

**Question for written answer E-004542/2025
to the Commission**
Rule 144
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Subject: Press publishers' rights in Greece: Directive (EU) 2019/790 at risk of being undermined

Directive (EU) 2019/790¹, which establishes a related right for press publishers to receive fair and reasonable remuneration from large online platforms using journalistic content, was transposed into Greek national law by means of Law 4996/2022. According to recent reports, the EETT² – as the national facilitator for setting the remuneration conditions – is considering excluding the indirect revenues of large platforms³ from the calculation of the amounts due, dramatically limiting the remuneration and rendering the related right an inadequate tool for protecting journalistic creation.

Excluding the indirect revenues of large digital platforms from the calculation for publishers' remuneration will lead to market distortion and completely invalidate the European legislator's intention to ensure a fair share for publishers in the digital economy. What is more, it would sabotage the goal of remedying the imbalance in bargaining power between publishers and global digital giants.

In view of this, can the Commission answer the following:

1. Is the above-mentioned prospective change consistent with Article 15⁴ of Directive (EU) 2019/790?
2. What measures does it intend to take to ensure the uniform and effective implementation of the directive and to prevent national arrangements or interpretations that undermine publishers' rights?
3. Does it intend to take action, for example by issuing guidelines or clarification recommendations, to ensure that the calculation of remuneration also takes into consideration the indirect economic benefits that platforms derive from the use of journalistic content?

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¹ On copyright in the Digital Single Market.

² The Hellenic Telecommunications and Post Commission.

³ E.g. revenues from advertising, promotion of content, collection of user data, etc.

⁴ Setting out the need for genuinely fair compensation for press publishers.