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Any new exception or limitation should always be scrutinised, based on legal and economic evidence and not contribute to loss of sales of cultural products we create and invest in. European publishers have always been in favour of adapting and thus engaging in discussions with other stakeholders. We hope to remain associated with any follow-up actions agreed upon during the orientation debate to work together towards a balanced modernised copyright.

European publishers are very concerned by issues of interoperability so any support on portability is welcome. We have started an in-depth discussion on text and data mining and are happy to continue to do so. Finally, we have always engaged in positive talks with cultural institutions and welcome balanced dialogue on any issues these may have.

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