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STM welcomes the *Mission Text and Data Mining Report* and French Senate draft TDM solution

The International Association for Scientific, Technical and Medical Publishers (STM) welcomes the independent *Mission Text and Data Mining Report* commissioned by the French Ministry of Culture and Communication and the State Secretariat for Higher Education and Research which recommends a pragmatic, license-based approach to text mining. Likewise, STM welcomes the Lemaire Bill and the French Senate's approach which recognises that TDM is best enabled by ruling out restrictive contractual clauses rather than imposing an exception to copyright.

STM commends the report for offering a broad view of all stakeholders, for exploring pragmatic solutions and for ensuring that contracts remains adaptable in an environment as fast evolving as Text and Data Mining.

STM agrees with the report recommendation that STM publishers commit to including a TDM enabling clause in subscription agreements with public research institutions. Such an approach builds on the [commitment](#) STM publishers already made in 2013,

to facilitate TDM for non-commercial scientific research in the European Union. This commitment was recognised by the European Commission as one of the ten outcome ‘pledges’ from the Licences for Europe project, to bring real practical value to the future of digital content delivery and licencing within Europe. This commitment included a pledge by publishers to include the necessary permissions for non-commercial TDM in both existing (for example, phase-in on renewal, or via click-through license extensions) and new agreements. To support this process, STM developed a [sample clause for non-commercial TDM](#) that its members are free to implement. The commitment also obtained the affirmation from publisher signatories to continue the development of enhancements to improve mine-ability to ensure that quality content is available in useable formats and supported by high-quality infrastructure platforms.

Most major STM publishers meet the need of their users for TDM through various channels such as those facilitated by CrossRef with a single one-time click through across multiple publisher platforms. Likewise, aggregators such as JSTOR and CCC also play a critical role, providing not only licensing but also text in formats other than PDFs.

Reports such as the one published today, alongside the steps publishers are already taking to support TDM, reinforce why an exception to copyright is unnecessary and how existing license-based initiatives are already delivering for researchers.

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