# WIPO- BCC ADVANCED TRAINING COURSE PRS FOR MUSIC



# OVERVIEW OF PRS FOR MUSIC

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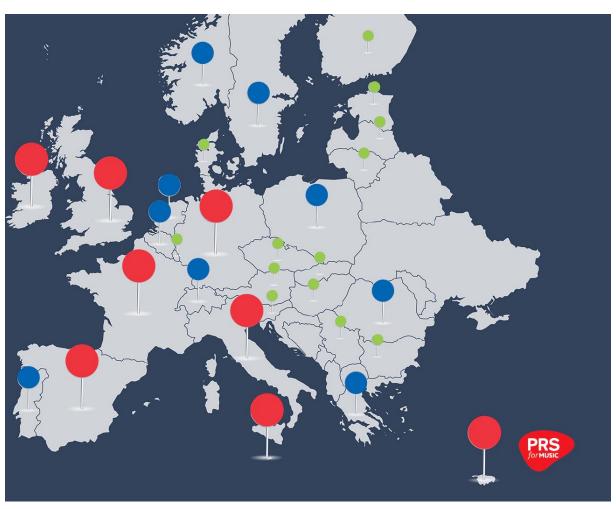


# Who are we?

A music collecting society representing over **155,000** songwriters, composers and music publishers in the UK, Europe and around the world.

There are people who write and publish the song, and people who perform and produce.

PRS for Music deals with songwriting and publishing.



# Performing vs mechanical

# Performing Right Royalties

- Live performances
- Playback of recorded music (e.g. restaurants, bars)
- Online / streaming
- TV & radio broadcast

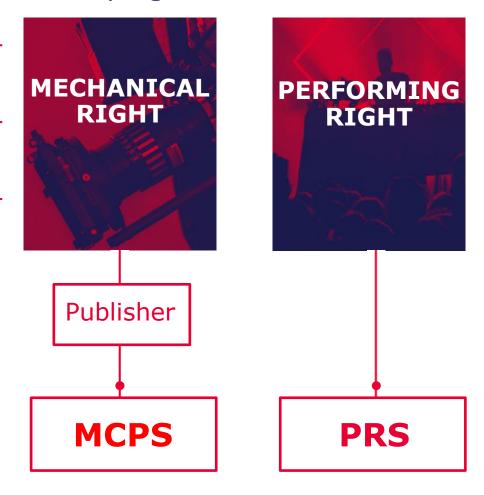
# Mechanical Right Royalties

- CDs, vinyl records, tapes
- DVDs
- Reproduced for a soundtrack of a film or TVthis reproduction is called "synchronisation"



# The rights we represent

Two key rights for music creators



# Our subsidiaries

PRS have an everchanging scope and over the last few years there has been a necessity to consolidate various parts of the business

PUBLIC PERFOMANCE LICENSING



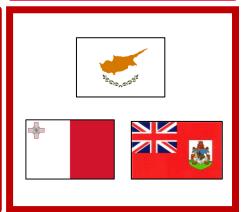
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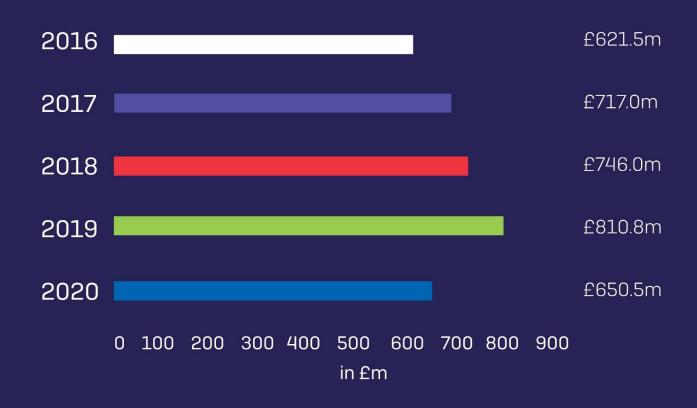




