Media and digital culture

The Commission is defending European media and digital culture with policies that empower citizens and encourage media pluralism.

The move to digital brought with it new ways to experience the world around us. We can access news whenever and wherever we are and have a huge choice of the sources and platforms we use. New technologies allow us to explore our past and present cultures more easily, touring heritage sites and museums from the comfort of our homes. And, we can all enjoy a range of different movies, TV and radio shows produced in Europe.

Yet, we also have challenges to face in the area of media and digital culture during the Digital Decade. Disinformation spreads faster online than it ever did in the offline world, with damaging consequences. The fight to ensure media freedom and protect journalists is ongoing. And, as the online world brings us closer together, we need to keep hold of our cultural diversity across Europe.

These concerns among others have fueled the EU’s approach to European media and digital culture, driving actions such as:

- the Code of Practice on Disinformation
- the European Media and Audiovisual Action Plan
- the Audiovisual Media Services Directive
- the Media Pluralism Monitor
- the European Film Forum
- Europeana
Follow the latest progress and learn more about getting involved.

Latest News

PRESS RELEASE | 09 November 2022
European News Media Forum: news media professionals to discuss innovation and collaboration
The third edition of the European News Media Forum organised by the European Commission will take place in Brussels on 10 November 2022.

PRESS RELEASE | 11 October 2022
Commission steps up action to tackle disinformation and promote digital literacy among young people

The Commission has published Guidelines for teachers and educators in primary and secondary schools, on how to address disinformation and promote digital literacy in their classrooms.

PRESS RELEASE | 16 September 2022
European Media Freedom Act: Commission proposes rules to protect media pluralism and independence in the EU

The European Commission adopted today a European Media Freedom Act, a novel set of rules to protect media pluralism and independence in the EU.

PRESS RELEASE | 06 September 2022
European Newsroom project officially launched

The European Newsroom hosts correspondents drawn from across 18 press agencies.

Browse Media
These days we can watch our favourite programmes not just on TV, but also online. These shows are subject to the rules of the single market.

Supporting media and digital culture
The Commission is promoting a coherent approach on media policies, covering legislation on media services and the preservation of European cultural heritage.

Digital cultural heritage

Cultural heritage is evolving rapidly thanks to digital technologies. The momentum is now to preserve our cultural heritage and bring it to this digital decade.

Copyright

The European Commission is adapting EU copyright rules to new consumer behaviours in a Europe which values its cultural diversity.

Media freedom and pluralism

The European Union upholds media freedom and pluralism as pillars of modern democracy and enablers of free and open debate.