

New laws in the pipeline in Sweden, Poland and Italy: an opportunity for an ambitious PSI agenda

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In this last blog I have decided to write about one of our key daily tasks – PSI legislation and Commission's responsibilities in connection to this. As the guardian of the EC Treaty, the Commission ensures that community law is applied correctly. Consequently, it may launch infringement procedures against those Member States who fail to comply with Community law.

In the last 2 years we have initiated [3 infringement proceedings](#), namely against Poland, Sweden and Italy, for incomplete and/or incorrect implementation and application of the PSI Directive. I will not go into details where we stand with these proceedings. You can always get an up-date on our [PSI Website](#).

What I would like to do today is to pass an important message to both the law makers and the re-users in these countries. Infringement proceedings are an opportunity to prepare better legislation, building on what we know today. My message to the law makers: **"Be proactive! Bring together all stakeholders and discuss together about what kind of revised legislation would best help the PSI markets in your countries to grow and add value to your economies."** And a message to the re-users: **"This is your opportunity to actively participate in the drafting of new legislation."** The Directive provisions have of course to be transposed into national laws, but Member States can go beyond by for example setting up quick and inexpensive means of redress. Many have already done so.

Finally, I would like to thank to the ePSIplatform people for giving me the chance to participate and share my views with the users of their Website. Any comment, and even critics, to my any of my views are welcome.