

STM statement on European Parliament Vote: Digital Single Market (DSM) – Text and Data Mining – Platform Liability – Upcoming Triologue

The International Association of Scientific, Technical and Medical Publishers (STM) welcomes the adoption of the European Parliament’s Report on Copyright in the Digital Single Market (DSM) today after an earlier rejection of the Mandate in July. Modernising copyright law throughout the union in a fair and balanced manner is necessary and the European Parliament has taken a big step today towards that goal.

STM and its members fully support the exception which allows non-commercial research organisations to text and data mine their high-quality scientific publications at no additional cost. Clarifying platforms’ responsibility so that no regulatory frameworks are bypassed because of the digital nature of their activities, and finding a fair solution for newspaper publishers enabling them to negotiate contracts for the value they add with giant tech companies and search engines are all necessary ingredients of this reform.

STM thanks the rapporteur Axel Voss and all MEPs for their support in achieving a balanced outcome. This will form a solid base for the upcoming triologue discussions.

STM and its members remain ready and eager to work with all parties during the Triologue and with all interested partners and stakeholders wishing to modernise EU copyright law for a culturally and technologically promising future.