

# **FOP 101: Freedom of Panorama**

CEE Meeting, Kiev, 2014

# What is it about?

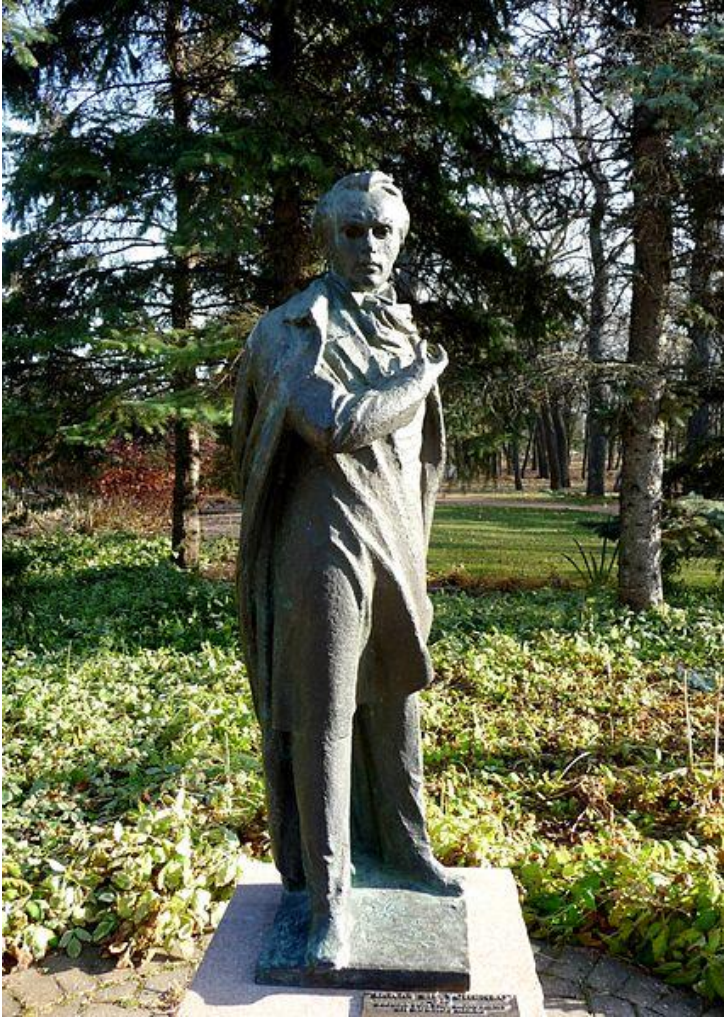
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- ▶ **Freedom of panorama** — provision in the copyright laws that permits making images of buildings (and artworks which are permanently located in public places) and publishing such images



# Example: FOP

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- ▶ Taras Shevchenko sculpture in Canada

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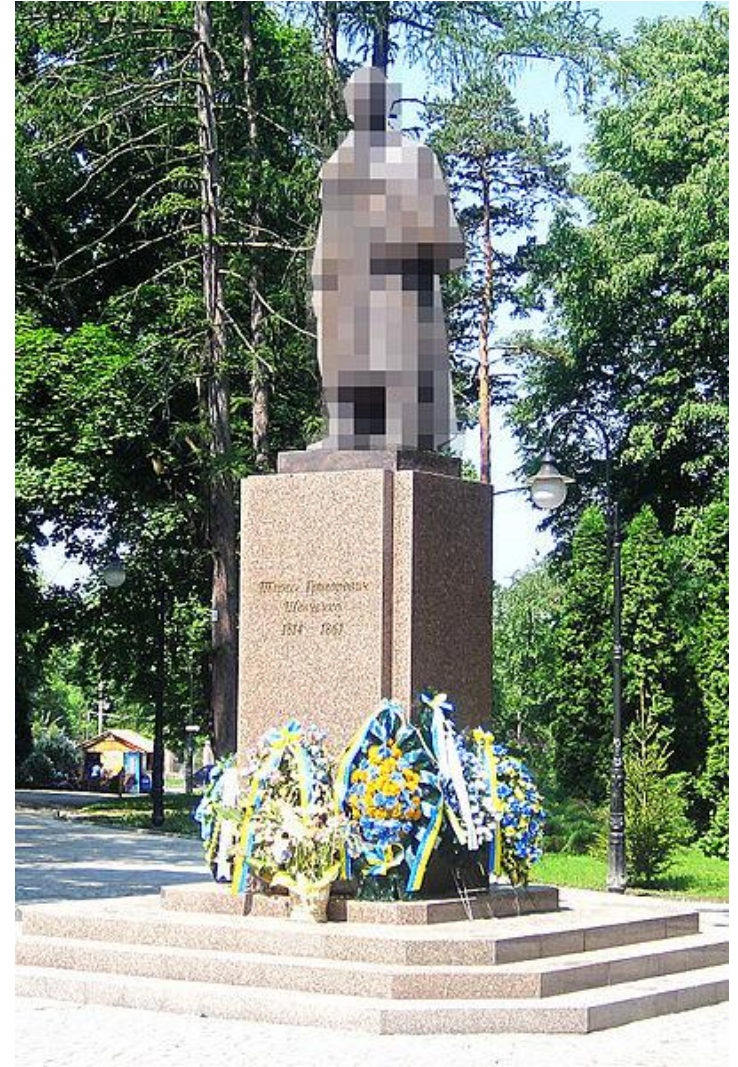
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# Example: NOFOP

