

PRESS RELEASE

Collaboration Contract between AUTODIA and the Greek Chambers

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This Tuesday, 13 June 2017, at the Mansion of the Central Union of Greek Chambers (KEEE), a Collaboration Contract was entered into by **Mr. Yannis Glezos**, President of AUTODIA, **Mr. Constantinos Michalos**, President of KEEE and President of the Greek Chamber of Commerce and Industry, and **Mr. Stylianos Moraitis**, KEEE Coordinator for Intellectual Property Rights and President of the Chamber of Xanthi, who represent the members of all chambers of the country.

The AUTODIA Collective Management Organisation and the representatives of the Chambers proved in fact that the collective bargaining between Organisations and Professionals-Users is feasible when there is mutual trust and, what's more, when the parties are willing to resolve the problem of collecting the intellectual property royalties in Greece, which has tormented all parties concerned for so many years. They also proved that contracts may go on regardless of the law that has been unjustifiably delaying for two years to incorporate the European Directive 2014/26 into our national law.

This is a historic first — the **biggest** — for AUTODIA, after the reciprocal contract it entered into with **SIAE**, its accession as a regular member to **CISAC** (International Confederation of Societies of Authors and Composers) and its registration as member of **BIEM** (International Confederation Representing Mechanical Rights Societies).

KEEE represents more than 500,000 professionals and enterprises that are using music. By entering into said contract, the Chambers have proven in practice that they trust AUTODIA, as well as the creators, music publishers and beneficiaries it represents. By doing so, the Chambers together with AUTODIA are lending support to the cause of the Intellectual Property Rights, in a particularly crucial turning point for the future as regards the protection of intellectual property and creators in Greece.