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(Brussels, 10 January 2017) Science Europe is one of five key European research organisations calling on Members of the European Parliament to modify the current EU copyright reform proposal, thus giving Europe the opportunity to become a global leader in data-driven research and innovation.

In a joint statement released today, LIBER Europe, CESAER, EUA, LERU, and Science Europe – who together represent hundreds of universities, libraries, and research funding and performing organisations – say that amendments in five main areas of the proposal are critical if Europe wants to be at the forefront of a prosperous and growing digital society, the vision set out by the European Commission in its strategy for a Digital Single Market.

The areas singled out for change are those that directly affect the research and education sector, and key among those are modifications related to Text and Data Mining (TDM). The statement calls on European legislators to use this opportunity to remove barriers to scientific breakthroughs and to boost innovation in Europe by enshrining the principle ‘the right to read is the right to mine.’ Implementing this principal will remove barriers to TDM, as well as maximising the impact of Open Access and Open Science, creating a truly modern framework to ensure that the most advanced research and innovation practices can be applied for the benefit of society.

The statement can be downloaded at the following address: <http://scieur.org/copy-joint>

Notes to Editors

Science Europe is an association of major European research funding and research performing organisations in 27 countries, established in 2011 to promote the collective interest of its members and to foster collaboration between them. For more information see www.scienceeurope.org

Previous Science Europe work on this topic:

- Statement: EU Copyright Reform: Allows for Mining but Doesn't Strike Gold <http://scieur.org/copyright-stmt>
- Workshop Report: The Importance of Content Mining for Science <http://scieur.org/tdm-report>
- Press Release: Science Europe Welcomes the EC Stand on Content Mining <http://scieur.org/tdm-pr>
- Briefing Paper: Text and Data mining and the Need for a Science-friendly EU Copyright Reform <http://scieur.org/tdm-bp>

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