



**SROC welcomes European Parliament’s decisive vote to combat live sports piracy and calls on the Commission to act**

The Sports Rights Owners’ Coalition strongly commends the adoption of the European Parliament’s resolution on ‘Challenges of sport events’ organisers in the digital environment’.

We thank the 479 MEPs (out of 690 votes) who clearly demonstrated their support for our sector and the recognition of the significant challenges we face in today’s ever more digital world.

This resolution is a major step forward for the protection of live content more broadly, but for live sports content in particular. The resolution recognises the unique nature of live content and the fundamental need to move quickly to stop piracy. The call for an immediate, and in any event no later than within 30 minutes, removal of infringing broadcasts would have a hugely positive and almost instantaneous impact on addressing live sports content piracy.

We now call on the European Commission to follow the European Parliament’s recommendations and to introduce binding targeted legislation without delay. Both the context and expected timeframe of the proposed Digital Services Act are out of scope to provide the necessary solutions. Time is of the essence in this process and our sector urgently needs specific and efficient remedies as piracy continues to grow and dramatically undermine the viability of the model and funding of European sport.

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SROC is an informal group of 50 representatives of international, European and national sports bodies, operating as a forum through which sports can share information and experiences. Individually and collectively, we represent a majority of European and international leading and most popular sports and competitions, attracting millions of spectators, with many of our events available to consumers across a growing variety of broadcast platforms.