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Initiatives at European Parliament

- Net Neutrality
 - Open Parliament
 - Intergroup Open Source/ New Media
 - Interoperability
 - Digital Agenda
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Net-Neutrality

- In the centre of conflict around the Telecom-Package
- Ongoing debate in the context of filtering mechanisms promoted by copyright-lobbies and security
- Filtering and blocking sites on child pornography and/or racism as argument



Open Parliament

- Petition – last legislative period,
 - Report from the administration
 - Slow progress
 - Still open – web-streaming
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Intergroup Open Source/New Media

- Events in planning for next years
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4. Interoperability

- Important for consumers
 - Concerns standards and hardware
 - In the railway-sector we spend Billions!
 - BUT: Lack of interoperability on the other hand is also a protection against compiling data out of different data-banks.
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5. Telecom-Package


- As a result of public mobilisation we managed to block a “Lex Hadopi” for the whole of Europe.
- ***Free access to internet is a fundamental right in our information society, which cannot be sacrificed for the profits of some big right-holders and media industry!***

Digital Agenda


- ***A consultation by the Commission published in Nov. 2010 showed a broad consensus by stakeholders on an open Internet and Net Neutrality***
- ***318 Participants of the whole sector***
- ***Summit on Net Neutrality in the EP in Nov. 2010***

Follow-up Telecom-Package

- New rules for the web
- Preferences for certain offers?
- Privacy at stake!
- Lack of transparency
- Liability of providers
- Tax for Innovation? – Flatrate-proposals?



Web-politics have increased importance in the EP

- Connected topics and policy areas
 - Copyright/Authors' rights
 - Big Brother/Security
 - ACTA
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Copyright / authors' rights

1. Report Gallo
2. Copyright-exemption for libraries
3. Copyright-exemptions for orphan works
4. Copyright-exemptions for visually impaired
5. Implementation of the Telecom-Package
6. IPRED 1 + 2 (criminal measures)
7. Working group on authors' rights

1. Gallo-Report, enforcement

- Report on enhancing the enforcement of intellectual property rights in the internal market, Marielle Gallo, PPE
- “Does not share the Commission's certitude that the current civil enforcement framework in the EU is effective and harmonised to the extent necessary for the proper functioning of the internal market and reminds the Commission that the report on the application of Directive 2004/48/EC is essential to confirm those claims”;
- „... calls for that report also to include an assessment of the ways to strengthen and upgrade the legal framework with respect to the Internet;“



European Observatory for Counterfeiting Products and Design

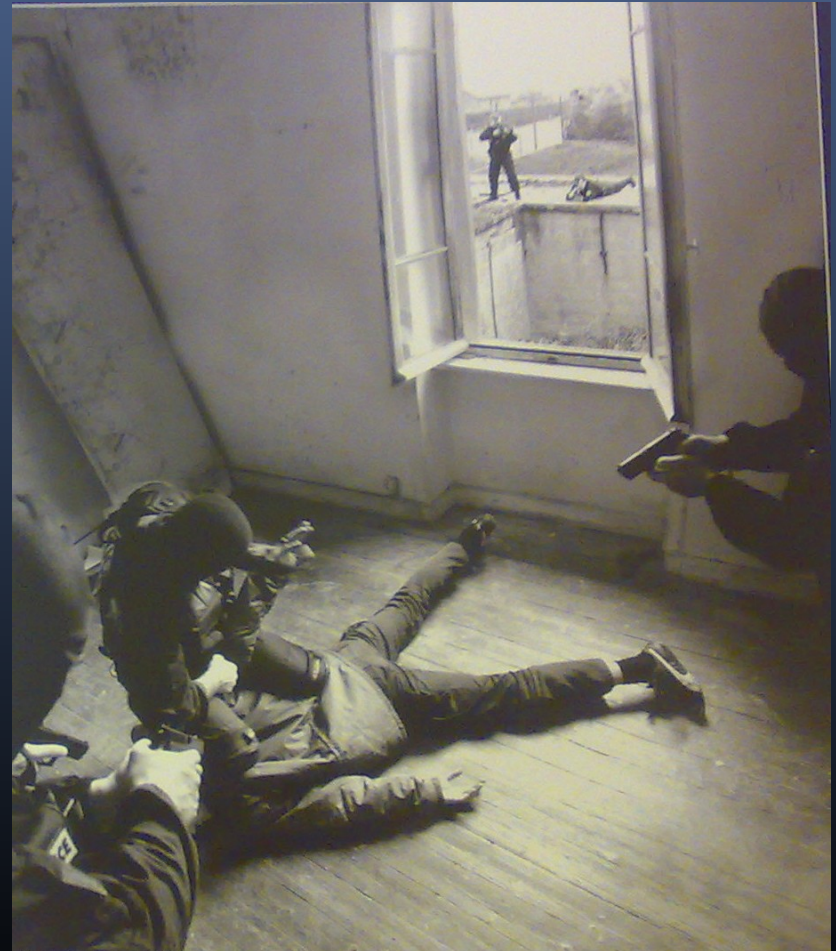
- „... Calls on the Commission to clarify the tasks which are to be entrusted to the Observatory and stresses that the success of the Observatory largely depends on the involvement and cooperation of all stakeholders, including the national authorities, rights-holders, consumers' organisations and the industries concerned, in order to increase transparency and avoid duplication of effort; .“
- This observatory fits perfectly for ACTA.

