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## EU countries call for legislation on international application of EU copyright law

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Ministers from six European countries (Belgium, Denmark, Finland, France, The Netherlands and Sweden) have written a joint letter to the European Commission regarding the need for a legislative proposal on rules and boundaries of international application of EU law on copyright and neighbouring rights. The English version of the letter is available [here](#).



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The letter refers to two judgments from the European Court of Justice on the international application of European law – *RAAP (C-265/19)* in 2020 and *Kwantum (C-227/23)* in October this year, and expresses concern that the resulting lack of reciprocity between EU and third countries, whereby EU member states are now obliged to provide protection to rights holders from outside the EU even if those countries do not provide EU rights holders with equivalent protection, leads to an economic imbalance.

The ministers call on the Commission to prioritise putting forward a legislative proposal on rules and boundaries of international application of EU law on copyright and neighbouring rights, and specifically “to ensure conditions of fair competition between right holders, as well as users, in the

*EU – vis-à-vis third countries – and at the same time encourage third countries to introduce the same rights, thereby strengthening the competitiveness of the EU and its Member States by safeguarding a level playing field.”*

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A graphic for a survey report. It features a dark background with a glowing blue and red digital circuit pattern. In the center is a gavel with a glowing blue padlock on its handle. The text is white and blue. A blue button with a white arrow points to the right.

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