

## Promises and Pitfalls of the European Copyright Law Harmonisation Process

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### *Abstract*

This paper explores the current level of harmonisation in copyright and related rights law as resulting from the action of the European legislator in order to establish a legal framework fostering production and distribution of contents, and promoting the cultural industries growth. From the survey of the community directives constituting the current *aquis communautaire* and the analysis of their implementation emerging trends and pitfalls raise doubts as to the consistency of the assumptions underlying the current copyright law policy of the European Union.