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A mid-year review of Al and copyright posts

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The role of copyright rules in the regulation of artificial intelligence (AI) continues to dominate legal discussions in 2025. With new case law, legislative initiatives, and regulatory developments unfolding across jurisdictions, the dialogue on how copyright interacts with AI models and systems – particularly around training data, authorship, and lawful use – has only grown more complex.

The recent preliminary reference to the Court of Justice of the European Union (CJEU) in Case C-250/25, Like Company v Google Ireland Limited from the Budapest Környéki Törvényszék (Hungary) illustrates this growing momentum (see early commentary by Keller, Guadamuz and Image generated by ChatGPT using DALL-E, Rosati). This reference comes on the heels of OpenAI, 2025. Prompt: "In a professional office, national first instance judgments on different a humanoid robot and two human colleagues are aspects of text and data mining (TDM) and/or AI engaged in a conversation about AI and training in the Germany, The Netherlands, copyright, in the style of a New Yorker cartoon. Hungary, as well as pending litigation in in France - by authors and publishers against Meta - and in Germany by collecting society GEMA against Suno AI and Open AI. Outside the EU, we can also mention the Getty Images v Stability AI case in the UK, a veritable tsunami of litigation in the US, as well a notable case against OpenAI in India.



As we await guidance from the CJEU in C-250/25, it's worth reflecting on the rich and diverse commentary published on the Kluwer Copyright Blog so far this year.

Below is a chronological round-up (in reverse order) of our posts from 2025 touching on AI, TDM, and related copyright issues:

June

Copyright, Compliance, and Confidentiality: Finding Common Ground in Generative AI
—Enrico Bonadio, Eduardo Alonso and Vansh Tayal (Symbiosis Law School, Pune, India)
Read here

Report on LSE event – Artificial Intelligence, Intellectual Property, and the Creative Industries — Marianna Foerg

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May

The EU's false sense of isolationism in AI and copyright — Bertin Martens (Bruegel) Read here

Do AI models dream of dolphins in lake Balaton? — Paul Keller Read here

From Hollywood to Germany: A Transatlantic Comparison of Collective Agreements on AI in Film and TV Production — Christiane Stuetzle & Susan Bischoff

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Does Human Learning Equal Machine Learning? High Court of Delhi to Rule on Lawfulness of TDM for Machine Learning— Pragya Jha & Bernd Justin Jütte Read here

Third European Court Decision on the General Purpose TDM Exception Is Out — Peter Mezei Read here

April

Originality in the Age of AI: How to Get Copyright Protection Now? — Jakub Wyczik Read here

The TDM Opt-Out in the EU – Five Problems, One Solution — Martin Senftleben Read here

March

Thaler v. Perlmutter: Human Authors at the Center of Copyright? — Matt Blaszczyk Read here

Second and Third Drafts of the General-Purpose AI Code of Practice Released — Marianna

Foerg

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Remuneration for Use of Works in Text and Data Mining — Damian Flisak

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Navigating User Lawfulness in European Copyright Law: From Lawful Use to Lawful Access — Tatiana Synodinou

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Reconceptualizing the Reproduction Right in the Age of AI — Rita Matulionyte

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Open Source Artificial Intelligence Definition 1.0 – A 'Take It or Leave It' Approach for Open Source AI Systems — Yaniv Benhamou & Michel Reymond

Read here

February

European Copyright Society Opinion on Copyright and Generative AI — Dusollier, Kretschmer, Margoni, Mezei, Quintais, Rognstad Read here

The AI Act Provisions Relating to Copyright – Possibility of Private Enforcement? Germany as an Example— Jan Bernd Nordemann & Arman Rasouli

Part 1

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January

DPG Media et al. vs. HowardsHome – A National Ruling on DSM's Press Publishers' Rights and TDM Exceptions — Etienne Valk & Iris Toepoel

Read here

The Dubious Utilitarian Argument for Granting Copyright in AI-Generated Works — Patrick Goold

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As the year progresses, we expect more key developments in this space, including judicial clarification, legislative action, and policy initiatives from global institutions. The Kluwer Copyright Blog will continue to monitor and contribute to the conversation.

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