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Dear Julia,

I write on behalf of the Jerome Gatehouse Collection Trust (JGCT) to offer our endorsement of the proposed Europeana Foundation response to the European Commission's public consultation on the review of the EU copyright rules.

JGCT fully supports the views of the Copyright Reform Working Group as expressed in the proposed response, and ask that our support be recorded in the response to the Commission.

We are a small charitable trust whose volunteers seek to preserve and expand a unique archive of military and police band history and memorabilia, and to make it available to the widest possible audience. As much of the archive is in the form of audio-visual material, together with historical photographic and documentary records, it is ideally suited to being digitised and made available via an Internet portal.

We are engaged in fundraising to support the on-going cataloguing and digitisation of the materials in the collection but have yet to tackle the copyright protection issues that would arise in providing public access to an online repository. An initial review of current copyright provisions suggests that the resources required to tackle this issue would far exceed those available to us, and would prevent this significant cultural heritage collection being made publically available.

We believe that reform of European copyright protection provisions in line with the principles documented in Europeana's consultation response would significantly reduce the disproportionate burden currently placed on non-commercial cultural heritage organisations throughout the EU.

Yours sincerely,

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The Jerome Gatehouse Collection exists to advance the education of the public in the history of military and police bands by the establishment, improvement and maintenance of an archive collection of articles, artefacts, music, information and related items

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