

PRESS RELEASE

THE COUNCIL OF STATE JUSTIFIES AUTODIA, GREEK AUTHORS AND WORLD REPERTORY

The Council of State, by the decision of the President of the 4th Section dated 23/12/2019, suspended, with a justified provisional order, the decision of the Ministry of Culture & Sports to revoke AUTODIA's license for two months, by actually invalidating this penalty.

The decision of the Ministry of Culture & Sports, in the middle of the holidays, deprived Greek authors and rightsholders, as well as the overwhelming majority of the foreign repertoire, of their remuneration, effectively disrupting the market. Tens of thousands of users did not know what to pay for royalties.

The Ministry of Culture & Sports imposed the sanction on the basis of a recommendation from the previous OPI Board, acting as a supervised and a supervisor, since on the one hand, OPI, through its service, EYED, collects its own royalties, and on the other, supervises those who collect royalties. The imposition of a penalty on AUTODIA by its competitor had abolished any notion of exercising democratic authority.

The decision of the Council of State justifies not only AUTODIA, but also all the Greek rightsholders and sister societies that have entrusted and supported it at such a critical time for collective management in our country.

AUTODIA has resumed its full operation, by exercising collective management, protecting its Members and continuing its mission seamlessly, providing all the guarantees of an Organization of European standards.

AUTODIA calls all parties involved to join forces along with the Organization in order to finally consolidate cooperative collective management in Greece, away from past practices, profit monopolies or government interventions, and finally hand over the baton to creators so that they manage their own rights.

AUTODIA, as the only licensed non-profit Collective Management Organization for Music Copyright in Greece, with its expertise, its information systems, its specialized staff and the support of the international federations CISAC, BIEM, GESAC of which it's a member, provides all guarantees for the achievement of the above objectives and moves forward vigorously.