**MEPs vote to protect freedom of panorama and effective copyright reform**

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**Intro**

*Strasbourg, 9th of July.* S&D MEPs today voted to ensure that images taken in public spaces remain free to use as part of a report on comprehensive copyright reform.

This broadcast-quality video package contains:

- extracts of the plenary votes

- interview with S&D Spokesperson on copyright, **Mary Honeyball** (natural sound bites, English)

- stock shots of public building being snapped by citizens

**Shotlist**

FRANCE, STRASBOURG (JULY 9, 2015) (SOCIALISTS AND DEMOCRATS, EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT - ACCESS ALL)

1. CUTAWAY: VARIOUS OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT IN STRASBOURG (EXTERIOR)
2. CUTAWAY: VARIOUS OF THE VOTE RELATED TO COPYRIGHT
3. MARY HONEYBALL (S&D MEP, UK) SAYING (ENGLISH):

“What we try to do in this report is to create a balance, particularly a balance between consumers ‘rights and creators ‘rights. Because it is not a neither or, they are both important and we want to make sure we get it right. ”

1. CUTAWAY: MARY HONEYBALL TALKING TO A JOURNALIST
2. MARY HONEYBALL (S&D MEP, UK) SAYING (ENGLISH):

“If creators aren’t paid properly, they simply won’t create. They do need to be paid and living wage, so that they can live on what they earn, and often these days they don’t. So it is quite urgent that something is done about this.”

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“The paragraph on freedom of panorama will be deleted, which of course means that they will be no change in what goes on in Member States. And I think that is probably the best solution at the moment, because we all have a huge amount of lobbying on this and lots of emails and so there is clearly a lot of feeling, and hope this approach will deal with that.”

1. CUTAWAY: MARY HONEYBALL TALKING TO A JOURNALIST

PARIS, FRANCE (JULY 9, 2015) (SOCIALISTS AND DEMOCRATS – ACCESS ALL)

1. CUTAWAYS: VARIOUS OF TOURISTS PHOTOGRAPHYING THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT OF STRASBOURG

PARIS, FRANCE (JUNE 26, 2008) (EUROPEAN COMMISSION AUDIOVISUAL – ACCESS ALL)

1. CUTAWAYS: VARIOUS OF TOURISTS TAKING IN PICTURES FAMOUS FRENCH MONUMENTS

LONDON, UNITED KINGDOM (JULY 8, 2008) (EUROPEAN COMMISSION AUDIOVISUAL – ACCESS ALL)

1. CUTAWAYS: VARIOUS OF FAMOUS ENGLISH MONUMENTS AND SPOTS TOURISTS USE TO VISIT

**Story**

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A lot of focus in the media and in public campaigns has been on an amendment added to the report by the Liberal group which threatens the freedom of panorama - the unrestricted right to use photographs of public spaces, without infringing the rights of the architect or the visual artist. This amendment was strongly rejected in today's vote.

S&D MEPs also sent a clear signal to the EU Commission that they need a comprehensive copyright reform. This must include fair remuneration for creators and protect consumer's right.

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