

Ifirro STATUS REPORT

2000

COUNTRY OF OPERATION
ORGANISATION

Belgium
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1. GENERAL INFORMATION

- a) **History summary:** Reprobel was founded in June 1994 and has been registered as a collecting society by the Minister of Justice in June 1996. Then, Reprobel was designated as the only collecting society entitled to collect reprographic fees in Belgium in October 1997. Collection started on the 1st of January 1998.
- b) **Legal system:** Legal license , with equipment levy and operators levy for all sectors (education, public sector and private sector)
- c) **Members:** All collecting societies of owners of reprographic rights of literary and artistic works
Authors' societies : SAJ/JAM, SABAM, SACD, SCAM, SOFAM, ASSUCOPIE and VEWA
Publishers' societies : REPRO PRESS, REPRO PP, COPIEPRESSE, RUIT, COPIEBEL, REPRO COPY, SEMU and SABAM
- d) **Composition of Board of Directors:** 8 members, 4 designated by authors' collecting societies and 4 designated by publishers' collecting societies.
- e) **Staff:** 17 full time equivalent.
- f) **Licensing:** all sectors.
- g) **Other rights:** none.
- h) **Financial year:** 1 January to 31 December.
- i) **Total income from all licensing for last financial year:** 12,715,750.51 EUR

2. DOMESTIC REPROGRAPHIC COLLECTIONS BY SOURCE

- a) **Equipment levy:** 5,043,124.64 EUR
- b) **Operators levy:** total: 7,672,615.87 EUR

Note that this amount covers also collections for 2000 , 2001 and 2002, due to the Belgian system which allows operators to pre-pay for 2 or 3 years. And at the end of the fiscal year 2000, collections for 1998 and 1999 were paid.

3. REPROGRAPHIC INCOME FROM OTHER RROS

None.

4. ADMINISTRATIVE COSTS

Costs : 1,259,305.4 EUR

Investments in 1999 : 233.433,45 EUR

Note : In addition, Reprobel has to cover 51,292.34 EUR invested during the pre-collecting period.

5. DISTRIBUTION PLANS

- a) **Summary of distribution plan(s):** Spring 2001 is to be remembered as being historically as, for the very first time, the author's and publisher's RRO's constituting Reprobel will be handed over the fees collected up till last year (see Status Report 1999).
- b) **Author/Publisher split:** legal split 50/50.
For the period 1/1/00 to 31/12/00 the total amount of distribution for the Authors' College is 6,073,372 EUR and for the Publishers' College 6,073,372 EUR. These amounts cover also collections for 2001 and 2002, due to the Belgian system which allows to pre-pay for 2 or 3 years.
- c) **Distribution to National Rightsholders:** see 5 a)
- d) **Distribution to Foreign RRO's:** in progress.

6. BILATERAL AGREEMENTS BY TYPE

None.

7. ACADEMIC PERMISSIONS

By law.

8. ELECTRONIC STORAGE & ELECTRONIC DOCUMENT DELIVERY

- a) **Legal situation:** no change (The Belgian legal situation is very complex, with a mix of exclusive right and legal license for education and research)
- b) **Actual licensing:** none by Reprobel; by (newspaper) publishers some licensing based on exclusive right: Mediargus (Dutch language newspapers) and Pressbanking (French language newspapers)
- c) **Pilot projects:** none

9. DEVELOPMENTS SINCE LAST REPORT

- a) **Legislation:** none.
- b) **Court cases:** still one case: Machine makers went in 1999 to “the Council of State” for an abrogation of the equipment levy provisions in the Royal Decree. Resolution is expected in 2002.
- c) **Surveys & statistical results:** a survey on copying (where, what and origin) by the Author’s College, a survey on copying (categories, frequency) by the Publisher’s College and a survey on copying in primary and secondary schools in Flanders.
- d) **New areas of licensing:** none.
- e) **Others:** none.

CONVERSION INTO EURO

MEMBER ORGANISATION Reprobel

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	2000		1999	
	Local Currency m	in EURO	Local Currency m	in EURO
1) TOTAL INCOME from all licensing (i)	512,95	12,72	555,48	13,77
2) REPROGRAPHIC COLLECTIONS				
<i>domestic (2)</i>	512,95	12,72	555,48	13,77
<i>from foreign RRO's (3)</i>	0,00	0,00		
TOTAL	512,95	12,72	555,48	13,77
5) DISTRIBUTIONS				
<i>national rightsholders c)</i>				
<i>to foreign RRO's (d)</i>				
TOTAL				

Exchange rate as at 10th July 2001: 1 EUR = 40,3399 BEF