



Annual Europe Digital Communications and Media Forum 2026

Date: 17th - 18th March 2026

Location: Brussels, Belgium

Agenda: Tuesday 17 March 2026

08:00: Registration & Networking

08:45: Welcome

Lynn Robinson, Director General, International Institute of Communications

Isolde Goggin, President, International Institute of Communications; Former Chairperson, Competition and Consumer Protection Commission of Ireland (CCPC)

Michel Van Bellinghen, Chairman of the Council, Belgian Institute for Postal Services and Telecommunications (BIPT)

09:00: Keynote

Brando Benifei MEP, Chair of the European Parliament's EU-US Delegation

09:20: Keynote

Kamila Kloc, Director, Directorate B Digital Decade and Connectivity, DG CONNECT, European Commission

09:40: Keynote

Alejandra de Iturriaga Gandini, Director of Telecommunications and Audiovisual Sector, Spanish National Commission on Markets and Competition (CNMC); Incoming BEREC Chair 2027

10:00: EU economic growth, regulatory simplification and the EU Digital Omnibus package

- Is the package ambitious enough to ensure Europe's competitiveness?
- Will simplification bring more clarity and harmonisation among member States?
- How will Europe mitigate uncertainty for business?

Moderator:

Isolde Goggin, President, International Institute of Communications; Former Chairperson,

Competition and Consumer Protection Commission of Ireland (CCPC)

Speakers:

Dan Sjöblom, Director General, Swedish Post and Telecom Authority (PTS)

David De Klerck, Director of EU Affairs, Verizon

Karen Massin, Head Government Affairs and Public Policy, EU Institutions, Google

Alberto Zilio, Head of European Government Affairs, Ericsson

11:00: Networking Break

11:30: Progress report: the Digital Networks Act (DNA) and the future of connectivity in Europe

- Terrestrial, satellite and submarine connectivity
- Spectrum harmonisation
- Digital Ecosystem Co-operation
- Net neutrality
- Competition and access
- Governance, harmonisation and authorisation procedures
- Creation of Office for Digital Networks

Moderator:

Yulia Kossykh, Director, Frontier Economics

Speakers:

Peter Stuckmann, Head of Unit, Electronic Communications Policy, Implementation and Enforcement, DG CNECT, European Commission

Ben Wreschner, Group Regulatory Policy Director, Vodafone Group

Thomas Volmer, Director, Global Head of Content Delivery Policy, Netflix

Valeriu Zgonea, President, National Authority for Management and Regulation in Communications (ANCOM), Romania

Alexandros Koronakis, Senior Director, Head of Government, Policy & Regulatory Affairs EMEA, Twilio

12:45: Networking Lunch

13:45: In conversation: The Media Board: 1 year anniversary update and strategic priorities

Amma Asante, Chairperson, Commissariaat voor de Media (CvdM), Netherlands; Media Board Chair 2026

In conversation with

Isolde Goggin, President, International Institute of Communications; Former Chairperson, Competition and Consumer Protection Commission of Ireland (CCPC)

14:15: Progress report: Revision of the Audiovisual Media Services Directive (AVMSD)

Should the AVMSD rules be updated to ensure:

- Appropriate visibility and prominence for European media
- A better level playing field between traditional and new digital players when it comes to advertising
- Adequate protections for viewers, particularly younger ones, when viewing audiovisual content online.

Moderator:

Mark D. Cole, Professor for Media and Telecommunication Law, University of Luxembourg;
Director for Academic Affairs, Institute of European Media Law (EMR)

Speakers:

Audrius Perkauskas, Deputy Head of Unit, Audiovisual and Media Policy, DG CONNECT,
European Commission

Karim Ibourki, Chair, Conseil Supérieur de l'Audiovisuel (CSA), Belgium

Aedín Conboy, Senior Public Policy and Government Relations Manager, TikTok

Ania Helseth, EU Policy Manager, AI, Media & IP, Meta

Francesca Pezzoli, VP Marketing, Looper Insights

15:30: Networking Break

16:00: Online safety and the protection of minors

- Comparing European and international approaches to online safety and social media access for minors
- Comparing standards and enforcement practices for age verification and content moderation
- Where and how should age assurance should be implemented in the technology stack?
- What role will the EU Digital Identity Framework play in age verification?
- Effectiveness of tools for parental control and shared responsibility
- Industry / regulatory collaboration: education and engagement versus enforcement
- Measuring and evaluating what works to reduce harm – concrete examples of best practice