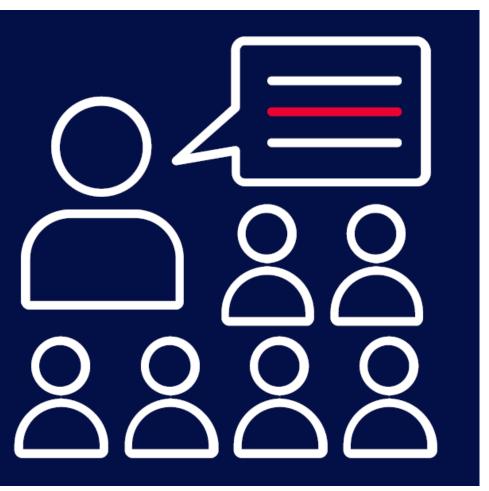


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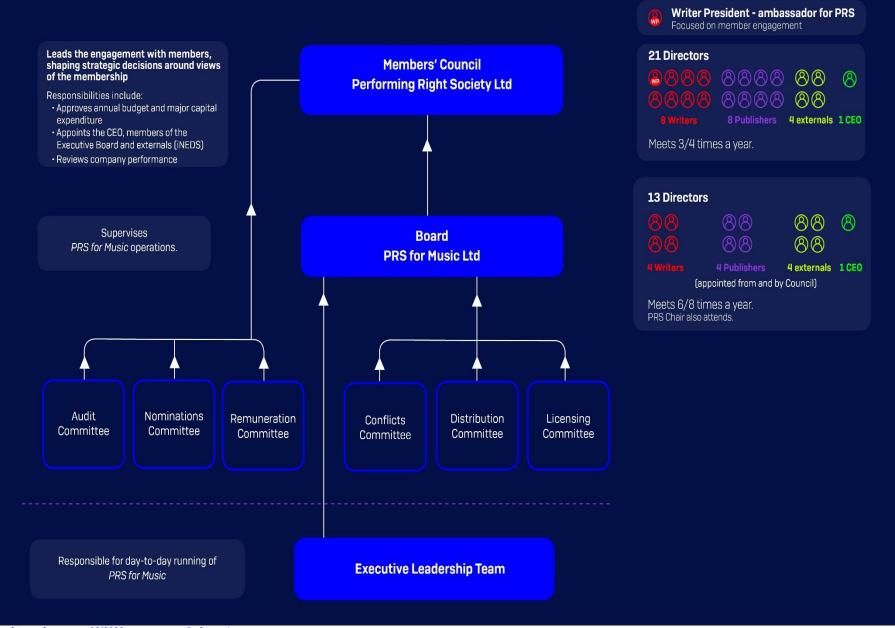
#### PRS for Music BIG NUMBERS 2020



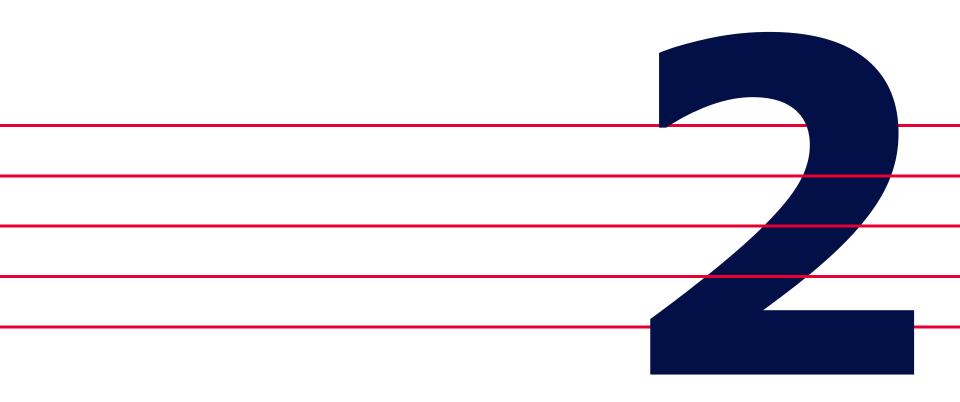
# **GOVERNANCE** Our Council and Board



- PRS for Music owned and governed by its members.
- PRS Council members are elected by the members at the AGM.
- The board consists of a 50/50 split of representatives (50% writer, 50% publisher).



# Licensing



# PRS for Music

# Main licensing areas

#### **Public Performance**

40+ licensing tariffs across a wide range of sectors and activities (e.g. offices, shops and concerts

Permits performing music in public

## **Broadcast and Online (UK)**

A mixture of published schemes and bespoke licensing agreements. Broadcast, e.g. negotiated blanket licenses or % sales revenue. Online, typically % revenue supported by minimum rates

Permits the communication to the public of music

#### **Recorded Media**

A number of published schemes, licensing making physical copies for a range of purposes

Permits reproducing copies of music

# Broad approach to licensing

- The size and scale of licensees varies widely, e.g. Broadcasting is dominated by a few large companies; Public Performance licenses a very "long tail".
- So, the customer approach is tailored to the requirements of the user and the complexities of the licence. Large accounts are account managed; small Public Performance uses have a simplified renewal process.
- We have a business-wide Code of Conduct setting out our commitment to good service and transparency.



