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opportunities
for media and
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Thursday, 10 June 2021

OPENING OF THE CONFERENCE

09:00 - 10:00

Welcome by Ms Marija Pejčinović Burić, Secretary General of the Council of Europe

H.E. Mr Nicos Anastasiades, President of the Republic of Cyprus - Opening remarks

Ms Marija Pejčinović Burić, Secretary General of the Council of Europe - Opening remarks

Election of the Chair and Vice - Chair of the Conference

Mr Peter Szijjarto, Minister of Foreign Affairs of Hungary, President of the Council of Europe Committee of Ministers - Opening remarks

Ms Dunja Mijatović, Council of Europe Commissioner for Human Rights - Keynote speech

Ms Věra Jourová, Vice-President, European Commission - Keynote speech

10:00 - 10:10

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

SETTING THE SCENE - THEMATIC SESSIONS

10:15 - 11:15

THEME I. THE IMPACTS OF AI-POWERED TECHNOLOGIES ON FREEDOM OF EXPRESSION

Moderator:

Mr Abraham Bernstein, Professor, University of Zurich, Director, University of Zurich Digital Society Initiative

Introductory keynote:

Ms Irene Khan, UN Special Rapporteur on the promotion and protection of freedom of opinion and expression

Expert input:

Mr Noel Curran, Director General, European Broadcasting Union

Ms Alexandra Borchardt, Director of Leadership Programmes, Reuters Institute for the Study of Journalism at the University of Oxford

DISCUSSION

Ms Petra de Sutter, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Civil Service, Public Enterprises, Telecommunication and the Postal Services, Belgium

Ms Karoline Edtstadler, Federal Minister for the EU and Constitution at the Federal Chancellery of Austria

Ms Anneli Ott, Minister of Culture, Estonia

Mr Manlio di Stefano, Undersecretary of State, Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation, Italy

11:15 - 11:30

COFFEE BREAK

11:30 - 12:30

THEME II. THE CHANGING ENVIRONMENT IN MEDIA AND INFORMATION

Moderator:

Mr Damian Tambini, Senior lecturer, London School of Economics

Introductory keynote:

Ms Teresa Ribeiro, OSCE Representative on Freedom of the Media

Expert input:

Mr Ricardo Gutierrez, Secretary General, European Federation of Journalists

Ms Françoise Baroness Tulkens, member of the High-Level Panel of Legal Experts on Media Freedom, former Vice-President of the European Court for Human Rights

DISCUSSION

Government representative

Mr Thomas Schneider, Ambassador, Head of International Affairs, Federal Department of the Environment, Transport, Energy and Communications, Switzerland, Vice Chair of the Council of Europe Steering Committee of Media and Information Society (CDMSI)

12:30 - 14:00
LUNCH BREAK

14:00 - 14:30

SPECIAL INTERVENTIONS

Mr David Kaye, Independent Board Chair, Global Network Initiative - former UN Special Rapporteur on the promotion and protection of the right to freedom of opinion and expression

Ms Amal Clooney, Barrister, Deputy Chair of the High-Level Panel of Legal Experts on Media Freedom

14:30 - 15:30

THEME III. TAKING ACTION TO ENSURE THE SAFETY OF JOURNALISTS

Moderator:

Ms Barbora Bukovska, Senior Director for Law and Policy, Article 19

Introductory keynote:

Ms Agnes Callamard, Secretary General of Amnesty International

Expert input:

Mr Can Yeğinsu, Barrister, member of the High-Level Panel of Legal Experts on Media Freedom

Mr Paul Radu, Co-founder and Chief of Innovation, Organized Crime and Corruption Reporting Project (OCCPR)

DISCUSSION

Ms Emma Lind, Vice Minister of Culture and Equality of Norway

Government representative

Ms Inge Welbergen, Senior Legal Officer, Ministry of Education, Culture and Science, the Netherlands, Chair of the Council of Europe Steering Committee of Media and Information Society (CDMSI)

15:30 - 15:40
NETWORKING BREAK

15:40 - 16:40

THEME IV. RESILIENCE OF FREEDOM OF EXPRESSION PROTECTION FRAMEWORKS IN TIMES OF CRISIS

Moderator:

Mr Rasmus Nielsen, Director, Reuters Institute for the Study of Journalism

Introductory keynote:

Ms Emily Bell, Professor of Professional Practice, Columbia University Graduate School of Journalism

Expert input:

Mr Michael O'Flaherty, Director of the EU Agency for Fundamental Rights

Ms Barbara Trionfi, Executive Director, International Press Institute

DISCUSSION

Honourable Stéphane Dion, Ambassador of Canada to Germany and Prime Minister Special Envoy to the EU and Europe

