

The collective administration of performers' intellectual property rights in Slovenia and compensation for the private copying exception

With great concern we have learned of the intention, announced by the director of Slovenian Intellectual Property Office, to revoke the licence for the collective administration of performers' rights held by ZAVOD AIPA.

We call on the Slovenian Government and the relevant Ministries and governing bodies in the country to carefully reconsider the options and the need for such a drastic measure.

Furthermore we were informed about the on-going and extremely lengthy process of granting a license for the collective administration of private copying levies. In this regard, we wish to emphasize that the private copying exception, where introduced in national legislation, must be assorted with a fair and meaningful compensation mechanism.

Since such fair compensation has not been collected for the sixth consecutive year now, we strongly feel that the Republic of Slovenia is not fulfilling its obligations in terms of proper implementation of the EU 2001/29/EC Directive, thereby penalizing Slovenian artists and undermining their ability to earn a living from their work.

EuroFIA therefore urges the Government of Slovenia and the relevant Ministries and governing bodies in the country to licence the collective administration of private copying compensation without further delay.