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News Release

UK Government Report Backs Linked Content Coalition

An independent review conducted for the UK Government on copyright is published today that fully supports the Linked Content Coalition and urges the UK and other countries to get engaged and support it.

The main recommendation of the report that follows on from the Hargreaves Report (the 2011 Government review that called for an overhaul of copyright laws) is the creation of a not-for-profit, industry-led Copyright Hub based in the UK. This would provide a link to the growing national and international network of private and public sector digital copyright exchanges, rights registries and other copyright-related databases, in an interoperable way.

Authors of the report, Richard Hooper and Dr Ros Lynch say: "We are supporting the Linked Content Coalition (LCC). The LCC is all about developing a common language and a set of communications standards so proper interoperability is achieved, a very real and necessary building block for the Copyright Hub....We fully support the work of the LCC and want to ensure that it continues to reach out to organisations in all creative sectors.....The potential benefits of the LCC are clear – it will make it "easier for consumers legally to access all kinds of media content on any device, from any platform, at any time regardless of where they live." We would urge not only the UK Government but also the wide range of organisations operating across the creative industries in the UK and in other countries to get engaged and support the LCC."

Angela Mills Wade, Executive Director of the European Publishers Council, the organization that first initiated the LCC project, said: "We are delighted with this recognition in the UK and are working hard in the Linked Content Coalition to make it as easy to manage copyright online as it is offline for the benefit of business and consumers alike, anywhere in the world."

LCC Chairman and President of Public Affairs at Axel Springer AG said: "Creative industries, authors and all creators should get on board with this project. This is a momentous collaboration that could be of real significance to the future of digital content. Join us and be part of this potentially game-changing initiative."

The LCC brings together over 40 partners from the creative industries working together to facilitate online copyright.

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