

Directive 2014/26/EU of the European Parliament and of the Council
of 26 February 2014 on collective management of copyright and
related rights and multi-territorial licensing of rights in musical works
for online use in the internal market (Text with EEA relevance)

TITLE II

COLLECTIVE MANAGEMENT ORGANISATIONS

CHAPTER 1

***Representation of rightholders and membership and
organisation of collective management organisations***

Article 6

Membership rules of collective management organisations

1 Member States shall ensure that collective management organisations comply with the rules laid down in paragraphs 2 to 5.

2 A collective management organisation shall accept rightholders and entities representing rightholders, including other collective management organisations and associations of rightholders, as members if they fulfil the membership requirements, which shall be based on objective, transparent and non-discriminatory criteria. Those membership requirements shall be included in the statute or membership terms of the collective management organisation and shall be made publicly available. In cases where a collective management organisation refuses to accept a request for membership, it shall provide the rightholder with a clear explanation of the reasons for its decision.

3 The statute of a collective management organisation shall provide for appropriate and effective mechanisms for the participation of its members in the organisation's decision-making process. The representation of the different categories of members in the decision-making process shall be fair and balanced.

4 A collective management organisation shall allow its members to communicate with it by electronic means, including for the purposes of exercising members' rights.

5 A collective management organisation shall keep records of its members and shall regularly update those records.