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### **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.

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## Members' Newsroom

Strong showing from CANAL+ Group at the Cannes Film Festival Official Selection



On 14 Maythe 72nd Cannes International Film Festival opened its doors. This year, 28 feature films are from CANAL + Group. Ten of these feature films are running for the Palme d'Or Official Competition out of 21 nominees.

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Discovery: Eurosport reports strong month with double-digit growth in multiple markets



Unrivalled coverage of cycling and snooker have underpinned a strong April for Eurosport, with the number one destination for sports fans recording a 5% overall growth on linear and double-digit growth in SEVEN markets versus 2018. The UK (+16%), Norway (+52%), Denmark (+10%), Spain (+51%), the Netherlands (+14%), Poland (13%) and Romania (+18%) – all reported double-digit growth for April compared with 12 months ago while Eurosport also revealed it reached 55.8m fans on its social platforms, an increase of 18% versus the same period last year.

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# ITV Studios Global Entertainment agrees deal for Catchpoint in Hungary



ITV Studios Global Entertainment (ITVS GE) has secured a second territory commission for its new physical gameshow Catchpoint with TV2 in Hungary. TV2 has ordered a 25x60' series which is due to air in the territory later this year. Hungary is the first territory to commission the show after the UK. A co-production by ITV Studios labels Possessed and 12 Yard, Catchpoint launched on BBC One in the UK in March with a peak of over 3.5m viewers and a 21% share.

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### Mediaset's 2019 good start



Mediaset's Board of Directors, which met on 14 May under the Chairmanship of Fedele Confalonieri, approved the interim report for the first quarter of 2019. Compared to the same period in 2018, the Group's performance in these first three months marked positive business results confirming Mediaset's leadership in the commercial target, both in Italy and in Spain, for TV rating.

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# NENT Group fixes original kids' series 'Fixi in Playland'



The next original series from Nordic Entertainment Group (NENT Group) will be kids' show 'Fixi in Playland', which mixes animation with virtual reality (VR). The Fixi character will appear in both the new series and as a virtual guide to the kids' section on NENT Group's Viaplay streaming service. 'Fixi in Playland' is the first production from NENT Group's StudioV virtual entertainment studio and will premiere exclusively on Viaplay across the Nordic region in autumn 2019.

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### Record haul for Sky at 2019 BAFTA TV Awards



Sky collected five BAFTAs at British Academy Television Awards: Benedict Cumberbatch triumphed in the leading actor category for *Patrick Melrose*, which also took home the BAFTA for Mini-Series; the Sky original comedy *Sally4Ever* won the award for Scripted Comedy and *A League of Their Own* won for Comedy Entertainment

programme; the HBO drama Succession took home the International award.

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### **UPCOMING EU POLICY EVENTS IN MAY 2019**

- 22-23/05/19 Education, Youth, Culture and Sport Council, Brussels
- 23-26/05/19 European Elections
- 27-28/05/19 Competitiveness Council, Brussels

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