

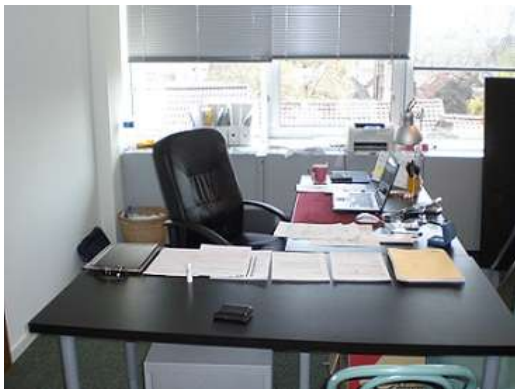
Creators & young entrepreneurs

ECSA's Swedish member organization SKAP, arranged collaboration with The Entrepreneurs Hunt, on Friday the 16th of April, in Stockholm. A day long, 10 teams of young entrepreneurs were set out to deliberate on a key challenge of the music market: promoting future creativity on the internet, providing widespread, affordable access to content for the public and encouraging simultaneously a dynamic creative culture, while returning value to the creators.

"They had many interesting ideas. I find it remarkable that most of the teams pointed to society and the state as holding the major responsibility for culture and therefore building the infrastructure on the internet. There was also a unanimous opinion on the importance of giving the authors a fair remuneration. Perhaps a bit unexpected coming from an entrepreneurial view," says ECSA Chairman Alfons Karabuda.

ECSA Office established

On 1st of April, ECSA Secretary General Patrick Ager opened the office in the European House for Culture at the Flagey, Brussels. Mr. Ager will henceforward coordinate and administrate the activities of the alliance, as well as ensure ECSA's permanent representation in Brussels. Prior to his assignment with ECSA, Patrick Ager worked in the department for European Council- and Foreign Affairs Meetings in the Austrian Federal Ministry for Foreign Affairs. Mr. Ager holds a Master degree in Political Science and is a former Research Fellow of the OSCE Parliamentary Assembly. He speaks German, French and English.



World Copyright Summit

On the 26th of March, ECSA chairman Alfons Karabuda joined the inaugural meeting of the World Copyright Summit Advisory board, in Brussels. The World Copyright Summit is organized by the International Confederation of Authors and Composers Societies (CISAC) and will take place in June 2011, in Brussels. The advisory board will have monthly meetings and ECSA will strive to ensure that the authors' perspective in approaches to copyright and collective management is considered.



ECSA Spokesperson Patrick Rackow addresses working group on copyright



On 14th of April ECSA representatives joined the European Parliament's Working Group on Copyright. The Working Group is a subsidiary body of the EP Committee on Legal Affairs. ECSA Spokesperson Patrick Rackow addressed the working group on behalf of the alliance. The delegation also included ECSA's Acting Chairman Alfons Karabuda and Secretary General Patrick Ager.

A summary of the arguments put out by Mr. Rackow can be found on www.composeralliance.org

Upcoming Events

Friday, April, 23 – Brussels:
Public Hearing on the governance of collective rights management in the EU.

ECSA will be represented on the panel by Spokesperson Patrick Rackow.