Annual Conference on European Media Law 2017

- Update on the reform of the AVMS Directive
- Revision of the EU framework for online (re)transmission of broadcasting
- Journalistic activity

Brussels, 8-9 June 2017

Speakers

Judit Bayer, Associate Professor, Department for Media and Social Communication, Budapest Business School, Budapest
Lynn Boylan, Member of European Parliament, Brussels
Ross Biggam, Vice-President Public Affairs, Discovery Communications, Brussels
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Jörgen Gren, Member of the Cabinet of Commissioner Andrus Ansip, Digital Economy and Society and Digital Single Market, European Commission, Brussels
Michael R. Kogler, Constitutional Service, Austrian Federal Chancellery, Vienna
Gill Phillips, Director of Editorial Legal Services, Guardian News & Media, London
Nils Rauer, Partner, Hogan Lovells International LLP, Frankfurt
Sophie Scrive, European Newspaper Publishers’ Association (ENPA), Brussels
Paul Stone, Partner, Charles Russell Speechlys LLP, London
Sabine Verheyen, Member of European Parliament, Brussels
Erik Valgaeren, Partner, Stibbe, Brussels
Dr Jenny Weinand, Legal Counsel, European Broadcasting Union, (EBU), Geneva
Lorna Woods, Professor, School of Law, University of Essex, Colchester

Key topics

- Update on the reform of the Audiovisual Media Services Directive (AVMSD)
- The proposed Regulation on online transmissions and retransmissions
- Consequences of the revision of the e-Privacy Directive for the media
- Update on recent EU actions impacting the media sector in the framework of the Digital Single Market Strategy
- Latest jurisprudence of the CJEU and the ECHR
- Competition law issues relevant for the media sector
- Recent developments concerning the legal framework for journalistic activity

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English

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Organisers

Florence Hartmann-Vareilles (ERA) and Mark D. Cole (EMR)
Thursday, 8 June 2017

09:15 Arrival and registration of participants

09:30 Setting the scene
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09:45 Keynote speech:
The Digital Single Market Strategy two years on or half-way in?
Jörgen Gren

10:15 Discussion

I. THE LEGAL LANDSCAPE FOR AUDIOVISUAL MEDIA SERVICES UNDER REVIEW

10:30 The proposed reform of the AVMSD: where do we stand?
Sabine Verheyen
Michael R. Kogler
Jenny Weinand

11:30 Discussion

11:45 Coffee break

12:15 The proposed Regulation on broadcasting organisations’ online transmissions and on retransmission of TV and radio programmes: key changes and implications in practice
Nils Rauer

12:45 Discussion

13:15 Lunch

II. MEDIA FREEDOM AND JOURNALISTIC WORK

14:45 The protection of media freedom at European level
Judit Bayer

15:15 Discussion

15:30 Coffee break

16:00 Round table discussion: are the standards of protection for media freedom effective in Europe?
• Definition of a journalist
• Protection of journalistic sources versus privacy (trade secrets, whistleblowing, etc.)
• Independence of the media from political, financial and economic pressure
• Protection of journalism against hate speech
• Role and responsibilities of the media
Gill Phillips, Sophie Scrive, Lynn Boylan

17:30 Discussion

18:00 End of first conference day

18:15 Networking Reception

Objective
The conference aims to keep media law practitioners up-to-date by providing an overview of the latest policy developments, legislative initiatives and case law in this field.

Who should attend?
Lawyers in private practice specialised in media law and information technology, in-house counsel and other legal practitioners in the media sector.

You will learn...

• Where are we with the legislative process to reform the AVMSD?
• What should broadcasting services providers know about the current EU legal reforms on online (re)transmission and on e-privacy?
• What is the impact of recent CJEU and ECHR rulings for the media sector?
• What progress has the Digital Single Market Strategy brought for the media sector?
• Are the standards of protection for media freedom effective in Europe?
• What are the current competition law issues affecting the media sector?
• How will Brexit and the expected changes in EU trade policy affect the EU media sector?

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III. KEY EU INITIATIVES IMPACTING THE MEDIA SECTOR

09:00 What media lawyers should know about the modernisation of the e-Privacy Directive
Erik Valgaeren

09:30 Discussion

09:45 Online platforms: EU law issues from competition to regulation
Paul Stone

10:15 Discussion

10:30 Coffee break

11:00 Media and trade policy: Political consequences of Brexit and new trade agreements
Lorna Woods and Ross Biggam

12:00 Discussion

IV. CASE LAW UPDATE RELEVANT FOR THE MEDIA SECTOR

12:15 Overview of pending and recent rulings by the CJEU and ECtHR
Mark Cole

12:45 Discussion

13:00 End of conference

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