



Mr Martin Schulz
President
European Parliament

Mr Donald Tusk
President
European Council

Mr Jean-Claude Juncker
President
European Commission

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Dear President Schulz,
Dear President Tusk,
Dear President Juncker,

Today's judgment by the CJEU against France and Luxembourg would have been avoided were a discriminatory regime not in place which requires Member States to apply much higher VAT rates to digital publications than print.

We, the representatives of the book value chain, strongly believe that the value of a book does not depend on its format or the way it is accessed by readers. Therefore, we urge the Commission to take swift action to amend the relevant legislation to ensure it reflects technological progress and remove a serious hindrance to the development of the e-book market. This will fit neatly into its Work Programme, which states that "Barriers to digital are barriers to jobs, prosperity and progress".

Yours sincerely,

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