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### **European Commissioners endorse STM's text and data mining initiatives**

European Commissioners have recommended the International Association of Scientific, Technical and Medical Publishers' (STM) TDM Roadmap as an official 'pledge' to help improve digital content licencing across Europe. At the final meeting of the Licences for Europe stakeholder dialogue, a broad spectrum of STM publishers presented their declaration of commitment to facilitate text and data mining for non-commercial scientific research in the European Union. This commitment has now been recognised by the Commission as one of the ten outcome 'pledges' which are expected to bring real practical value to the future of digital content delivery and licencing within Europe.

[13 signatories](#) have already committed to the declaration, which grants the necessary copyright licenses to permit TDM of copyright-protected content so that bona-fide researchers at non-commercial institutes are able use TDM to harness its potential to drive discoveries in medical and scientific disciplines.

STM issued a [variety of sample licenses](#) which publishers can adopt for TDM purposes, and now hopes that the adoption of its TDM roadmap as an official pledge of the Licences for the Europe Initiative will ensure both a sustainable as well as a digital future.

Speaking at the final plenary meeting, Commissioner Michel Barnier stated that the STM TDM Roadmap "...offers a pragmatic response to researchers who wish to make automatic searches of scientific publications to which access is not currently open." Elucidating, Commissioner Androulla Vassiliou added that "Licences for Europe has also launched a much-needed European-level debate on text and data mining. It is a complex and very technical area. The model licensing clause proposed by publishers, together with the web-based hub to facilitate text and data-mining for non-commercial uses free of cost, are important outcomes. They are available for libraries and researchers who wish to take advantage of this solution."

With the increasing digitisation of content across Europe, it is crucial that content licensing be smart, speedy and intuitive. Publishers are dedicated to practical, forward-thinking solutions to digital content management and the outcomes of the Licences for Europe initiative demonstrates the cross-industry desire of publishers to ensure a vibrant digital future across the whole of Europe.

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## Notes to Editors

- 1) A statement of commitment by STM publishers to a roadmap to enable text and data mining (TDM) for non-commercial scientific research in the European Union

Signatories to the commitment are shown within the document

[http://www.stm-assoc.org/2013\\_11\\_11\\_Text\\_and\\_Data\\_Mining\\_Declaration.pdf](http://www.stm-assoc.org/2013_11_11_Text_and_Data_Mining_Declaration.pdf)

- 2) Further details on the Licences for Europe initiative can be found on the European Commission website:

<http://ec.europa.eu/licences-for-europe-dialogue/>

- 3) [STM](#) is an international association of over 120 scientific, technical, medical and scholarly publishers, collectively responsible for more than 60% of the global annual output of research articles, 55% of the active research journals and the publication of tens of thousands of print and electronic books, reference works and databases. We are the only international trade association equally representing all types of STM publishers – large and small companies, not for profit organizations, learned societies, traditional, primary, secondary publishers and new entrants to global publishing.