# Assessing the license value

#### **Considerations**

- Amount of music/ repertoire likely to be used
- Value/ importance of use to our members
- Value of use to the consumer, business/ licensee
- Business model
- Revenue generated by the service (à la carter, subscription, advertising)
- Functionality
- Audience size & reach

#### **Charging Methods**

- Published fixed tariffe.g. fixed on consumption/ floor space
- Published variable tariff- e.g. % revenue or minima
- Negotiated lump sum
- Rate per track

LICENSING AREAS			



# Public Performance

# Public Performance licensing approach

#### **Current licensing relationship structure**

#### Governance

**Copyright Tribunal:** licensing disputes **Ombudsman:** customer complaints

#### **Licensing Agent**

**Primary:** PPL PRS LTD **Secondary:** Trade Body/Specialist

# Licensing relationship

#### Customer

Venues, promoters, production companies etc.

#### **Customer Representatives**

Trade bodies, politicians, associations etc.

#### **General licensing approach**

- We license over 200k customers across 42 different tariffs with Hotels & Restaurants, Hair & Beauty and Retail the three largest
- Relationships with high volume, low value customers are predominantly telephone-based whereas interactions with high-value customers tend to be face to face
- The majority of licences are granted on a rolling, annual basis with the exception of 'live' events which tend to be on an event by event basis
- Charges vary from tariff to tariff but tend to be determined by music usage (e.g. background vs. featured) and most appropriate charge for business type e.g. charge based on floor space or capacity or admissions

# PPL PRS JOINT VENTURE

- In February 2018, PPL and PRS for Music launched a joint venture, PPL PRS Ltd, jointly and equally owned, to focus on serving all of our UK public performance licensing customers.
- The launch of the joint venture will simplify public performance licensing for our customers, by covering the permissions needed from both PPL and PRS for Music in one transaction and a single combined licence, known as TheMusicLicence.
- PPL and PRS for Music develop, consult and set their UK public performance tariffs independently of each other and there are no immediate plans to consolidate tariffs.







PRS for Music BIG NUMBERS 2020

# **Broadcast**

£127.4m

-2.6% on 2019



# TV

- Bespoke licenses negotiated with broadcasters for BARB-rated and ex-UK channels
- License fees negotiated on basis of:
- Audience size (BARB data for UK channels)
- Music hours broadcast
- Number of channels/ services
- Extent to which music is copied
- Fees typically adjusted annually by change in audience size and inflation
- Licensing schemes for non-BARB TV channels, Music TV, and local TV

# Radio



#### Commercial Radio

- Royalty rate of 3%, 4% or 5.25% of Net Broadcast Revenue, depending on size of station, subject to annual minimum fee
- Global and Bauer radio groups- c.75% of market

## Community Radio

- Royalty rate of 3%, 4% or 5.25% of Net Broadcast Revenue, depending on size of station, subject to annual minimum fee
- Joint PPL-PRS licence, administered by PPL

#### Other Radio Stations

- Radio Advertising Production Music licence: use of production music in adverts made by commercial radio stations, fees based on station reach
- Short term licences (e.g. festival radio): fee per day of broadcast (up to 28 days)
- Student radio, hospital radio etc: annual flat fee

RECORDED MEDIA				



# Recorded Media

#### MCPS Recorded Media...

...brings in circa £60m royalties per annum through licensing several thousand businesses and individuals.

#### Who we licence...

...record labels, DVD producers, background music providers, karaoke companies, DJs, schools, small businesses, private individuals and more...

#### We cover...

..music licensing on all physical formats / products including CDs, DVDs, as well as the use of MCPS production music...

#### How we license...

..MCPS Recorded Media operates a range of published schemes for varying types of music usage including retail, non-retail and production music. Royalties are either accounted on quarterly basis in arrears or at point of manufacture/ production. A number of our licences are also available through our company website.

