Copyright vote: Startups caught in no man’s land

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Allied for Startups regrets that the European Parliament’s Legal Affairs Committee was not able to strike a balance on copyright that reflects the reality of startups and innovators in Europe.

Following today’s vote, Allied for Startups director Lenard Koschwitz said: “Startups are now left in no man’s land. Europe is the second largest region for data analytics and is ramping up its push to be a leader in AI. Protecting IP shouldn’t prevent innovation - which provisions on Text and Data Mining, an additional neighbouring right and upload filters certainly will.”

Koschwitz said Allied for Startups looks forward to a challenger vote in Plenary, “Good policy means conditions where entrepreneurs in Europe can thrive. The new filtering and Text and Data Mining provisions mean legal uncertainty, not to mention risk, costs, and technical challenges for European startups.”