What’s on tonight?
The audiovisual regulation in the age of on-demand
Media seminar - Brussels

Purpose
The European Parliament press service is holding a media seminar to give the opportunity to key media actors, leading Members of Parliament and stakeholders to look into possible solutions for the discrepancies that arise from technological convergence in the audiovisual world.

MEPs are currently working on revising the existing Audiovisual Media Services Directive in order to respond to market, consumption and technological changes and thereby achieving the overarching objective of bringing about a balance between competitiveness and consumer protection. The seminar is being held on 9 and 10 May, in Brussels.

Inside
This publication provides extracts of relevant supporting analyses from Parliament’s Policy Departments for the committees on Culture, on Industry and Research, on Internal Market and Consumer Protection, on Civil Liberties, and on Foreign Affairs. Scan the QR codes or click on the publication title.

Publications
Fact Sheets compilation: audiovisual policy, intellectual and commercial property, EU digital agenda - April 2017

As explained in this compilation of Fact Sheets, the key piece of EU legislation in the field of audiovisual and media policy is the Audiovisual Media Services Directive, which is currently under revision. The main EU instrument to help the industry (especially the film industry) is the MEDIA sub-programme of Creative Europe, whilst the Charter of Fundamental Rights of the EU asks for respect of freedom and pluralism of the media. The compilation also includes Fact Sheets on intellectual, industrial and commercial property, on Europe’s digital agenda and on cultural policy.

European leadership in 5g - December 2016

The telecommunications industry sees 5G as the next global market that will serve smart consumer devices, with a major role to play in enabling the Internet of Things. The key question, however, is whether 5G enables services that consumers – business and individuals – are willing to pay for. This report examines the concept of 5G, how it might fit in the future telecommunications landscape, the state of play in research and development in the EU and globally, the possible business models and the role of standards and spectrum policy to assess the EU’s strategic position.

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PE 600.422 - May 2017
Combatting consumer discrimination in the Digital Single Market - September 2016

The paper conducts a stocktaking exercise of the state of play in the Digital Single Market and offers a critical assessment of the most relevant initiatives to combat consumer discrimination. It gives an overview of discriminatory practices in the online environment and assesses the magnitude of the problem. Differences between justified and unjustified geo-blocking are discussed. An in-depth analysis of the European Commission’s proposals on geo-blocking, portability and parcel delivery and its investigation into the distribution of audiovisual content is also made.

A comparative analysis of media freedom and pluralism in the EU member states - September 2016

The authors of this study argue that democratic processes in several EU countries are suffering from systemic failure, with the result that the basic conditions of media pluralism are not present, and, at the same time, that the distortion in media pluralism is hampering the proper functioning of democracy. The study offers a new approach to strengthening media freedom and pluralism, bearing in mind the different political and social systems of the Member States. The authors propose concrete, enforceable and systematic actions to correct the deficiencies found.

The European legal framework on hate speech, blasphemy and its interaction with freedom of expression - September 2015

This study provides an overview of the legal framework applicable to hate speech and hate crime on the one hand and to blasphemy and religious insult on the other hand. It also evaluates the effectiveness of existing legislation in selected Member States and explores opportunities to strengthen the current EU legal framework, whilst fully respecting the fundamental rights of freedom of expression and freedom of thought, conscience and religion. The study also provides the European Parliament with guidelines on dealing with hate speech within the EU institutions.

Transatlantic digital economy and data protection: future implications for EU external policy - July 2016

The internet has created a new global nervous system affecting all aspects of European society, politics and business. This digital transformation has enormous implications for the transatlantic relationship, especially in light of differences on the appropriate balance between personal data protection, economic growth and national security. This study details digital and data issues in the TTIP; explains how this intersects with the EU-US Privacy Shield Agreement and the Safe Harbour judgment; and explores issues in transatlantic law enforcement cooperation, amongst others.

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The Fact Sheets give an overview of European integration and of Parliament’s contribution to the process. They cover six main themes:
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- a citizens’ Europe;
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