

Name: REPROBEL
Country: Belgium



1. ORGANISATION

Composition of Board:

Total number of Board Members: 14
How are Board Members elected: 7 members are designated by the authors' collecting societies and 7 by the publishers' collecting societies
Total number of Author Representatives: 7
Total number of Publisher: 7
Representatives:
Commercial Director Wim De Mont
Legal & international affairs Alexander Wybo

Members

Total number of Member Association: 15
Total Publishers' Associations: 8
Total Creators' (author and visual artists) Association: 8
Remarks about the members: The members of Reprobel are the Belgian collecting societies representing the right holders of reprographic rights of literary and artistic works : Authors' societies : ASSUCOPIE, JAM/SAJ, KVBKB/ARAPB, SABAM, SACD, SCAM, SOFAM and VEWA Publishers' societies : COPIEBEL, COPIEPRESSE, REPROCOPY, REPRO PP, REPROGRESS, SEMU, RUIT and SABAM

Staff: total number: 23

2. COLLECTION

Total amount collected for all licensing for last financial year: EUR 21 030 018.00

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Total amount collected nationally for last financial year
Levies on equipment and other medium: EUR 9 339 999.00

Total amount received from other RROs world-wide in last financial year: EUR 759 624.00

3. DISTRIBUTION

Distribution methods: Statistical surveys

In particular

Author/Publisher Split: 50/50
Authors' share: 40,16
Publishers' share: 50
Author of visual material's share: 9,84%

Administration costs: 11%
Administrative charge (actual figure): EUR 2 307 161.00
Are deductions for cultural and/or social purposes made ? : No

Total Amount Distributed in last financial year: EUR 19 106 332.00

Total Amount Distributed to National Rights Holders in last financial year: EUR 16 267 983.00

Of which for other types of works: EUR 16 267 983.00

Total Amount distributed to foreign RROs: EUR 2 838 349.00

4. NEW DEVELOPMENTS

New developments / legislation: The European Directive (2001/29/EC) on the information society was implemented into Belgian law by the Act of 22 May 2005. The Act amends the scope of various existing exceptions to the exclusive rights of authors so as to comply with the Directive (such as “reprography” and “private copy”) or broadens their application field independently of the Directive. The coming into force of the exceptions of “reprography” and “private copy” will be set by a future Royal Decree. Furthermore, a couple of new exceptions were introduced and some minor modifications made. The Act also implements the legal protection of technological measures and rights-management information. In April 2005, REPROBEL was entrusted with the levying and distribution of the compensation for the public lending right (Royal Decree of 7 April 2005). Previously limited to the authors, the Act of May 2005 considers that the publishers are also entitled to the compensation deriving from the public lending rights and sets the allocation basis at 70% for the authors and 30% for the publishers. The tariffs for the compensation of reprographic reproductions will, as of 1 January 2005, automatically be indexed on the 1st January of each year (Royal Decree of 11 November 2004).

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	2005-06 or 2005 Local Currency m	in €m*	2004-05 or 2004 Local Currency m	in €m**
TOTAL INCOME				
Total Amount Collected for all licensing for last financial year:	21 030 018.00	21 030 018.00	14 530 000.00	14 530 000.00
REPROGRAPHIC COLLECTIONS				
Total amount collected nationally:	20 270 394.00	20 270 394.00	14 530 000.00	14 530 000.00
Total amount received from other RROs world-wide in last financial year:	759 624.00	759 624.00	1 370 000.00	1 370 000.00
Total amount collected for all Reproduction Licensing for last financial year:	21 030 018.00	21 030 018.00	15 900 000.00	15 900 000.00
DISTRIBUTIONS				
Total amount distributed to national rightsholders:	16 267 983.00	16 267 983.00	-----	-----
Total amount distributed to foreign RRO's:	2 838 349.00	2 838 349.00	-----	-----
Total Amount Distributed in last financial year:	19 106 332.00	19 106 332.00	-----	-----
	*Exchange rate as at 1 January 2006		**Exchange rate as at 1 January 2005	