

COUNTRY OF OPERATION : Belgium

ORGANISATION : Reprobel

1. GENERAL INFORMATION

- a) History summary : Reprobel was founded on June 1994 and has been registered as a collecting society by the Minister of Justice on June 1996.
Then, Reprobel was designated as the (only one) collecting society entitled to collect reprographic fees in Belgium on October 1997.
Collection started on 1the January 1998.**
- b) Legal system : Legal licence, 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 (see list enclosed)**
- d) Composition of Board of Directors : 8 members, 4 designated by authors collecting societies and 4 designated by publishers collecting societies**
- e) Staff : 15 equivalent full time**
- f) Licensing : all sectors**
- g) Other rights : none**
- h) Financial year : 1 january / 31 december**
- i) Total Income from all licensing for last financial year :
13.778.275,87 euro**

1. DOMESTIC REPROGRAPHIC COLLECTIONS BY SOURCE

a) equipment levy : 4.998.667,79 euro

b) operators levy : total: 8.779.608,08 euro

note that this amount covers sometimes collections for 1999, 2000, 2001, due to the Belgian system which allow operators to pre-pay for 2 or 3 years.

In the same time, at the end of the fiscal year, important collections for 1998 were paid in 1999.

1. REPROGRAPHIC INCOME FROM OTHER RROS

none

2. ADMINISTRATIVE COSTS

Costs : 1.166.325,23 euro

Investments in 1999 : 93.474,28 euro

Note : In addition, Reprobel has to cover 50.582, 77 euro invested during the pre-collection period.

3. DISTRIBUTIONS & DISTRIBUTION PLANS

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a) Summary of distribution plan(s): in progress.

b) Author/Publisher split : legal split 50 /50

For the period 1/1/98 to 31/12/99 the total amount of distribution for the Author'sCollege is 8.842.319,46 euro and for the Publishers'College 8.842.319,46 euro. These amounts cover also collections for 200 and 2001, due to the Belgian system which allow to pre-pay for 2 or 3 years.

c) Distribution to National Rightsholders : in progress

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 licence for education and research)*
- b) *Actual licensing: none by Reprobel; by publishers some licensing based on exclusive right*
- c) *Pilot projects: none*

10. DEVELOPMENTS SINCE LAST REPORT

- a) *Legislation: none*
- b) *Court cases : one case: Machine makers went in 1999 to “the Council of State” for an abrogation of the equipment levy provisions in the royal Decree”. Resoolution is expected in 2002.*
- c) *Surveys & statistical results : none*
- d) *New areas of licensing : none*
- e) *Others*

CONVERSION INTO EURO

MEMBER ORGANISATION : REPROBEL

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	1999-0 or 1999		1998-9 or 1998	
	Local Currency m	in EUR m	Local Currency m	in EUR m
1) TOTAL INCOME				
from all licensing	555,48	13,77	267,86	6,64
2) REPROGRAPHIC COLLECTIONS				
<i>domestic (2)</i>	555,48	13,77	267,86	6,64
<i>from foreign RRO's (3)</i>	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00
Total	555,48	13,77	267,86	6,64
5) DISTRIBUTIONS				
<i>national rightsholders</i>	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00
<i>to foreign RRO's (d)</i>	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00
TOTAL	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00

Exchange rate as at 30th June 2000: 1 euro = 40,3399 BEF