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AMENDMENTS

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Draft opinion
Cornelis de Jong
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Implementation of the Audiovisual Media Services Directive
(2012/2132(INI))

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Amendment 1
Petru Constantin Luhan

Draft opinion
Paragraph 1

Draft opinion

1. Considers that concentration of media ownership may undermine freedom of information, **and** in particular the right to receive information, and therefore requests the Commission to specify the ownership relations existing among the 7 500 broadcasters it has identified in the EU, with the aim of singling out the potential challenges relating to plurality in these media services;

Amendment

1. Considers that concentration of media ownership may undermine freedom of information, in particular the right to receive information, and **could lead to corruption and manipulation of public opinion**; therefore requests the Commission to specify the ownership relations existing among the 7 500 broadcasters it has identified in the EU, with the aim of singling out the potential challenges relating to plurality in these media services; **moreover, suggests a standardisation of provisions for regulators for the audio visual sector in all Member States**;

Or. en

Amendment 2
Salvatore Iacolino

Draft opinion
Paragraph 1

Draft opinion

1. Considers that concentration of media ownership may undermine freedom of information, and in particular the right to receive information, and therefore requests the Commission to specify the ownership relations existing among the 7 500 broadcasters it has identified in the EU, with the aim of **singling out the potential**

Amendment

1. Considers that concentration of media ownership may undermine freedom of information, and in particular the right to receive information, and therefore requests the Commission to specify the ownership relations existing among the 7 500 broadcasters it has identified in the EU, with the aim of **identifying possible**

challenges relating to plurality in these media services;

breaches of existing regulations;

Or. it

Amendment 3
Kinga Göncz

Draft opinion
Paragraph 1 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

1a. Requests the Commission in line with Art. 30 of the Directive to monitor the independence of the competent regulatory authorities in the Member States; calls on the Commission to review the directive taking into account the changing media environment and the challenges the audiovisual media sector faces, including the attempts of government and business circles to exert influence on the media;

Or. en

Amendment 4
Josef Weidenholzer

Draft opinion
Paragraph 3 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

3a. Calls on the Commission to draw up measures aimed at preventing the discrimination practised in commercial communications on account of sex, origin, nationality, religion or belief, disability, age, or sexual orientation; considers gender stereotyping to be one area in which there is a continuing need to raise awareness;

Or. de

Amendment 5
Petru Constantin Luhan

Draft opinion
Paragraph 4

Draft opinion

Amendment

4. Regrets the fact that not all the grounds identified in Article 21 of the Charter of Fundamental Rights are mentioned in Article 6 of the AVMS Directive; invites the Commission to consider extending the scope of that article, thus bringing it in line with the Charter;

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Or. en

Amendment 6
Timothy Kirkhope
on behalf of the ECR Group

Draft opinion
Paragraph 6 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

6a. Stresses that as well as examining the scope and possible amendment of the Audio Visual Services Directive, there should be greater emphasis placed on compliance and implementation of the current Directive;

Or. en

Amendment 7
Timothy Kirkhope
on behalf of the ECR Group

Draft opinion
Paragraph 6 b (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

6b. Expresses the importance of maintaining a balance between press freedom and press responsibility;

Or. en

**Amendment 8
Josef Weidenholzer**

**Draft opinion
Paragraph 6 a (new)**

Draft opinion

Amendment

6a. Points out that the current copyright rules impede the use of audio-visual services on equal terms; considers that exceptions to copyright and alternative licensing arrangements such as Creative Commons should be encouraged; believes that measures affording equal access to cultural assets are to be welcomed;

Or. de

**Amendment 9
Josef Weidenholzer**

**Draft opinion
Paragraph 6 b (new)**

Draft opinion

Amendment

6b. Calls on the Commission, in its next report, to focus especially on the problem of the digital divide, that is to say, the inequality and asymmetry as regards information resulting from inadequate access to new information and communication technologies;

Amendment 10
Petru Constantin Luhan

Draft opinion
Paragraph 7

Draft opinion

7. Reaffirms the importance of protecting minors in television broadcasting; recommends Member States *to consider prohibiting any commercial communications in children's programmes, inter alia in order not to exhort minors to buy a product or a service by exploiting their inexperience or credulity;*

Amendment

7. Reaffirms the importance of protecting minors in television broadcasting; recommends Member States *to take into consideration the importance of protecting minors in television broadcasting, in accordance with Article 9 (1)(g) of the Audiovisual Commercial Communications;*

Amendment 11
Livia Járóka

Draft opinion
Paragraph 7

Draft opinion

7. Reaffirms the importance of protecting minors in television broadcasting; recommends Member States to consider prohibiting any commercial communications in children's programmes, inter alia in order not to exhort minors to buy a product or a service by exploiting their inexperience or credulity;

Amendment

7. Reaffirms the importance of protecting minors in television broadcasting; recommends Member States to consider prohibiting any commercial communications in children's programmes, inter alia in order not to exhort minors to buy a product or a service by exploiting their inexperience or credulity; *furthermore recommends to providers of television programmes or services to designate an appointee for the protection of minors, to serve as a contact for users as well as an advisor for providers on issues regarding the protection of minors;*

Amendment 12
Kinga Göncz

Draft opinion
Paragraph 7 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

7a. Calls on the Commission to ask the Member States to implement the rules of accessibility, and follow the situation closely in order to provide an overview of measures taken by the Member States;

Amendment 13
Zbigniew Ziobro

Draft opinion
Paragraph 8

Draft opinion

Amendment

8. Calls on the Commission to maintain, in the EU's external trade agreements, the definitions of audiovisual media services of the Directive, thus 'carving out' those services.

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Amendment 14
Petru Constantin Luhan

Draft opinion
Paragraph 8

Draft opinion

8. Calls on the Commission to maintain, in the EU's external trade agreements, the **definitions** of audiovisual media services of the Directive, thus **'carving out'** those services.

Amendment

8. Calls on the Commission to maintain, in the EU's external trade agreements, the **concept** of audiovisual media services of the Directive, thus **defining** those services.

Or. en

Amendment 15
Zbigniew Ziobro

Draft opinion
Paragraph 8 – (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

8. Calls on the Commission to present an annual report on freedom of the media in individual Member States.

Or. pl

Amendment 16
Anna Hedh

Draft opinion
Paragraph 8 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

8a. Calls on the European Commission to investigate better methods of regulating alcohol advertising, as self-regulatory codes are not sufficient to effectively protect minors;

Or. en

Amendment 17
Petru Constantin Luhan

**Draft opinion
Paragraph 8 a (new)**

Draft opinion

Amendment

8a. Highlights the need of a pan-European comparative study in order to further understand how children's, adolescents' and adults' media consumption behaviour is evolving; such a study would be beneficial to audiovisual policymakers at EU level and in the Member States;

Or. en

**Amendment 18
Petru Constantin Luhan**

**Draft opinion
Paragraph 8 b (new)**

Draft opinion

Amendment

8b. Recommends the strengthening of the role of the European Audiovisual Observatory as this would be an appropriate solution for collecting data concerning the promotion of European audio-visual works;

Or. en

**Amendment 19
Petru Constantin Luhan**

**Draft opinion
Paragraph 8 c (new)**

Draft opinion

Amendment

8c. Asks the Commission to take into consideration the following aspects when

*launching the public consultations on
connected or hybrid television :
standardisation, technological neutrality,
the challenge of personalised services,
especially for persons with disabilities,
problems related to multi-cloud security,
accessibility to users, protecting children
and human dignity;*

Or. en