

EU DATA PROTECTION CHIEF RECONFIRMS EU COPYRIGHT DIRECTIVE DOES NOT INVOLVE GENERAL MONITORING OR INFRINGE PERSONAL DATA PROTECTION RULES.

The European Data Protection Supervisor (EDPS) was requested by IMCO Committee Rapporteur MEP Catherine Stihler to analyse the implications of the Copyright Directive's Article 13 for users' personal data.

The report, issued July 4, reconfirms that **Article 13 does not violate EU data protection rules or instigate any general monitoring obligation on services.**

The report confirms:

- **Article 13 does not impose a general monitoring obligation**

"[T]he provisions contained in this proposal...do not aim to mandate general surveillance of activities on the internet".

- **Article 13 preserves the balance of users' fundamental rights and provides protections required by the Charter of Fundamental Rights.**

*"Article 13(1b) explicitly requires Member States to ensure that any measures a proportionate, that **the balance between fundamental rights of users and rightholders is preserved**, and that **no general obligation to monitor the information transmitted or stored is imposed**. **These guarantees would seem to provide sufficient protections as required by the Charter.**"*

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