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The European Writers' Council, the Federation of European Publishers and the European Council of Literary Translators' Associations have been informed of the proposal by the Estonian Presidency on the DSM Directive, and in particular with regard to Article 12 and Recital 36. Both associations would like to express their strong concern at the explicit inclusion of Public Lending Right in these provisions and would therefore ask for the deletion of this additional provision in both Recital and Article.

Such a deletion would allow for the diversity of Public Lending Right schemes in Europe to continue.

EWC is the non-profit federation representing 45 national writers' and literary translators' associations and unions in 28 European countries, comprising over 150.000 authors in the text/book sector, working in 31 languages.

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CEATL is a non-profit association (AISBL) under Belgian law, officially created in 1993 as a platform for literary translators' associations from different European countries. Set up by 10 founder members, CEATL now has 35 member associations from 29 countries across Europe, representing some 10,000 individual authors.

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