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Dr Tom Chatfield is an author and tech philosopher, with a special interest in critical thinking, AI and the ethics of technology. He is the chair of ALCS, co-chair of the CLA Board, an advisory council member to the British Library, and guest lecturer at institutions across the UK and USA. Tom's non-fiction books exploring digital culture have appeared in over thirty languages. His bestselling critical thinking textbooks and online courses are used in schools and universities across the world. He also writes fiction, children's books, textbooks, and for video games. [Website](#).



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Sari Depreeuw is a partner at Crowell & Moring Brussels and a part-time professor at UCLouvain Saint Louis Bruxelles. With in-depth knowledge of European and Belgian copyright, software, and data law, she assists clients in the tech, media, and entertainment sector. Sari Depreeuw is an active member of the Belgian copyright community. She has conducted studies for the European Commission and the Belgian government on the topic of copyright, and most recently on copyright and AI. She is also president of the Belgian Copyright Association and a member of the editorial board of Computerrecht.



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Paul Laurent is the Intellectual Property Adviser of the Belgian Deputy Prime Minister, Minister of Economy and Employment Pierre-Yves Dermagne. Since 1992, Paul Laurent has held different positions in different areas of IP Law and in different institutions (Belgian Ministry of Economy, Benelux Office for Intellectual Property and current position).



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Dragos Tudorache is the Renew Europe co-rapporteur for the AI Act in the European Parliament. As his Head of Cabinet, Dan Nechita covers the EU AI Act and oversees the artificial intelligence (AIDA), civil liberties (LIBE), foreign affairs (AFET) and security and defense (SEDE) legislative committees and the Delegation for relations with the United States (D-US). Previously, he was a State Counselor for Romanian Prime Minister Dacian Ciolos, with a mandate on e-governance, digitalization, and cybersecurity. He worked at the World Security Institute (the Global Zero nuclear disarmament initiative); at the Brookings Institution Center of Executive Education; and as a graduate teaching assistant at the George Washington University. He is co-founder of Smart Everything Everywhere, a think tank promoting European digitalization and founder of K Street Consulting, a boutique consulting company for U.S. companies in the EU. He is a graduate of the George Washington University (M.A.).



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Patrick Raude

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Patrick Raude graduated from the French National School of Administration (ENA), the National School of Posts and Telecommunications and ENS Cachan, and is a University Associate Professor of Economics and Management. He began his career in telecommunications and has international experience, having worked in Brussels and Japan. From 1997 to 2002, he worked at the Budget Directorate (Budget Ministry). Thereafter, he became advisor for media, film, cultural industries and digital affairs to the Prime Minister, until 2005, before being appointed Director of Media Development and member of ARCEP. He became in 2011 Director of regulation, relations with the State and European Affairs at the Française des Jeux (the French lottery operator). Since January 2016, he serves as Secretary-General of the SACD. He is also vice-chair of the SAA board of directors and vice-chair of CISAC board of directors.



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Anke Schierholz

Head of the Legal Department of Bild-Kunst and President of the board of directors of EVA

Anke Schierholz studied law in Munich and was student-fellow at the Max-Planck Institute before she gained professional experience as a copyright lawyer with a prestigious Berlin IP-law firm. Since 1999, she has served as Head of Legal at the German CMO, VG Bild-Kunst. Her focus is on copyright policy, legislation and the legal framework for creatives and CMOs. Anke has been deeply involved in legislative processes both at national and EU level. Since 2022, Anke Schierholz has been the President of the board of directors of European Visual Artists, she also has served on the IFRRO board since 2019.



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