



# COPYRIGHT INFRASTRUCTURE EDIC WORKING GROUP – COMMISSION'S FEEDBACK AND NEXT STEPS

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# Commission's feedback: key issues

- *“DG CNECT understands that the **objective of the Copyright infrastructure EDIC is to develop and promote the utilization of a metadata standard** and governance known as the Open Rights Data Framework (ORDF), which would make it possible to aggregate rights data information from various sources, providing a single view on all the information known about a given (set of) copyright-protected work(s) or performance(s).”*
  - The CI EDIC is not about **developing systems/services but promoting the use of open and interoperable data framework by such systems**.
  - New standards, including standards that already exist. Complemented with coordination with eIDAS etc., education and awareness campaigns.
- Systems and services are what the Cion is looking for at this first stage
  - CI EDIC needs to merge in order to benefit from EU funding which focuses on developed infrastructures
- The alternatives of promoting the OPEN RIGHTS DATA FRAMEWORK
  - Commission recommendation to this effect
  - Developing standards terms on ORDF in all relevant projects under all relevant EU funding programmes
  - part of new EU legislation later, as last resort
- Services are not the deliverable of the ORDF – but the Exchanges that could be built based on the ORDF
- **What is the role of the CI EDIC WG?**

# (1) Merging with another EDIC

- Blockchain EDIC/ ALT EDIC
  - How to merge? How to best attract interest of more MS?
    - "To attract more MS and synergies and economies of scale?"
    - "efficient instrument to reach out to additional Member States"; "greater impact"; "build critical mass"
- Ideally continue as an independent working group within the BLC EDIC
  - Link with the Council working party for copyright/ Contact committee for DSM
  - Suggest a significant Use Case in AI and IP; and establish the governance for the work in the way planned

## (2) Operationalising the EDIC with a use case

- “approach and concrete and measurable target contributions to the Digital Decade and copyright policy”
  - how the metadata standard would benefit creators and creative industries in practical scenarios (impact on licensing or remuneration).

- Project rationale

and

- its contribution to Digital Decade Policy Programme objectives and targets:
  - INVOLVEMENT OF INDUSTRY: How to develop an actual infrastructure or to provide greater interoperability in an identified real-case scenario? (prerequisite for data spaces, ecosystems)
  - TARGETS: KPIs can be developed for the task and deliverables of the CI EDIC. This was meant to be done in the planning phase of 2024.
  - OVERALL PICTURE: limiting the objectives of this MCP to a few and only those that will be realised and achieved by the project while not losing sight of the overall picture
  - “ROLE BOOKS”: MCP will integrate with the existing copyright data infrastructures (CISAC, collecting societies’ databases, user databases, or other relevant rights data providers) this requires us to identify relevant “roles”
  - KPI MEASURING: For instance start collecting data on how many new open and interoperable identifiers have been provided in various fields; webpage; transparency builds competition between sectors
  - RISK ASSESSMENT: Industry reluctance would be an indicator that achieving a digital transition of the copyright sectors need new legislation like a Digital Decade Copyright Regulation

# Planning the work of the CI EDIC WG

- Need a forum for EU coordination of infrastructure related work
  - The CI EDIC WG can continue
    - Under the BLC EDIC/ ALT EDIC where we can
    - present LV and LT projects,
    - Finnish Infra 2.0 under national copyright delegation soon to be established under political lead
    - Estonian Trace4EU?
- BLC EDIC is only one technology
  - Need copyright support for other EDICs as well
    - ALT
    - Digital twins
    - Etc.
- Need to establish contact with the Council working party
  - BE Presidency first half 2024; high level Mathieu Michel; momentum still during this Commission
  - Perhaps a non-paper from MS

# Meetings of the CI EDIC in 2023

- October
  - 1-2 meetings
- November
  - 1-2 meetings
  - Meeting to discuss results of scoping merging activity of other EDICs
- December
  - 1-2 meetings
  - Funding for CI will be secured in the budget of Finland