Europe Forum 2024 – in person

Date: 12th - 13th March 2024
Location: Brussels, Belgium

Agenda: Wednesday 22 March 2023

07:45-09:15: By-invitation breakfast roundtable

Content streaming in Europe: sustainable growth for the creative economy
Sharing perspectives and insights among European regulators, policymakers and network providers on how streaming contributes to the virtuous cycle of investment and skills, highlighting policies that encourage the entry and expansion of streaming services and the sustainable growth of local creative economies and ICT ecosystems.

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Moderator
Clive Kenny, Manager, Telecoms, Media and Digital Practice, Frontier Economics

Speakers
Sabine Verheyen, Member of the European Parliament; Chairwoman of the Committee for Culture and Education (CULT)
Thomas Spiller, Vice President, Public Policy, Europe, Middle East & Africa, The Walt Disney Company
Cristina Vela, Head of EU Affairs, Telefónica
Jaymeen Patel, Head of EU Digital Public Policy, Amazon

08:30-09:20: Registration and Refreshments

09:20-09:30: Welcome

Lynn Robinson, Director General, International Institute of Communications

Michel Van Bellinghen, Chairman of the Council, Belgian Institute for Postal Services and Telecommunications (BIPT)
09:30-11:00: Delivering Europe’s Digital Decade - closing the funding gap

Update on key mechanisms on the table:
• Gigabit Infrastructure Act,
• state aid for broadband networks,
• direct compensation or “fair share”,
• mergers & acquisitions

Moderator
Martin Duckworth, Director, Frontier Economics

Keynote
Prof. Konstantinos Masselos, President, Hellenic Telecommunications & Post Commission (EETT); BEREC Chair 2023

Panellists
Krzysztof Kuik, Head of Unit C.4 – State Aids, DG COMPETITION, European Commission
Clive Carter, Regulatory Affairs Director, BT
Juan Montero Rodil, Chief Public Policy, Competition & Regulatory Officer, Telefónica
Nina Cummins, Head of Connectivity & Access Policy, EMEA, Meta

11:00-11:30: Networking Break

11:30-11:45: Keynote - How to grow a cyber-innovative ecosystem in Europe

Royal Hansen, Vice President, Privacy, Safety and Security Engineering, Google

11:45-13:15: DMA in practice - progress with implementation and harmonization; creation of opportunities for new entrants

Moderator
Chiara Garbellini, Principal Consultant, DT Economics LLP

Panellists
Denis Sparas, Legal and Policy Officer, DG CNECT, European Commission
Matt Allison, Senior Public Policy Manager, Vodafone
Emmanuel Gabla, Membre du Collège, Autorité de Régulation des Communications Électroniques et des Postes (ARCEP), France
Martin Duckworth, Director, Frontier Economics

13:15-14:15: Networking Lunch

14:15-15:45: Future of enterprise connectivity and networks across Europe

Role of traditional operators / private networks / new entrants; evolution of regulatory models; data
governance and cybersecurity considerations

Moderator
Christopher Mondini, Vice President, Stakeholder Engagement, Europe and Managing Director, Brussels Office, ICANN

Speakers
Lorelien Hoe, Director of EU Government Affairs, Microsoft
Dan Sjöblom, Director General, Swedish Post and Telecom Authority (PTS)
Luc Hindryckx, Director General, European Competitive Telecommunications Association (ECTA)

1545-1615: Networking Break

16:15-17:45: Driving a sustainable (tele)comms sector – how are networks working to reach Net Zero and assisting other sectors in their green goals?

In-house transformation; the enabling role for other sectors; setting KPIs and metrics; tie-in with broader ESG strategies; regulatory responsibilities.

Moderator
Matthew Kirk, International Affairs Adviser, Squire Patton Boggs

Speakers
Eke Vermeer, Vice President Public Affairs, Liberty Global
Annemarie Sipkes, Director Telecommunications, Transport and Postal Services Department, Dutch Authority for Consumers and Markets (ACM); BEREC Vice Chair 2023
Daniel Mes, Cabinet Member, Executive Vice-President Frans Timmermans, European Commission
Marc Vancoppenolle, Vice President Government Affairs International, Nokia
Bertrand Déprez, Vice President EU Government Affairs, Schneider Electric

17:45: Close of TMF day 1

Lynn Robinson, Director General, International Institute of Communications

1745-1900: Networking Reception

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08:15-09:00: Registration and Refreshments
09:00-09:10: Welcome

Lynn Robinson, Director General, International Institute of Communications

09:10-09:30: Regulatory wish-list to enable a flourishing audio-visual market

Prof. Dr Madeleine de Cock Buning, Vice President Public Policy EMEA, Netflix

09:30-10:45: European Media Freedom Act – what’s not to like?

Media pluralism and freedom of expression in the EU digital strategy; fighting disinformation and fake news; EMFA and its consistency/coherence/compliance with other pieces of media regulation (AVMS, Copyright, DSA and DMA); social and editorial responsibility and the role of broadcasters and platforms

Moderator
Dr Augusto Preta, President, IIC Italian Chapter; CEO, ITMedia Consulting

Panellists
Oreste Pollicino, Professor of Constitutional Law and Internet Law, Bocconi University Bocconi
Professor Elisa Giomi, Commissioner, Autorità per le Garanzie nelle Comunicazioni (AGCOM)
Dr Tobias Schmid, Director, Media Authority of North Rhine-Westphalia; Commissioner for European Affairs of the German Media Authorities
Maciej Styczen, Policy Officer, DG CNECT, European Commission

10:45-11:15: Networking Break

11:15-11:45: Keynote – regulating the information space

Renate Nikolay, Deputy Director General, DG CNECT, European Commission

11:45-13:00: The Data Act: data governance policy and regulation - what will 2023 bring? Becoming the best of FRANDs...

Moderator
Francine Cunningham, Regulatory and Public Affairs Director, Bird & Bird

Panellists
Chris Gow, Senior Director, EU Public Policy, Government Affairs, Cisco
Björn Juretzki, Head of Unit Data Policy and Innovation, DG CNECT, European Commission
Johannes Jaenicke, Policy Advisor for the ITRE and BUDG Committees, European Parliament, BELGIUM
Nane Engelhart, Senior Legal Counsel Data and IP, EVBox
13:00-13:45: Networking Lunch

13:45-15:00: Implementing online safety regimes - regulators’ preparations, and industry responses

Moderator
Matthew Kirk, International Affairs Adviser, Squire Patton Boggs

Panellists
Niamh Hodnett, Online Safety Commissioner, Broadcasting Authority of Ireland (BAI)
Richard Wronka, Director of Online Safety Supervision, Ofcom, UK
Marisa Jiménez Martín, Director Public Policy and Deputy Head of EU Affairs, Meta

15:00-15:45: Responsible AI – how does generative AI change the conversation?

Moderator
Rosa Barcello, Partner, McDermott Will & Emery; Chair, IIC Brussels Chapter

Panellists
William Carter, Global Policy Lead, Responsible AI, AI Governance and Regulation, Google
Dr Thomas Jørgensen, Director of Policy Coordination and Foresight, European University Association

15:45: Close of TMF

Lynn Robinson, Director General, International Institute of Communications