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- ▶ Taras Shevchenko sculpture in Ukraine
- ▶ Not in public domain yet
  
- ▶ This image cannot be used in Wikipedia freely



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# Freedom of Panorama in Europe

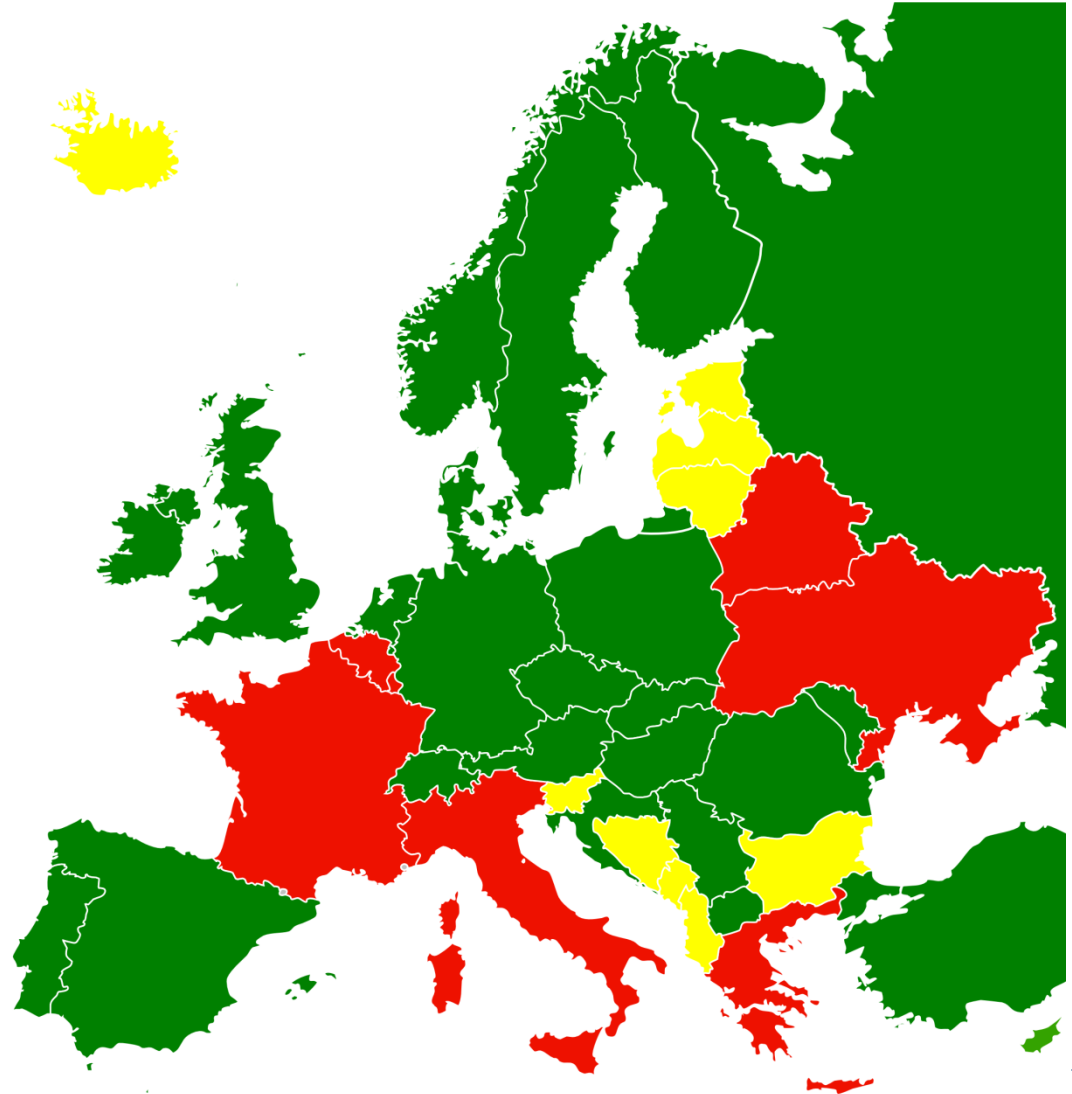
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## ► Buildings

*Green* – FOP

*Yellow* – Non-commercial use only

*Red* – No FOP



## State of the FOP

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### ▶ **2014:**

- ▶ **83 countries** have adopted Freedom of Panorama norms
- ▶ **In Ukraine** you still have to take a written permission from an author (architect, sculptor) to distribute a photo of his/her work



# Is this law practiced in Ukraine?

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- ▶ **Nobody seems to care**
  - ▶ at a first glance
  - ▶ photographers at such sites as Flickr, Panoramio, Wikipedia, Wikimapia ignore it
  - ▶ but this law is indeed practices in Ukraine



While ultimately

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- ▶ **Wikipedia cannot violate any laws (even if they are mostly on paper)**





## The two solutions

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- ▶ **Wait 70 years after death of the authors**
  - ▶ For example, center of Kiev would become free only in 2059
- ▶ **OR: Persuade legislative bodies of our countries to adopt FOP**

