

Baltic Press Publishers' Collective Management Organisation (BPCMO)

GENERAL PRINCIPLES FOR USING NON-DISTRIBUTABLE AMOUNTS

- 1) The BPCMO distributes collected licence and other similar fees to BPCMO members and to news media publishers represented on any other legal basis (including a representation agreement or law) (hereinafter jointly referred to as news media publishers) pursuant to the general principles, distribution plans and other internal instruments and regulations established by the BPCMO and in accordance with the provisions of the legislation in force in the Republic of Estonia.
- 2) The BPCMO is required to pay the collected licence and other similar fees to news media publishers within nine months of the end of the financial year in which the revenue arising from the rights was collected. The above term shall not apply if the BPCMO cannot meet it for objective reasons, in particular related to reporting by right holders, identifying rights and right holders or matching information on news media publications with right holders.
- 3) If the BPCMO has not been able to distribute the collected licence and other similar fees within the nine-month term prescribed in the previous clause for the reason that the BPCMO has not been able to ascertain the identity or location of the rights holders, and the abovementioned valid exception does not apply to this term, the BPCMO will keep these amounts separately in its accounts.
- 4) In order to distribute and pay licence and other similar fees to news media publishers, the BPCMO will take all necessary steps to ascertain their identity and location. If the BPCMO is not able to ascertain the identity and location of a news media publisher, the BPCMO shall have the right to consider the amounts of licence and other similar fees related to the unknown news media publications as non-distributable after three years from the end of the financial year in which the corresponding revenue arising from the rights was collected.
- 5) The Board of the BPCMO keeps account of non-distributable amounts.
- 6) The Board of the BPCMO decides on the use of non-distributable amounts. The licence and other similar fees collected but excluded from the distribution may be used to make additional payments or may be channelled to a fund for the common benefit of members to finance cultural, social or educational services and/or otherwise used for the benefit of news media publishers.

*These general principles for using non-distributable amounts have been approved
by the General Meeting of the BPCMO on 16 July 2024.*