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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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Mediaset makes viewers discover the treasures of the Vatican City



With a dedicated documentary, Mediaset puts to the forefront the treasures of the Vatican City. "Viaggio nella Grande Bellezza", aired in prime time on Mediaset's flagship channel Canale5, made viewers travel through Saint Peter's Square and the Sixtine Chapel. The format, with high quality images and captivating interviews, makes cultural content easily accessible and attracttive to the general public.

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### NENT Group's original drama `Pros and Cons' returns for new season



Nordic Entertainment Group (NENT Group) has commissioned a second season of its hit Danish original drama series `Pros and Cons'. The new season of the critically acclaimed and commercially successful series brings together some of Denmark's highest profile creative talents and will premiere exclusively on NENT Group's Viaplay streaming service across the Nordic region in late 2020.

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# Mediengruppe RTL Deutschland and Reuters expand their cooperation



On 7 January 2020, a significant expansion of the collaboration between Mediengruppe RTL Deutschland and Reuters was announced. For many years, Mediengruppe RTL Deutschland has trusted and relied on photos, real-time news and video reports issued by Reuters. As from January 2020 the two companies' collaboration will be further intensified. The biggest change is that the television channels and digital services of RTL Television, Vox, Vox Up, Super RTL, RTL Zwei, various pay-TV channels, TV Now and other platforms will now have access to Reuters' video services and real-time news in German, as N-TV already does.

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## Virgin Media Television Launches Spring 2020 Programming Schedule

Virgin Media Television (VMTV) announced details of its brand-new Spring TV Schedule for 2020: Series two of acclaimed Irish drama 'Blood', starring Adrian Dunbar, will broadcast this February on Virgin Media One; across 2020, Virgin Media Television will broadcast more hours of live Irish studio content than ever before, including extensive coverage of Election 2020.

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### UPCOMING EU POLICY EVENTS IN JANUARY 2020

- 9/01/20 EP JURI Committee meeting, Brussels
- 9/01/20 Council Telecom Working Party, Brussels
- 13-16/01/20 EP Plenary, Strasbourg
- 16/01/20 Copyright Stakeholder Dialogue meeting, Brussels
- 20-21/01/20 EP CULT Committee meeting, Brussels
- 27-28/01/20, EP JURI Committee meeting, Brussels
- 29-30/01/20 EP Plenary, Brussels

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