Government Representative

16:40 – 17:05

PRESENTATION

Representatives of the **Partner organisations to the Council of Europe's Platform for the protection of journalism and safety of journalists** - *A Blueprint for effective action for media and journalists' safety*

17:10 – 17.30

TRANSPARENCY AND ACCOUNTABILITY FOR HUMAN RIGHTS COMPLIANT CONTENT MODERATION

Mr Joe McNamee, member of the Council of Europe Committee of Experts on Freedom of Expression and Digital Technologies (MSI-DIG)

OPENING

09:00 - 09:30

Mr Kyriakos Kousios, Government Spokesperson, Republic of Cyprus

Mr Rik Daems, President of the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe

Ms Audrey Azoulay, Director General of UNESCO (tbc)

09:30 – 09:40

WRAP-UP FROM DAY 1 OF THE MINISTERIAL CONFERENCE

Mr Peter Noorlander, Senior adviser on human rights and media law, Global Rights Hub - Conference rapporteur

09:40 - 12:30 (Special Room, open only for Ministers /official delegations)

MINISTERIAL ROUND TABLE

CONFERENCE RESOLUTIONS - Presentation, discussion and adoption

- **Resolution on freedom of expression and digital technologies**

Presentation by Mr Kyriakos Kokkinos, Deputy Ministry for Research Innovation and Digital Policy, Cyprus

Statements by participating Ministers

- **Resolution on the safety of journalists**

Presentation by Mr John Whittingdale, Minister of State for Media and Data, Department for Digital, Culture, Media and Sport, United Kingdom

Statements by participating Ministers

- **Resolution on the changing paradigm in media and information**

Presentation by Mr Theodoros Livanios, Deputy Minister to the Prime Minister

responsible for Communication and Media, Greece

Statement by Ms Simonetta Sommaruga, Head of the Federal Department of the Environment, Transport, Energy and Communications, Switzerland

Statements by participating Ministers

- **Resolution on the impacts of the covid-19 pandemic on freedom of expression**

Presentation by Government representative (tbc)

Statements by participating Ministers

- **FINAL DECLARATION - Presentation, discussion and adoption**

Presentation by Mr Nikos Nouris, Minister of the Interior, Cyprus

09:40 - 12:30 Plenary Room, for all participants

FLASH SESSIONS

9.40-10.00

Towards a Human Rights compliant AI regulation - Mr Gregor Stojin, Chair of the Council of Europe ad hoc committee on artificial intelligence (CAHAI)

10.00-10.20

AI in the audiovisual sector in light of the latest market and legal developments - Ms Susanne Nikoltchev, Executive Director, European Audiovisual Observatory

12:40 - 14:00

LUNCH BREAK

“WORLD CAFÉ”

14:00 - 15:20 PARALLEL SESSIONS

Room no. (tbc)	Room no. (tbc)
<p><u>Fostering media and information literacy</u></p> <p>Community media projects</p> <p><u>Moderator:</u> Ms Martina Chapman, Independent consultant in Media Literacy and Digital engagement, co-author, Council of Europe study on “Supporting quality journalism through media and information literacy”</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr Michael Nicolai, Coordinator, Project manager of SMART project • Ms Lina Chawaf, Program manager, Radio Rozana • Ms Soledad Galiana, radio Coordinator, Ethical Media for Active Citizenship, • Mr Larry .M. Macaulay, Founder/Editor in chief, Refugee Radio Network - New Neighbours • Ms Lisa McLean, Editor, Radio ARA, Luxembourg 	<p><u>Enhancing the safety of journalists</u></p> <p>National action plans; best practices</p> <p><u>Moderator:</u> Mr Tarlach McGonagle, Institute for information law (Ivir), Amsterdam Law School, University of Amsterdam</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr Peter ter Velde, Manager, Persveilig project to protect journalists, The Netherlands • Mr Nadim Houry, Executive Director of the Arab Reform Initiative, Member of the High-Level Panel of Legal Experts on Media Freedom • Ms Filippa Arvas Olsson, Deputy Director, Ministry of Culture, Sweden • Ms Jen Adams, Research Fellow/ Advocacy and Policy innovation Lead, Comms Policy Cooperative, University of Vienna

CLOSING OF THE CONFERENCE

15:25 - 15:40 Plenary Room

Mr Christos Giakoumopoulos, Director General of Human Rights and Rule of Law, Council of Europe

Mr Nikos Nouris, Minister of the Interior, Republic of Cyprus