



Country Report Croatia

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Copyright

Revision/changes in existing law or regulations

The Act on Amendments to the Trademark Act, the Act on Amendments to the Industrial Design Act and the Act Amending and Supplementing the Geographical Indications and Designation of Origin of Products and Services Act with accompanying regulations entered into force in May 2011. The Act on Amendments to the Copyright and Related Rights Act was adopted in July 2011 scheduled to enter into force on the day of accession of Croatia to the EU. The amendments are aimed at harmonization with the Directive 2006/123/EC on Services in the Internal Market. The State Intellectual Property Institute strengthened its activities related to the prevention of infringements of IP; it started the cooperation with the European Observatory on Infringements of Intellectual Property, organized a public event in Zagreb as part of "Stop counterfeiting and piracy" action.

New legislation

Orphan works

Mass digitisation

Digital preservation

Legal deposit

Public lending rights

The Croatian Writers' Association has not yet started to collect the remuneration for public lending. A proposal of the public lending remunerations tariff was forwarded to the Ministry of Culture for comment.

Levies

Zana, a collecting society for the protection of publishers' rights, has been authorized to represent all publishers in the country, apart from those who decide to opt-out. Two new collecting societies received authorization by the State Intellectual Property Institute – one for the fine arts authors (to take care of droit de suite) and another is the Journalists' Rights Protection Association.

Creative Commons

Legal matters

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The Croatian Library Association (CLA) Statement on ACTA was mounted on its website. The statement was prepared by the Working Group for Copyright and Open Access and was accepted by both Professional and Government Board of the CLA. The Croatian Library Association was invited to discuss ACTA at a public forum organized by the Centre for Human Rights and attended by publishers, librarians and civil society activists.

Privacy

Anti terrorist law

DRM

Law cases

Lobby activities

Educational activities

12th annual Conference on Copyright and Related Rights was held in Zagreb in November 2011, organized by the Croatian Society for Copyright Protection in cooperation with the State Intellectual Property Institute and the Faculty of Law, University of Zagreb. A member of the Croatian Library Association participated at the conference with a presentation entitled Digitization and Libraries. The presentation was also published in the Conference proceedings.

The State Intellectual Property Institute organized a series of IP seminars in scientific institutions and universities for research assistants and other staff. In collaboration with WIPO a Summer School of IP was organized in Dubrovnik for students and young experts in IP.

A workshop on copyright for librarians is to be held during the Annual Assembly of the Croatian Library Association in September 2012.

Strategic plans for future

The Library Association will continue to lobby for libraries and provide training in copyright for librarians.

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