ACTA - Content

- Counterfeiting
- Penalties for non-commercial infringements of copyright
- Server shall be held responsible for content –a la “Lex Hadopi” in France – via „self-regulation“, to circumvent democratic decisions
- Influence of right-holders, lack of transparency

Is „Big Brother“ our future?

1. SWIFT –
2. ACTA, TEC
3. Implementation of the data-retention-directive
4. Deep-packet-inspection
5. Three-strikes-laws
6. profiling





Data Retention

- Is in the phase of implementation (AT and RUM still lacking)
- Negative decision in Germany by the High Court – over 30 000 signatures against the German implementation.
- Still ongoing debate in Austria
- Very different implementation in the Member States!
- Commissioner Reding in her Hearing: „Data Retention would not be decided on in the same way again!“



New Proposals needed

- Discussing new copyright-systems which are compatible with the digital world. (flat-rate, copyleft, etc)
- Reducing the influence of monopolies
- Democratisation of collecting societies – more rights for artists!
- The world of creative's has changed and will go on changing. Old business-models will not survive without substantial changes.



Our Initiatives

- Intergroup on Open Source, New Media with M. Schaake
- Internet Core Group in the Greens/EFA-Group
- Interoperability in all fields
- ACTA- Campaign
- Conference + Study on a new Copyright-system

Thanks for your attention!



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Additional

Exemptions for libraries

- For libraries we have different exemptions out of copyright in the member states.
- These should be harmonized.
- Access to cultural production
 - How to enable this access?
 - How to adapt these rules to digital libraries?
- Google-Books versus EUROPEANA

Exemptions for visually impaired

- Digitalizing of books opens new possibilities to give visually impaired and blind people better access to cultural products.
- Existing copyrights make this very complicated.
- WIPO asks for improvement of these rules, the USA was agreeing, the EU blocked – was this a reaction to the pressure of right-holders?
- This is a question of hierarchy of rights!



Orphan Works

- Orphan works are inaccessible for the public if the right-holders can't be found.
- This is an enormous loss for culture as a whole!
- There are different solutions in discussion.

IPRED 1 and 2

- The dossier on the enforcement of intellectual property in penal law is blocked in the Council.
- The Gallo-Report asks for a new proposal of penal measures on EU-level.

Authors' Rights Group

- A group of specialized MEPs from the JURI and the cultural committee works on a new copyright-system for the information-society.
- Massive lobbying from GEMA, Warner Brothers, AKM, the movie-industry of France against any change of the current system!

GOFA and Anti-censorship-Tools

- A Global Online Freedom Act shall force States to control enterprises when they collaborate with dictators regimes.
- Reding agreed on subsidising Anti-censure-tools for China or the Iran in a hearing of the promoters of the GOFA.

Global Online Freedom Act



EU Global Online Freedom Act Initiative gegen Zensur im Internet

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