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To: Stakeholders in the field of education and copyright

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Subject: Invitation to a High-level conference on “A better copyright for quality higher education and research in Europe and beyond”

Dear colleagues,

ETUCE has the pleasure to invite you to the high-level conference “A better copyright for quality higher education and research in Europe and beyond”, taking place in Brussels on 11 April 2018. Please, find the draft agenda in the attachment.

The European Trade Union Committee for Education (ETUCE) represents 132 education unions and 11 million teachers in 50 countries of Europe. ETUCE is a Social Partner in education at the EU level and a European Trade Union Federation within ETUC, the European Trade Union Confederation. ETUCE is the European Region of Education International, the global federation of education unions.

At present the European Commission is preparing an [initiative to pass a directive on Copyright](#) which will have a broad impact on the work of teachers, professors, academics and researchers. With a view to influence the political debate at EU level and in light of the policy developments at global level, this conference offers the opportunity to discuss and provide insights into intellectual and creative property rights of academics and researchers, in particular into their copyrights at higher education and research level.

Please, take note of the [ETUCE position on the European Commission's proposal on the Copyright directive](#).

Venue

Thon Hotel Brussels City Centre, Brussels
Meeting room Oslo
Avenue du Boulevard 17,
1210 Bruxelles
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Who can participate?

The conference is addressed to representatives of ETUCE member organisations who are working on or familiar with copyright issues. Education employers as well as other prominent political and policy stakeholders in the field of education and copyright at EU and international level will also attend the event.

Working languages

The working-languages of this conference are English and French.

Travel and accommodation

Participants should make their own travel and accommodation bookings. The list with ETUCE preferential rates in nearby hotels is attached to that effect.

Reimbursement of expenses

With the funding of the European Union, ETUCE is able to cover travel and accommodation for a limited number of participants from EU countries. Participants from non-EU countries are not eligible for reimbursement.

The assistance package consists of the reimbursement of :

- economy flights for trips of minimum 400 km single journey, in accordance with the flight rates attached, and transfers to and from the airport with public transportation (taxis cannot be reimbursed);
- second class train tickets for shorter distances;
- one night accommodation costs from 10 to 11 April (up to 140 € on presentation of the original invoice).

Please apply with the ETUCE Secretariat (secretariat@csee-etuce.org) **by 6 March 2018** by completing the attached registration form.

The selection of participants will be made taking into account the geographical and gender balance and the interest/expertise of applicants on the topic. Please do not proceed with your travel and accommodation arrangements until your participation has been confirmed. The full information package will be sent to confirmed participants.

The meeting can also be followed online. It will be broadcasted live on Education International's YouTube channel, at the following link: <https://www.youtube.com/user/EduInternational/live>

We look forward to welcoming you to this event.

Kind regards,



Susan Flocken
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