ONLINE		





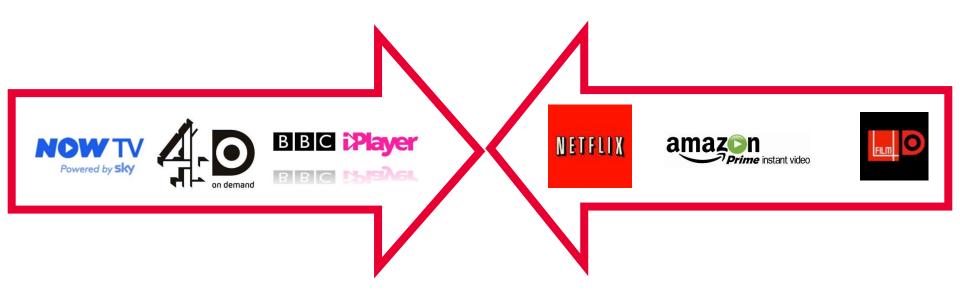
+5.1% on 2019



# PRS vs ICE who does what?



# General Entertainment Services



# New Digital Opportunities













# Solutions for small to large music users

- Accessible online, decision in minutes
- 5 options, from £133 to £1,318
- Blanket repertoire and minimal administration

- Simplified application form, decision in days
- 15 options, from £2.2k to £16.8k
- Blanket repertoire and low administration

## **Bespoke UK or Pan-European Licensing**

- UK Blanket (subject to re-aggregation), high administration
- Repertoire specific multi-territory licensing- full fragmentation

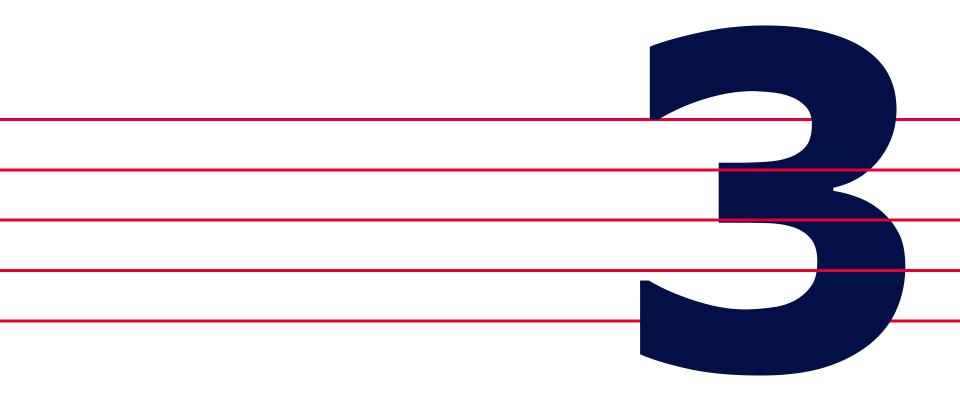
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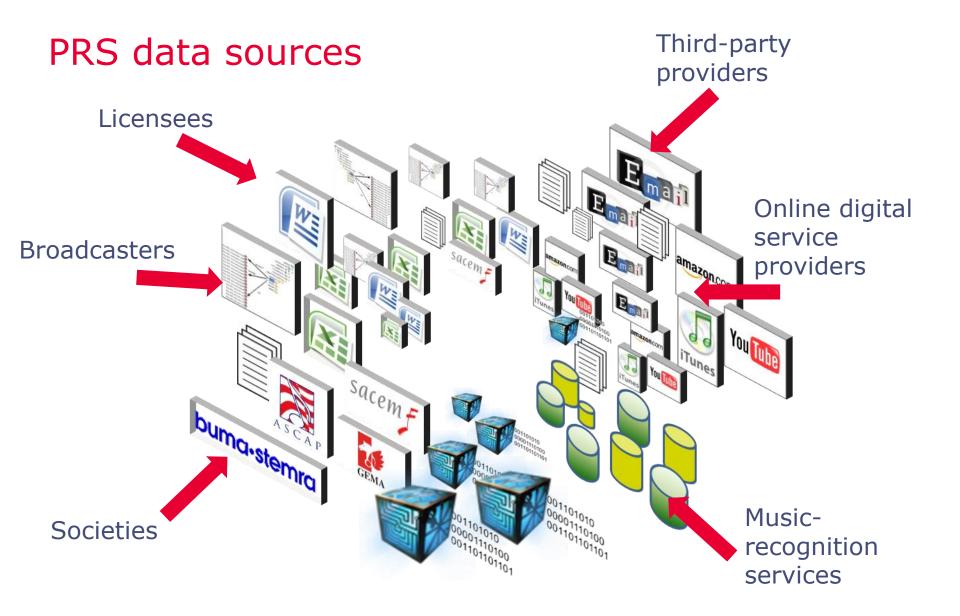
-10.7% on 2019

# Operations & Service Delivery



# PRS distribution cycles





# Public performance and live – setlist sources









#### Licensees:

Premises where music is performed. Under their licence terms, they are obliged to send the setlist to PPL PRS.

