



To Mr Volodymyr Zelensky,

President of Ukraine

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ECSA letter in support of Bill N5572 for an efficient collective management of authors' rights in Ukraine.

Dear President, Dear Mr Zelensky,

I am writing to you on behalf of the European Composer and Songwriter Alliance (ECSA) to express our strong support in favor of Bill N5572, which aims at resolving the issues linked to the accreditation process of Collective Management Organisations (CMOs) in Ukraine.

The European Composer and Songwriter Alliance represents over 30,000 professional composers and songwriters in 27 European countries. With more than 60-member organisations across Europe, the Alliance speaks for the interests of music authors of art and classical music (contemporary), film and audiovisual music, as well as popular music. As such, our members have a keen interest to support, in Ukraine and beyond, efficient, and representative CMOs which have reciprocal agreements with other CMOs around the world. This is key to ensure that music authors can benefit from royalties' payments and a proportionate remuneration for the use of their works in all territories.

To our knowledge, NGO UACRR is the most representative CMO in Ukraine, with more than 500 regular members and over 4000 Ukrainian creators. It has also close to 100 reciprocal representation agreements with other CMOs around the world. As such, NGO UACRR represents the world repertoire for the territory of Ukraine. However, we understand that the Ukrainian Accreditation Commission did not accredit NGO UACRR, despite the criteria set by the 2018 Collective Rights Management Law ("CRM Law").

Now, we understand that the adoption and implementation of Bill N5572 could solve the situation by setting up a new, transparent, and fair accreditation procedure and permitting CMOs to license in the meantime their repertoire based on their direct mandates from local creators and foreign CMOs.

Against this background, we would like to express our strong support for this Bill, which is essential, not only for a fair and efficient CMO accreditation process, but also to ensure that Ukrainian and international authors can benefit from a proportionate remuneration for the use of their works.

We stand ready to support you in this endeavor and we remain available to discuss this with you further.

Yours sincerely,

Alfons Karabuda, ECSA President