

# What's happening in European Commercial Broadcasting 2-6 November 2020

Policy & business developments go hand in hand. This quick snapshot is designed to help EU media

stakeholders to keep up with the innovative world of commercial broadcasting.

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### Discovery: Eurosport agrees new multi-year deal to screen MXGP

Eurosport and Infront Moto Racing announced it has extended its agreement to screen the FIM Motocross World Championship for a further three seasons (2020-22). As part of the agreement, all MXGP and MX2 races will be shown LIVE on Eurosport and Eurosport app.



### ITV: 'Eat Them to Defeat Them' campaign generates £63 million in vegetable sales

ITV and Veg Power announced that 'Eat Them To Defeat Them', the landmark advertising campaign designed to improve children's health, has inspired a lasting change and sales, generating £63 million in sales of vegetables nationwide across eighteen months.



### Mediaset to further support Italian creative sector through an ad-hoc schedule

Following the call of Culture Minister Franceschini to support national cultural content, as of November 10, Mediaset will enrich its programming and include some of the most significant works - from prose to opera, dance and cinema - no longer available for public viewing in cinemas and theatres due to new COVID-19 restrictions. Mediaset confirms its support to the creative sector thanks to its offer which is completely free for all.



## Mediaset launches a new social project: 'Playing is serious stuff!'

In times when more and more children have replaced physical and material games, such as trains, puppets, dolls, with videogames, smartphones and tablets, Mediaset launched a new social project within the corporate social responsibility initiative "Mediaset ha a cuore il futuro". 'Playing is serious stuff' campaign, available on TV, radio and the web, is aimed at promoting gaming as an element of growth, in particular for young children, as it develops creativity, enhances the imagination and strengthens relationships with others.



#### NENT Group orders Swedish feature film 'Suedi'

The feature film 'Suedi' will be the next original production from Nordic Entertainment Group (NENT Group), the Nordic region's leading streaming company. A wryly humorous take on identity, cultural misunderstandings and the desire to belong, 'Suedi' brings together a spectacular cast of Swedish acting heavyweights and will premiere exclusively on NENT Group's Viaplay streaming service across the Nordic and Baltic regions in late 2021.



## <u>ProSiebenSat1 Group with considerable earnings increase of 13% in adjusted EBITDA in the third quarter of 2020</u>

In the third quarter of 2020, ProSiebenSat.1 Group posted improved revenue and earnings figures compared to the highly COVID-19 influenced previous quarter. After the global pandemic and the resulting restrictions had considerably affected the Group's business performance in the second quarter, ProSiebenSat.1 generated revenues of EUR 921 million (previous year: EUR 926 million) between July and September 2020 and thus at about the previous year's level.



#### **RTL Group: Connecting with Japan**

RTL AdConnect inks deal with Japanese broadcaster TBS Television to sell its video-on-demand (VOD) inventory in Europe. This is the first time a Japanese broadcaster's VOD inventory has been made available to a European media sales house. The bilateral, international partnership develops business and advertising opportunities between Asia and Europe. TBS, one of Japan's biggest commercial networks, produces and owns intellectual property for famous titles such as Funniest Home Videos, Ninja Warrior and Takeshi's Castle.



### New Sky initiative 'The Edit' will introduce 30,000 young people to careers in the media

Sky and Adobe launched The Edit, a new digital programme for schools designed to improve the media and digital literacy of 30,000 young people across the UK and Ireland. With a focus on low-income areas, The Edit will reach and inspire the next generation of media talent by breaking down the industry's



barriers to entry and bridging the digital skills gap, while offering an insight into what a career in the media might look like.

## **VIACOMCBS**

## ViacomCBS: Noggin rolls out in the Netherlands, Spain and Italy on Amazon Prime Video

ViacomCBS Networks International announced the launch of Noggin, the learning subscription service, on Amazon Prime Video Channels as an add-on subscription for Prime members in the Netherlands, Italy and Spain increasing its European footprint.



## A New Co-Viewing Experience for Watching Movies and Shows from the Disney+ Library with Friends and Family, Even When Apart

Disney+ has introduced *GroupWatch*, a new co-viewing feature for connecting with friends and families to watch movies and shows from the entire Disney+ library, even when apart. *GroupWatch* allows for up to seven people to watch together in a synced playback experience available across web, mobile, connected TV devices and Smart TVs, and share reactions in real time.

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#### **84 BILLION EURO**

is the annual turnover of the European TV sector.



#### 1 MILLION PEOPLE

work in the audiovisual industry in Europe.



#### 15 BILLION EURO

are invested, per year, in content by Europe's largest commercial broadcasters.



#### 509

of our revenues are invested back in the creation of audiovisua content.



## 236 MINUTES PER

is the average viewing time of linear TV in the EU (2013).



#### 11,000 TV CHANNELS

are available in Europe, of which 8,270 in the EU 27 (2012).



#### **300 NEWS CHANNELS**

are available in Europe. More than 80% of them are privately owned.



#### **320 KIDS CHANNELS**

are established in Europe, of which almost 300 are private.