#### **Festival Setlist Collecting:**





- Download
- Glastonbury
- Reading & Leeds
- Isle of Wight

#### **Online sources:**

- Band websites
- Setlist FM
- YouTube



#### **PRS Members:**

Members or representatives selfreport via online Live Reporting Tool

# Radio data sources







# **Independent Local radio Broadcasters (Non-BBC) 397 stations**

#### **Reporting Contains:**

- · Main music played
- Commercials
- Station Identifier (Idents)

#### **BBC Radio Stations 104 stations**

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- Main music played
- Commercials
- Station Identifier (Idents)









#### **Soundmouse**

Specialist music recognition company, working with PRS (and other CMOs) and broadcasters to improve the accuracy of usage data through audio recognition

# Audio visual data sources











**Broadcasters (circa 500 channels)** 

#### We receive:

- Inhouse and Commissioned Cue Sheets
- Usage logs provided in AV 5.2 format (transmission info i.e. programme times, commercial start and end times 24/7)





Foreign Societies (circa 200)

#### We receive:

Cue Sheets





#### **Production Companies**

#### We receive:

Cue Sheets

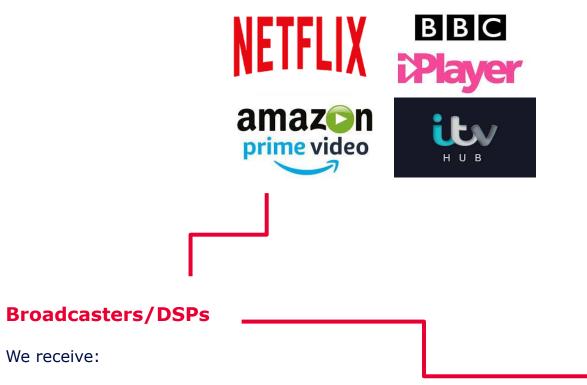


**Writers/ Publishers** 

#### We receive:

Cue Sheets

# GEOD/ GEOL data sources





- 1. Provided cue sheets in various formats
- 2. OnMusic converts these files and loads.

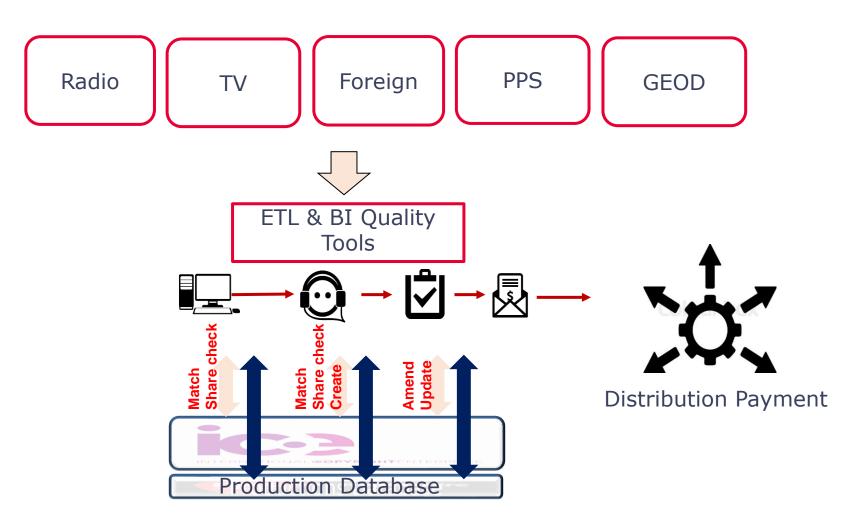
- Production Companies: Cue sheets
- 2. Foreign Societies: Cue sheets (CISNET)
- 3. Publishers Writers: Cue sheets

 Inhouse/ commissioned cue sheets

Production and sales

information

# Operations data flow



# Manual matching and processing

Total number of cases processed 358,008



81,644 Radio



112,309 AV Cue & Work Level usage



73,725
AV & GEOD
Production Usage



**31,790** Foreign Usage



**500** Cinema Usages



15,577 Live Setlist Usages



Public Performance Usages



11,916
Agencies Usages



1,054

Total number of days needed to complete D192



339
Average number of cases processed per staff member per day



16K
Average number of cases processed per staff member for the whole distribution

# **ANY QUESTIONS**

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# **THANK YOU!**

