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ACT sees AVMSD Review as a missed opportunity



About ACT

The Association of Commercial Television in Europe (ACT) is a trade body for the commercial broadcasting sector in Europe. Formed in 1989, the ACT has 27 member companies active in 37 European countries, operating and distributing several thousand free-to-air and pay-tv channels and new media services.

The Association of Commercial Television in Europe believes that the AVMSD review could have done much more to sustain Europe's broadcasting sector. While it was initially conceived as a liberalising measure to keep pace with market developments and to ensure fairer competition with digital platforms, broadcasters still remain far more heavily regulated than Video Sharing and other online platforms.

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European Commercial Broadcasters United On Copyright











Associations of commercial broadcasters across Europe (ACT, ABBRO, AKTV, ARCA, and the commercial broadcasters associated in CRTV) express their concerns regarding the Council negotiation mandate and the legal uncertainty that will result from it. This is an important opportunity for commercial broadcasters to support the work done by (Rapporteur) MEP Axel Voss and reaffirm key principles to maintain a vibrant audio-visual media sector.

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ITV Studios' smash hit Love Island commissioned in three new countries



ITV Studios has announced that its award-winning, record-breaking format Love Island has been commissioned in Denmark, Finland and Norway, taking the number of countries the show is now being produced in to seven. Love Island is an original ITV Studios Entertainment format, co-produced with Motion Content Group, and is distributed internationally by ITV Studios Global Entertainment.

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Mediaset presents its innovative coverage of the 2018 FIFA Russia World Cup



Mediaset is gearing up for the 2018 FIFA Russia World Cup, which will officially kick off on 14 June, with exclusive live coverage and the deployment of new technologies. The 64 matches will all be aired in HD on Mediaset's FTA channels: Canale 5, Italia Uno and the newborn Canale 20. Augmented TV technology will enable viewers to access extra content while watching matches in live. Event coverage and dedicated programmes will also be made available online, on the website Sportmediaset.it, on dedicated apps and on Radio105.

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Nordic Entertainment Group acquires rights to IHF and EHF handball competitions



Nordic Entertainment Group (NENT Group) has secured the exclusive Nordic media rights to the IHF World Handball Championship until 2025 and the EHF European Handball Championship (EHF EURO) until 2026. NENT Group is the undisputed Nordic home of handball and will show matches live on its TV channels and Viaplay streaming service.

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RTL Nederland secures UEFA Europa League rights for the next three years



Good news for Dutch football fans: the UEFA Europa League will be broadcast on RTL 7 and its online platforms until 2021. The channel secured the broadcasting rights to 25 live matches and highlights of all other UEFA Europa League matches.

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Sky Sports awarded live Premier League rights in Ireland



Sky Sports has been awarded the rights to show 128 Premier League games a season exclusively live in the Republic of Ireland from 2019. Under the terms of the new agreement, which mirrors Sky's UK rights deal signed in February and runs until 2022, Sky Sports will show every first-pick weekend match and Saturday evening fixtures for the first time.

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UPCOMING EU POLICY EVENTS IN JUNE 2018

• 11-14/06/18 EP Plenary Session, Strasbourg

- 15/06/18 Council Working Party on Social Questions, Brussels
- 18-19/06/18 EP IMCO Committee meeting, Brussels
- 18-19/06/18 EP CULT Committee meeting, Brussels
- 19/06/18 EP IMCO Public Hearing on "Promoting fairness and transparency for business users of online intermediation",
- 19/06/18 EP IMCO Public Hearing on "Illegal content removal in the DSM", Brussels
- 20/06/18 COREPER on accessibility, Brussels
- 20/06/18 EP JURI Committee meeting: vote on copyright, Brussels
- 21/06/18 Council Working Party on Telecoms, Brussels
- 25-26/06/18 Bulgarian Presidency: Digital Assembly, Sofia
- 27/06/18 Council Working Party on Competitiveness and Growth, Brussels

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