Moderator:

Charlotte Aynsley, Policy Consultant, Family Online Safety Institute (FOSI)

Speakers:

Martin Harris Hess, Head of Sector, Protection of Minors Online, European Commission

Giacomo Lasorella, President, Autorità per le Garanzie nelle Comunicazioni (AGCOM)

Rose McNamee, Head of International Online Safety, Ofcom

Andrea Muñoz Gómez, Commissioner, Audiovisual Content, Commission for Communications Regulation of Colombia (CRC)

David Mekkaoui, CEO, All Digital

Adam Ingle, Global Digital Policy Lead, LEGO Group

17:30: Close of day one followed by networking reception

Lynn Robinson, Director General, International Institute of Communications

Agenda: Wednesday 18 March 2026

08:30: Registration & Networking

09:00: Welcome

Lynn Robinson, Director General, International Institute of Communications

09:15: **Keynote**

Despina Spanou, Deputy Director-General, DG CONNECT, European Commission

09:45: **Digital sovereignty, security, resilience and AI: a secure European digital ecosystem**

- Interrogating the EU Cybersecurity Act proposal
- Progress report: the EU Cloud and AI Development Act (CAIDA)
- Implications for data infrastructure, cloud sovereignty, supply chains and AI development

Moderator:

Feyo Sickinghe, Principal Regulatory Counsel, Bird & Bird LLP

Speakers:

Chris Gow, Senior Director for EU Public Policy and Head of the Brussels Office, Cisco

Petra Arts, Director Public Policy, Europe at Cloudflare

Pablo Diez, EU Director, Regulatory & Government Affairs, Colt

Tim Ringsdore, Chief Executive and Board Member, Jersey Competition Regulatory Authority (JCRA)

Claudia Selli, Vice President International External and Regulatory Affairs, AT&T

11:15: **Networking Break**

11:45: **AI governance: dissecting the Digital Omnibus on AI Regulation Proposal**

Moderator:

Peggy Valcke, Member of the Council, Belgian Institute for Postal services and Telecommunications (BIPT)

Speakers:

Jeremy Godfrey, Executive Chairperson, Coimisiún na Meán, Ireland

Malte Firlus, Head of EU Policy on AI, Digital & Devices, Amazon

12:45: **Networking Lunch**

13:45: **Unpacking the EU Consumer Agenda 2030 and the Digital Fairness Act (DFA)**

- What practices might fall under the proposed DFA that aren't already within the scope of the DSA and DMA?

Dark patterns, misleading influencer marketing, addictive design features, and problematic personalisation?

- How does it complement the simplification agenda?

Moderator:

Robert MacDougall, Director, Digital Regulation, EMEA Centre for Regulatory Strategy, Deloitte LLP

Speakers:

Tim Stok, Director Public Affairs EMEA, Tencent

GuénoLé Carré, Policy Officer, European Tech Alliance (EUTA)

Stacey Featherstone, Public Policy Manager for Consumer Policy, Meta

Urs Buscke, PSenior Legal Officer, BEUC

Bernardo Herman, Member of the Council, Belgian Institute for Postal services and Telecommunications (BIPT)

15:00: Privacy and personal data protection: debating the impact of the Digital Omnibus Regulation proposal concerning GDPR and ePrivacy

- Maintaining meaningful privacy in an AI-driven environment
- Legislative reforms expected in 2026
- How are regulators balancing innovation with strong protections for individuals?

Moderator:

Rosa Barcelo, Partner, McDermott Will & Schulte Belgium LLP; Chair of the Brussels Chapter of the International Institute of Communications

Speakers:

Romain Robert, Head of Digital Regulation, Policy & Legislative Consultation, European Data Protection Supervisor (EDPS)

Valda Beizitere, Legal and Policy Officer, DG JUSTICE & CONSUMERS, European Commission

15:45: Close of Europe Forum

Lynn Robinson, Director General, International Institute of Communications