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10 & 11 November 2016

DRAFT PROGRAMME

Thursday 10 November 2016

09:00-09:30 Welcome addresses

Mr J. Hamáček, President of the Chamber of Deputies of the Czech Parliament
Mr Jean Paul Philippot, EBU

Keynote addresses

Mr M. Schulz, President of the European Parliament
Mr T. Jagland, Secretary General of the Council of Europe – (on video or in person – TBC)

09:30-10:00 Coffee

Panel 1

10:00-12:00 Role and responsibility of parliaments in freedom of expression and freedom of media

Legal framework; European standards; Changes to PSM laws; Public debates; Timing; Importance of PSM for media pluralism

Chair: Mr Jean Paul Philippot, EBU

Moderator: Mr Boris Bergant, EBU

Rapporteur: Mr Gvozden Flego, University of Zagreb

Panellists:

Ms Dunja Mijatovic, OSCE Representative of Freedom of the Media

Ms Gülsün Bilgehan, Chairperson of the PACE Sub-Committee on Media & Information Society

Mr Tarlach McGonagle, Institute for Information Law, Amsterdam, Council of Europe expert

Discussion

Panel 2

12:00-14:00 Modern public service media and its impact on society and democracy

Institutional independence of PSM; Limited budgets of PSM; Appointment of governing bodies by the Parliament; Approval of PSM budgets; Approval of PSM reports; Voting with qualified majority; Pressure of private media

Chair: Mr Jean Paul Philippot, EBU

Moderator: Mr Boris Bergant, EBU

Rapporteur: Dr Juan Barata Mir, Council of Europe expert

Panellists:

Mr Petr Dvorak, Director General of Czech TV

Ms Elfa Ýr Gylfadottir, Chairperson of the Council of Europe Steering Committee on Media and Information Society (CDMSI)

Parliament's representative - to be provided by PACE

Dr Klaus Unterberger, ORF

Discussion

14:00-15:30 Lunch

Panel 3

15:30-17:30 PSM governance: ensuring institutional and editorial independence

Appointment and dismissal procedures of PSM governing bodies; Appointment of director-generals; Division of supervisory and managerial powers; Representation of civil society in governing bodies; Independence of NGOs as appointing authorities

Chair: Mr Jean Paul Philippot, EBU

Moderator: Mr Boris Bergant, EBU

Rapporteur: Ms Radka Betcheva

Panellists:

Mr Jean Francois Furnemont, Council of Europe expert

Mr Michael Wagner, EBU

Chair/Vice-Chair of EPRA

Ms Irina Radu, President of the Public Service Broadcaster of Romania (TVR)

16:00-16:15 Coffee

Discussion

Friday 11 November 2016

Panel 4

09:00-11:00 Hate speech - parliaments', regulators' and PSM responsibility; European Court of Human Rights case law

PSM responsibility and editorial standards; Responsibility for broadcasting hate speech; PSM self-regulation and complaints mechanisms; Role of regulators; European standards and ECHR litigation

Chairperson: Ms Gülsün Bilgehan, Chairperson of the PACE Sub-Committee on Media & Information Society

Moderator: Mr Boris Bergant, EBU

Rapporteur: Mr Jean Francois Furnemont, Council of Europe expert

Panellists:

Office of Commissioner for Human Rights of the Council of Europe Representative
Mr Mogens Blicher Bjerregard, President of the European Federation of Journalists

Ms Mirjana Lazarova-Trajkovska, Judge, European Court of Human Rights

Ms Mirjana Rakic, Agency for Electronic Media of the Republic of Croatia

Mr Boris Navasardian, President, Yerevan Press Club,

Ms Helena Mandic, Director of Broadcasting of the Communications Regulatory Agency of Bosnia and Herzegovina

Representative of PSM's Complaints Commission, Council or Ombudsperson institution

11:00-11:15 Coffee

Discussion

Panel 5

11:15-13:00 Sustainability of PSM – the way ahead

PSM remit; PSM relevance to society; Vertical and horizontal convergence – challenges for PSM; PSM funding; Understanding the role of PSM for democracy; Professionalism and responsibility of PSM; Role of Parliaments in ensuring appropriate media environment

Chairperson: Ms Ingrid Deltenre, Director-General of the EBU

Moderator: Mr Boris Bergant, EBU

Rapporteur: Ms Radka Betcheva, EBU

Panellists:

Mr Michael Wagner, EBU

Mr Vaclav Mika, Director-General of Slovak public service broadcaster RTVS

EPRA Representative

13:00-14:00 Lunch

Panel 6

14:00-15:00 Conclusions and recommendations

Chair: Ms Ingrid Deltenre, Director-General of the EBU and Mr Jan Kleijssen, Director of Information Society and Action against Crime, Council of Europe

Panellists:

Mr Gvozden Flego, University of Zagreb

Dr Juan Barata Mir, Council of Europe expert

Ms Radka Betcheva, EBU

Mr Jean Francois Furnemont, CoE expert

Panel 7

15:00-15:30 Conclusions

Mr J. Hamáček, President of the Chamber of Deputies of the Czech Parliament

Languages English, Czech

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