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Amendment 296

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Report

Sabine Verheyen

European Media Freedom Act

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Proposal for a regulation

Article 2 – paragraph 1 – point 17

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(17) ‘serious crime’ means any of the following criminal offences listed in Article 2(2) of the Council Framework Decision 2002/584/JHA⁵⁸ :

deleted

(a) terrorism,

(b) trafficking in human beings,

(c) sexual exploitation of children and child pornography,

(d) illicit trafficking in weapons, munitions and explosives,

(e) murder, grievous bodily injury,

(f) illicit trade in human organs and tissues,

(g) kidnapping, illegal restraint and hostage-taking,

(h) organised or armed robbery,

(i) rape,

(j) crimes within the jurisdiction of the International Criminal Court.

⁵⁸ **Council Framework Decision 2002/584/JHA of 13 June 2002 on the European arrest warrant and the surrender procedures between Member States (OJ L 190, 18.7.2002, p. 1-20).**

Or. en

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Article 3 – paragraph 1

Text proposed by the Commission

Recipients of media services in the Union shall ***have the right*** to receive a plurality of ***news and current affairs content***, produced with respect for editorial freedom of media service providers, to the benefit of the public discourse.

Amendment

Member States shall ***respect the rights of the general public*** to receive a plurality of ***media services***, produced with respect for editorial freedom of media service providers, to the benefit of the public discourse.

The general public shall have the right to receive accurate information provided in a professional and objective way.

Any interested party shall have the right of reply and shall have access to a remedy, including in a court of law, where his or her rights are violated by a media service provider.

Or. en

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Proposal for a regulation

Article 4 – paragraph 2 – introductory part

Text proposed by the Commission

2. Member States shall respect effective editorial freedom of media service providers. Member States, including their national regulatory authorities and bodies, shall not:

Amendment

2. Member States shall respect effective editorial freedom of media service providers, ***uphold their obligations under the Treaties and the Charter of Fundamental Rights of the European Union, and protect the confidentiality of sources.*** Member States, including their national regulatory authorities and bodies, shall not:

Or. en

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Proposal for a regulation

Article 4 – paragraph 2 – point b

Text proposed by the Commission

(b) detain, sanction, intercept, subject to surveillance or search and seizure, or inspect media service providers or, if applicable, their family members, their employees or their family members, or their corporate and private premises, on the ground that they refuse to disclose information on their sources, ***unless this is justified by an overriding requirement in the public interest, in accordance with Article 52(1) of the Charter and in compliance with other Union law;***

Amendment

(b) detain, sanction, intercept, subject to surveillance or search and seizure, or inspect media service providers or, if applicable, their family members, their employees or their family members, or their corporate and private premises, on the ground that they refuse to disclose information on their sources.

Or. en

Justification

In no circumstances the journalists, their families or employers should be "detained, sanctioned, intercepted, subjected to surveillance or search and seizure", as well as all be subjected to any other measure mentioned in this article, on the ground that they refuse to disclose information on their sources. Guaranteeing the confidentiality of the journalistic sources is the bedrock of media freedom.

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Article 4 – paragraph 2 – point c

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(c) deploy spyware in any device or machine used by media service providers or, if applicable, their family members, or their employees or their family members, ***unless the deployment is justified, on a case-by-case basis, on grounds of national security and is in compliance with Article 52(1) of the Charter and other Union law or the deployment occurs in serious crimes investigations of one of the aforementioned persons, it is provided for under national law and is in compliance with Article 52(1) of the Charter and other Union law, and measures adopted pursuant to sub-paragraph (b) would be inadequate and insufficient to obtain the information sought.***

(c) deploy spyware in any device or machine used by media service providers or, if applicable, their family members, or their employees or their family members.

Or. en

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Proposal for a regulation

Article 4 – paragraph 2 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

2a. Member States, large online platforms, very large online platforms and online search engines shall not censor media service providers.

Or. en