectual Property (AGEPI)
Library Association of Moldova
EU4IP project and Swiss Partnership Moldova

- International & EU Legal Framework on Public Lending
- European Implementation Models – Comparative Perspectives
- National legal and Institutional Context
- Designing a PLR Mechanism for Moldova
- Policy Scenarios for Implementation of PLR in Moldova
- Experts from Romania, Poland, Lithuania



Marrakesh Treaty for persons with print disabilities

Joining – implementing - using

Call to join the treaty!

Congo, Fiji, Laos, Maldives, Namibia, Nepal, North Macedonia, Senegal*, Sudan, Zambia

* Senegal Council of Ministers authorized President to ratify Marrakesh, July 2026

Call to implement the treaty!

Albania**(2026), Azerbaijan (2018), Botswana (2016), China (2022), Côte d'Ivoire (2020), Ethiopia (2020), Ghana (2018), Lesotho (2018), Tanzania (2020), Uzbekistan (2022), Zimbabwe (2019)

** Albania joined 1 July 2026, enters into force 1 October 2026

Are libraries using the treaty?! **Yes!**

Armenia, Estonia, Georgia, Kenya, Kyrgyzstan, Latvia, Lithuania, Malawi, Moldova, Ukraine, Slovenia, Thailand, Uganda

The Marrakesh Treaty - A Global Force for Good

10th anniversary Entry into Force - 30 September 2026

EIFL blog out today!

Lithuanian Audiosensory Library

- 286 publications from 11 countries in 10 languages
- Venezuelan living in Lithuania got books in Spanish from Spain and Argentina
- Young library member learned to read English

National Library of Armenia

- Produced 60 accessible schoolbooks to global standards (via WIPO ABC)
- Developed OCR software for Armenian - digitized resources fully accessible
- Opened bright, new Assistive Technology Reading Hall in September 2026

Ukraine Central Specialized Library of the Ukrainian Association of the Blind

- Users discovered Braille sheet music
- ABC online catalogue - over 5,600 sheets of Braille music available



Coming up

Update How to negotiate with your national
Reproduction Rights Organization - an EIFL Guide
(2013)



**How to negotiate with your national Reproduction Rights Organization
An EIFL Guide**

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EIFL Copyright and Libraries Programme EIFL-IP

EIFL-IP offers

- **Copyright assistance** (copyright questions, photocopying licences, expert reviews of national copyright laws, etc.)
- **Support to participate** in copyright law reform processes
- **Information** on trends and developments
- **Opportunities**
 - professional development - training and resources. Become a national copyright expert!
 - participate in policy-making - local and international.
 - defend library rights. Champion your library community!

Thank you!

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