

Directive 96/9/EC of the European Parliament and of the  
Council of 11 March 1996 on the legal protection of databases

CHAPTER II

**COPYRIGHT**

*Article 4*

**Database authorship**

1 The author of a database shall be the natural person or group of natural persons who created the base or, where the legislation of the Member States so permits, the legal person designated as the rightholder by that legislation.

2 Where collective works are recognized by the legislation of a Member State, the economic rights shall be owned by the person holding the copyright.

3 In respect of a database created by a group of natural persons jointly, the exclusive rights shall be owned jointly.