

Together against Cybercrime
Ensemble contre la cybercriminalité

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Open Statement

A manipulating action was used by EDRI – European Digital Rights (www.edri.org) in its communication on the 9th of October 2013, which affects TaC International. The communication has an intention to discredit the European Commission Structured stakeholder dialogue in the field of Licences for Europe and namely the work done by the Working Group 2 on Users generated Content.

TaC International has become a victim of this aggressive communication prepared by the EDRI representative, disseminated in the format of a newsletter on the 9th of October 2013. It contains statements of defamatory nature, which target the organisation and its representative, Ms Yuliya Morenets, at a personal level.

TaC was invited by the European Commission to join the Licences for Europe working Group 2 (Users' generated content), due to its activities with the recently launched joint Initiative Youth IGF¹ (www.youthigf.com). The first edition of the Youth IGF resulted in a message from disadvantaged youth, prepared for decision makers in three areas of the Information society issues; one of them is Copyright area.

TaC, as a young civil society organisation and a new member of the dialogue on Copyright at European level, was chosen by EDRI as a tool of manipulation to serve personal interests of EDRI leaders.

TaC Community is more than surprised by this kind of communication, which prevents the voice of civil society from being delivered in an appropriate manner and discourages effective engagement of all stakeholders in the result-oriented action of the Licences for Europe Working Group on Users' generated content.

¹ Youth IGF is the Initiative of TaC International, International Centre for Missing & Exploited Children, International Juvenile Justice Observatory and other partners. More information at: www.youthigf.com



All communications made by TaC during its engagement in the Licences for Europe Working Group 2 are publicly available at the European Commission website dedicated to the working Group (<http://ec.europa.eu/licences-for-europe-dialogue/en>).

TaC believes in cooperation and dialogue, therefore the author of the EDRI communication has been asked to remove the mentioned defamatory content and is informed about the legal consequences of disseminating information of aggressive and defamatory nature.

About TaC

TaC - Together against Cybercrime International is a non for profit civil society organisation against cybercrime and an active actor in the field of Information Society issues.

TaC was invited to join the Working group on Users generated content in February 2013. Together with other stakeholders of the Working Group TaC made a suggestion on the need of Strategy on transparency and legal certainty when reusing others' content in UGC. TaC volunteered to work on Users case scenarios as a contribution to the future Strategy.

TaC is also actively involved in Internet Governance issues, stimulating discussion on the Use of ICTs by vulnerable people (www.vulnerables.eu).

Together with its partners, TaC leads an Initiative Youth IGF, to give the possibility of equal multistakeholder participation in the building process of the Information Society to Teenagers and Youth from different countries of the world.