

# Assessing the Operation of Copyright Systems: Tools for Building a Solid Information Base

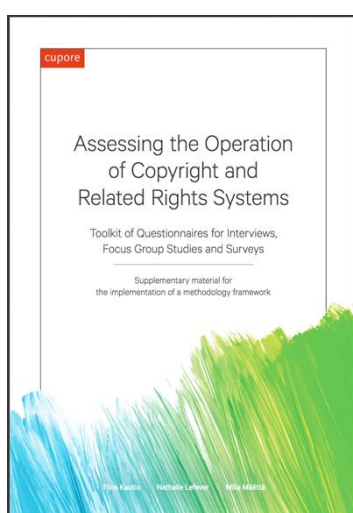
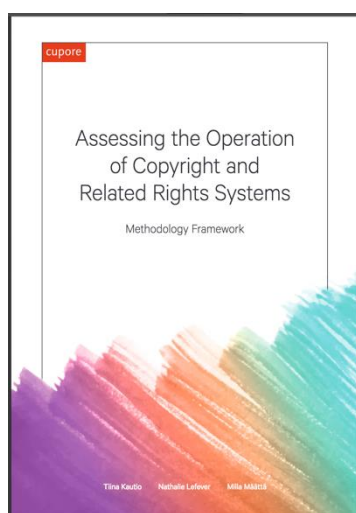
A solid information base is a crucial asset in the development of coherent copyright and related rights systems. Efficient copyright policies are based on a profound understanding of the copyright system's operation and the context in which it operates.

The project for establishing a methodology for a systematic assessment of national copyright and related rights systems was conducted at the Foundation for Cultural Policy Research (Cupore) in Finland between 2009 and 2016. The objective of the project was to establish a set of guidelines for the assessment of national copyright systems' operation in order to support the development of copyright and related rights policies and strategies.

The project resulted in a **handbook presenting a comprehensive set of guidelines to assess the operation of national copyright and related rights systems**. The handbook describes a structured methodology framework providing instructions for building a detailed presentation of a national copyright system and for assessing its operation from different points of view. The purpose of the methodology is to support national governments when designing new measures for improving the operation of the copyright system.

A **toolkit of model questionnaires for the assessment of national copyright and related rights systems** constitutes supplementary material to the handbook presenting the methodology framework. It provides guidelines for researchers collecting data by the means of interviews, focus group studies or surveys. The questionnaires can be used to gather the personal opinions and experiences of the study subjects, as well as to collect expert views on selected topics.

Cupore has also published the results of the pilot phase of the project, carried out in 2013-2015. During the piloting process, the indicators specified in the methodology framework were put into practice in Finland.



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