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Subject: The European digital library and copyright documents

The European digital library has been on line for some months now. The works available via the Europeana portal are mainly works that are free of copyright made available by cultural institutions in the Member States. In order to expand this library, the objective is to be able to extend it to documents that are protected by copyright.

What measures does the Commission intend to take to further improve digitisation and promote the online accessibility of copyright works? With specific regard to orphan works and out-of-print works, what progress has been made and what is the Commission's position on the Arrow project? Are there plans for other medium-term solutions that comply with intellectual property rights?