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# CONFERENCE ON

## THE ROLE OF NATIONAL PARLIAMENTS IN MEDIA REGULATION IN EUROPE

Hosted by the House of Commons of the  
Parliament of the United Kingdom  
**LONDON, Portcullis House, Attlee Suite**  
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## PROGRAMME

## **21 May 2013, Tuesday**

9:00 Registration of participants and welcome refreshments

9:30 **Opening statements by:**

Robert Walter, Chair of the United Kingdom Delegation to the Council of Europe Parliamentary Assembly, Vice-President of the Council of Europe Parliamentary Assembly, Member of the House of Commons

Piotr Wach, Chair of the Committee on Culture, Science, Education and Media of the Council of Europe Parliamentary Assembly, Member of the Polish Senate

10:00 **Session 1: Violence in audiovisual media and its consequences on children and society**

Moderator: Sir Roger Gale, Rapporteur, Committee on Culture, Science, Education and Media, Vice-Chair of the Sub-Committee on Media and Information Society of the Council of Europe Parliamentary Assembly, Member of the House of Commons

Panellists:

John Carr OBE, Member of the Executive Board, UK Council on Child Internet Safety, London

Tineke Lodders-Elfferich, President of the Board, and Wim Bekkers, Director, Netherlands Institute for the Classification of Audiovisual Media (NICAM), Hilversum

David Austin, Assistant Director, Policy and Public Affairs, British Board of Film Classification, London

Simon Little, Managing Director, Interactive Software Federation of Europe, Brussels

Session rapporteur:

Neil McLatchie, School of Psychology, Keynes College, University of Kent, Canterbury

12:30 *Lunch break*

14:00 **Address by Mr John Whittingdale OBE, Chair of the Select Committee on Culture, Media and Sport of the House of Commons**

**Session 2: Internet and politics: the impact of new information and communication technology on democracy**

Moderator: Anne Brasseur, Rapporteur, Committee on Culture, Science, Education and Media of the Council of Europe Parliamentary Assembly, Member of the Luxembourg Parliament

Panellists:

Ben Hammersley, journalist and Member of the EU High-Level Group of Experts on Media Freedom and Pluralism, UK Prime Minister's Ambassador to TechCity, London

Douwe Korff, Professor of international law, London Metropolitan University

Jérémie Zimmermann, Spokesperson and co-founder, *La Quadrature du Net*, Paris

Session rapporteur:

Helen Margetts, Professor of Society and the Internet, Director of the Oxford Internet Institute, University of Oxford

16:30 *Closed meeting of the Committee on Culture, Science, Education and Media of the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe*

### **22 May 2013, Wednesday**

9:00 Registration of participants and welcome refreshments

9:30 **Address by the Rt. Hon. John Bercow, Speaker of the House of Commons**

### **Session 3: Protection of media freedom in Europe: the role of parliaments in the follow-up to Assembly Resolution 1920 (2013)**

Moderator: Gvozden Flego, Rapporteur, Committee on Culture, Science, Education and Media of the Council of Europe Parliamentary Assembly, Member of the Croatian Parliament

Statements by:

Sahiba Gafarova, Chair of the Committee on Culture, Parliament of Azerbaijan

Aleksandre Kantaria, First Vice-Chair of the Committee on education, Science and Culture, Parliament of Georgia

Gergely Gulyas, Deputy Chair of the Committee on Human Rights, Minority, Civic and Religious Affairs, Hungarian National Assembly

Chiril Lucinschi, Chair of the Committee on Culture, Education, Research, Youth, Sport and Media, Parliament of the Republic of Moldova

Georgica Severin, Chair of the Committee on Culture, Arts and Mass Media, Senate of Romania

Vesna Marjanovic, Chair of the Committee on Culture and Media, National Assembly of the Republic of Serbia

Yuriy Y. Stets, Representative of the Committee on Freedom of Speech and Information, Parliament of Ukraine

Panellists:

Mogens Blicher Bjerregard, President, European Federation of Journalists, Brussels (tbc)

Jan Malinowski, Head of Department, Directorate General of Human Rights and Rule of Law, Council of Europe, Strasbourg

István Hegedűs, President, Hungarian Europe Society, Budapest

Francesca Fanucci, Senior Associate, Free Expression Associates, London

Andrew Gardner, Researcher, Amnesty International, London

Michael Harris, Head of Advocacy, Index on Censorship, London

Session rapporteur:

William Horsley, Media Freedom Representative of the Association of European Journalists,  
International Director of the Centre for Freedom of the Media, University of Sheffield

12:30 *Lunch break*

14:00 **Session 3: continued**

15:00 *Coffee break*

15:30 **Session 4: Media responsibility and ethics in a changing media environment**

Moderator: Mogens Jensen, Rapporteur and Vice-Chair, Committee on Culture, Science, Education  
and Media of the Council of Europe Parliamentary Assembly, Member of the Danish Parliament

Panellists:

Agnès Callamard, Executive Director, ARTICLE 19, London

Lutz Tillmanns, Secretary General, German Press Council, Berlin

Judit Bayer, Representative of the Southeast European Network for Professionalisation of the Media,  
Budapest

Session rapporteur:

Rachel Craufurd Smith, School of Law, University of Edinburgh

18:00 *End of the conference*