

# REQUEST FOR CONTRIBUTIONS FOR THE INFORMATION SESSION ON THE IMPACT OF THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC ON THE COPYRIGHT ECOSYSTEM

## INTRODUCTION

During the upcoming 42<sup>nd</sup> Session of the Standing Committee on Copyright and Related Rights (SCCR), an Information Session on the Impact of the Covid-19 Pandemic on the Copyright Ecosystem will take place. In order to provide a clear overview of the “impact on the cultural, creative and educational ecosystem, including copyright, related rights, and limitations and exceptions”, the Secretariat kindly invites Member States and Observers to share existing examples of situations that arose and actions that were taken and/or interventions that were made during the Covid-19 pandemic with respect to the industries or institutions that are being considered in the Information Session. We ask you to describe these situations or actions by providing the information requested below. If you are able to give us some elements of your response before March 15, it could help our researchers who are preparing the overview. In addition, all contributions received by the eve of the Information Session will be uploaded (with your permission) onto the WIPO web site.

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## INFORMATION REQUEST

1. Full name of the entity or individual submitting the response.  
Hungarian Intellectual Property Office

Ministry of Justice of Hungary

2. Contact person with email address and telephone number for questions or clarifications about the submission.

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3. Would you accept having your response made public (e.g. posted on the WIPO website)?

Yes

No

4. Do you accept having the information contained in your responses mentioned in studies and presentations for the Information Session?

Yes

No

5. **Brief** description of example, measures or interventions that took place (up to 200 words).

*(Explanation: Please briefly explain the situation and why it is of interest for the Information Session. Examples could include policies put in place or other measures aimed at increasing the resilience of an industry or institution, or to assist the people they serve.)*

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, educational institutions had to switch to digital distance learning. This situation demanded a more flexible approach to copyright to ensure the continuation of educational and research activities under the conditions of widespread lockdowns.

Art. 5 of Directive (EU) 2019/790 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 17 April 2019 on copyright and related rights in the Digital Single Market and amending Directives 96/9/EC and 2001/29/EC (hereinafter: CDSM Directive) establishes a framework for free use of copyrighted material in digital distance learning (digital and cross-border teaching activities), which was not covered by the Hungarian Copyright Act before.

Therefore, the Hungarian legislator decided to implement Art. 5 of the CDSM Directive as soon as possible. (The implementation deadline was the 7th of June 2021 and Hungary implemented the provision in the spring of 2020.)

With the implementation, the existing scope of the educational exceptions broadened. For example, from that point, the copies of parts of works such as books, or newspapers, periodical articles can be made available for students, for the purposes of illustration, through the education establishment's secure electronic network.

The definition of a secure electronic environment is as follows: a teaching and learning environment in which only the teaching staff of the educational establishment, and the pupils or students enrolled in a study programme, have access. In particular, access must be gained through appropriate authentication procedures, including password-based authentication.

6. Territory where it took place (continent, country, and city or region).  
Hungary

7. Relevant sector or sectors.  
Educational and Research, Choose an item., Choose an item.

7.1 Additional observation or sector not listed above:  
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8. Please provide the key lessons from this example.  
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9. Please provide links to relevant documents or other sources that could provide further information about this example.

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10. Please provide any additional comment you might have.

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