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A hand is shown pointing towards a large, glowing blue copyright symbol (©) in the center. The symbol is surrounded by a complex network of white lines and dots, resembling a digital circuit or data flow. The background is a dark blue with a subtle pattern of concentric circles and lines.

LEGISLATION OF LICENSES

ARTICLE 13

Article 13 of the EU Copyright Directive states services such as YouTube could be held responsible if their users upload copyright-protected movies and music



WHAT IS ARTICLE 13



The Article 13 refers to services that primarily exist to give the public access to protected works, so it is likely to cover services such as YouTube, Dailymotion and Soundcloud.

However, there is also a long list of examples, including:



non-profit online encyclopedias



open source software
development platforms



cloud storage services



online marketplaces



communication services

WHAT DOES ARTICLE 13 SAY

Article 13 says content-sharing services must license copyright-protected material from the rights holders.



If that is not possible and material is posted on the service, the company may be held liable unless it can demonstrate:

- ❖ It made "best efforts" to get permission from the copyright holder.
- ❖ it made "best efforts" to ensure that material specified by rights holders was not made available.
- ❖ it acted quickly to remove any infringing material of which it was made aware.

