

# Council of the European Union: Directive on Copyright in the Information Society Adopted

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On 9 April 2001, the Council of the European Union adopted the Directive on the harmonisation of certain aspects of copyright and related rights in the Information Society. The Council approved all amendments introduced at the second reading by the European Parliament (see IRIS 2001-3: 3, IRIS 2000-7: 3, IRIS 2000-2: 15, IRIS 1999-6: 4 and IRIS 1998-1: 4). The Directive must now be transposed into national law by Member States within 18 months of its publication in the Official Journal. After that, the Community and its Member States will be able to ratify the WIPO Copyright Treaty and the WIPO Phonograms and Performances Treaty, which were adopted by WIPO in 1996 (see IRIS 2000-2: 15 and IRIS 1997-1: 5).

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