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# CONFERENCE ON THE ROLE OF NATIONAL PARLIAMENTS IN MEDIA REGULATION IN EUROPE

Hosted by the House of Commons of the  
Parliament of the United Kingdom  
**LONDON, Portcullis House, Attlee Suite**  
**21-22 May 2013**

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**Committee on Culture, Science, Education and Media**

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## DRAFT PROGRAMME

**21 May 2013, Tuesday**

9:00 Registration of participants and welcome refreshments

9:30 Opening statements by:

Robert Walter, Chair of the United Kingdom Delegation to the Council of Europe Parliamentary Assembly, Vice-President of the Council of Europe Parliamentary Assembly, Member of the House of Commons

Hon. Ed Vaizey MP, UK Minister for Culture, Communications and Creative Industries (tbc)

Piotr Wach, Chair of the Committee on Culture, Science, Education and Media of the Council of Europe Parliamentary Assembly, Member of the Polish Senate

10:00 **Session 1: Violence in audiovisual media and its consequences on children and society**

Moderator: Sir Roger Gale, Rapporteur, Committee on Culture, Science, Education and Media, Vice-Chair of the Sub-Committee on Media and Information Society of the Council of Europe Parliamentary Assembly, Member of the House of Commons

Panellists:

Tineke Lodders-Elfferich, President of the Board, and Wim Bekkers, Director, Netherlands Institute for the Classification of Audiovisual Media (NICAM), Hilversum

David Austin, Assistant Director, Policy and Public Affairs, British Board of Film Classification, London

Simon Little, Managing Director, Interactive Software Federation of Europe, Brussels

N.N., Office of Communications (OFCOM), London

Session rapporteur:

Neil McLatchie, School of Psychology, Keynes College, University of Kent, Canterbury

12:30 Lunch break

Address by Mr John Whittingdale MP, Chair of the Select Committee on Culture, Media and Sport of the House of Commons

14:00 **Session 2: Internet and politics: the impact of new information and communication technology on democracy**

Moderator: Anne Brasseur, Rapporteur, Committee on Culture, Science, Education and Media of the Council of Europe Parliamentary Assembly, Member of the Luxembourg Parliament

Panellists:

Lord Richard Allen, Member of the House of Lords, Director of EU Policy, Facebook Inc., London (tbc)

Ben Hammersley, journalist and Member of the EU High-Level Group of Experts on Media Freedom and Pluralism, UK Prime Minister's Ambassador to TechCity, London

Douwe Korff, Professor of international law, London Metropolitan University

William Echikson, Head of Free Expression EMEA, Google Inc., Brussels (tbc)

Philippe Aigrain, President, *La Quadrature du Net*, Paris (tbc)

Session rapporteur:

Helen Margetts, Professor of Society and the Internet, Director of the Oxford Internet Institute, University of Oxford

16:30 Closed meeting of the Committee on Culture, Science, Education and Media

**22 May 2013, Wednesday**

9:00 Registration of participants and welcome refreshments

Address by Rt.Hon. David Lidington MP, UK Minister for Europe (tbc)

9:30 **Session 3: Protection of media freedom in Europe – The role of parliaments in the follow-up to Resolution 1920 (2013)**

Moderator: Gvozden Flego, Rapporteur, Committee on Culture, Science, Education and Media of the Council of Europe Parliamentary Assembly, Member of the Croatian Parliament

Panellists:

Sir Nicolas Bratza, former President of the European Court of Human Rights, Member of the Advisory Council of the British Institute of Human Rights, London (tbc)

Barbara Lochbihler, Chair, Sub-Committee on Human Rights, European Parliament (tbc)

N.N., President, European Federation of Journalists, Brussels

N.N., Office the OSCE Representative on Freedom of the Media, Vienna

Jan Malinowski, Head of Department, Directorate General of Human Rights and Rule of Law, Council of Europe, Strasbourg

István Hegedűs, President, Hungarian Europe Society, Budapest

Statements by:

Chairpersons of the national parliamentary committees dealing with media freedom from Armenia, Azerbaijan, Georgia, Hungary, Italy, Republic of Moldova and Romania

12:30 Lunch break

14:00 Session 3: continued

Statements by:

Chairpersons of the national parliamentary committees dealing with media freedom from the Russian Federation, Serbia, Spain, Turkey and Ukraine

Session rapporteur:

William Horsley, Media Freedom Representative of the Association of European Journalists, International Director of the Centre for Freedom of the Media, University of Sheffield

15:00 Coffee break

15:30 **Session 4: Media responsibility and ethics in a changing media environment**

Moderator: Mogens Jensen, Rapporteur and Vice-Chair, Committee on Culture, Science, Education and Media of the Council of Europe Parliamentary Assembly, Member of the Danish Parliament

Panellists:

Agnès Callamard, Executive Director, ARTICLE 19, London

Judit Bayer, Representative of the Southeast European Network for Professionalisation of the Media, Budapest

Lutz Tillmanns, Secretary General, German Press Council, Berlin (tbc)

Jean-Paul Marthoz, Ethical Journalism Network, Brussels (tbc)

Session rapporteur:

Rachel Craufurd Smith, School of Law, University of Edinburgh

18:00 *End of the conference*

## **Background and rationale**

Freedom of expression through the media and the safety of journalists continue to be challenged by legislation and administrative practices in several member States of the Council of Europe, thus challenging democracy and human rights.

Through this conference, the Assembly seeks to co-operate more closely with member States and with professional associations of journalists and media associations, in order to highlight problems and encourage constructive discussions and the adoption of concrete measures to effectively promote media freedom in Europe.

### **1. Participants**

Parliamentarians from CoE member states: members of the PACE Committee on Culture, Science, Education and Media, plus the chairs of the national parliamentary committees on media from Armenia, Azerbaijan, Georgia, Hungary, Italy, Republic of Moldova, Romania, the Russian Federation, Serbia, Spain, Turkey and Ukraine.

Representatives of media outlets and media freedom NGOs

### **2. Languages**

Documents will be available in English and French. Working languages will be English, French, Italian and Russian with simultaneous interpretation provided.

### **3. Background documents**

Resolution 1920 (2013) The state of media freedom in Europe

Resolution 1877 (2012) The protection of freedom of expression and information on the Internet and online media

Recommendation 1950 (2011) The protection of journalists' sources

Recommendation 1897 (2010) Respect for media freedom

Recommendation 1878 (2009) The funding of public service broadcasting

Resolution 1636 (2008) Indicators for media in democracy

Resolution 1577 (2007) Towards decriminalisation of defamation