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***Subject: European Commission's study to support an Impact Assessment for the review of the Directive 96/9/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 11 March 1996 on the legal protection of databases (the Database Directive).***

*To whom it may concern,*

The European Commission, Directorate-General for Communications Networks, Content and Technology (DG CNECT), has recently launched a new study on the topic of copyright. Following up on the announcement made in 2021 Commission Work Programme<sup>1</sup> and in the Intellectual Property Action Plan<sup>2</sup> on the review of the Database Directive, the study will support the Commission in evidence gathering and will provide robust data and insights as regards the interaction between the Database Directive and the data economy, and will assess different options for the review of the Directive.

DG CNECT has commissioned a consortium of 7 organisations with carrying out this study. The consortium consists of Civic Consulting GmbH (Consortium leader), Trilateral Research Ltd, Technopolis Consulting Group Belgium Sprl, FORMIT – Foundation for Technology Migration and Research, Copenhagen Economics A/S, DTI Danish Technological Institute and GNKS Consult BV, with experts from the following partners: CSIL – Centre for Industrial Studies, Milano and Tilburg Law School University.

The study design involves a number of participatory elements such as targeted questionnaires and in-depth interviews with experts and stakeholders from different sectors.

If you are contacted for this study, I kindly ask you for your help in providing information to the study team and to the European Commission by participating in the above-mentioned consultation activities. This would be of high importance for future policy-making and legislative changes on copyright issues based on the insights of the study.

For any questions on this study, please feel free to contact the study project manager Norbert Maier ([nom@copenhageneconomics.com](mailto:nom@copenhageneconomics.com)) or the DG CNECT's policy officer Krzysztof Nichczynski ([Krzysztof.NICHCZYNSKI@ec.europa.eu](mailto:Krzysztof.NICHCZYNSKI@ec.europa.eu)).

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<sup>1</sup> [https://ec.europa.eu/info/publications/2021-commission-work-programme-key-documents\\_en](https://ec.europa.eu/info/publications/2021-commission-work-programme-key-documents_en)

<sup>2</sup> <https://ec.europa.eu/docsroom/documents/43845>

Thank you in advance for your kind cooperation.

Yours faithfully,

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