Basic information

2022/0277(COD) COD - Ordinary legislative procedure (ex-codecision procedure) Regulation	Procedure completed
European Media Freedom Act Amending Directive 2010/13 2009/0056(COD) **Subject** 2 Internal market, single market 3.30.01 Audiovisual industry and services 3.30.02 Television, cable, digital, mobile 3.30.04 Radiocommunications, broadcasting 3.30.08 Press, media freedom and pluralism **Legislative priorities** Joint Declaration 2022 Joint Declaration 2023-24	

Key players

European Parliament

Committee responsible	Rapporteur	Appointed
CULT Culture and Education	VERHEYEN Sabine (EPP)	09/02/2023
	Shadow rapporteur KAMMEREVERT Petra (S&D) JOVEVA Irena (Renew) RIBA I GINER Diana (Greens/EFA) SLABAKOV Andrey (ECR) GRISET Catherine (ID) KOULOGLOU Stelios (The Left)	

Committee for opinion	Rapporteur for opinion	Appointed
IMCO Internal Market and Consumer Protection (Associated committee)	DIDIER Geoffroy (EPP)	23/11/2022
LIBE Civil Liberties, Justice and Home Affairs (Associated committee)	STRUGARIU Ramona (Renew)	22/03/2023

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European Commission	**Commission DG** / **Commissioner** Communications Networks, Content and Technology / BRETON Thierry
European Economic and Social Committee	

Key events

Date	Event	Reference	Summary
16/09/2022	Legislative proposal published	COM(2022)0457	Summary
17/10/2022	Committee referral announced in Parliament, 1st reading		
16/03/2023	Referral to associated committees announced in Parliament		
07/09/2023	Vote in committee, 1st reading		
12/09/2023	Committee report tabled for plenary, 1st reading	A9-0264/2023	Summary
03/10/2023	Decision by Parliament, 1st reading	T9-0336/2023	Summary
03/10/2023	Results of vote in Parliament		
03/10/2023	Debate in Parliament		
03/10/2023	Matter referred back to the committee responsible for interinstitutional negotiations		
24/01/2024	Approval in committee of the text agreed at 1st reading interinstitutional negotiations	PE758.148 GEDA/A/(2024)000418	
12/03/2024	Debate in Parliament		
13/03/2024	Decision by Parliament, 1st reading	T9-0137/2024	Summary
13/03/2024	Results of vote in Parliament		
26/03/2024	Act adopted by Council after Parliament's 1st reading		
11/04/2024	Final act signed		
17/04/2024	Final act published in Official Journal		

Technical information

Procedure reference	2022/0277(COD)
Procedure type	COD - Ordinary legislative procedure (ex-codecision procedure)
Procedure subtype	Legislation
Legislative instrument	Regulation
Amendments and repeals	Amending Directive 2010/13 2009/0056(COD)
Legal basis	Rules of Procedure EP 57_o Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union TFEU 114

Other legal basis	Rules of Procedure EP 165
Mandatory consultation of other institutions	European Economic and Social Committee
Stage reached in procedure	Procedure completed
Committee dossier	CULT/9/10141

Documentation gateway

European Parliament

Document type	Committee	Reference	Date	Summary
Committee draft report		PE746.655	20/04/2023	
Amendments tabled in committee		PE747.019	05/05/2023	
Amendments tabled in committee		PE747.022	05/05/2023	
Amendments tabled in committee		PE747.023	05/05/2023	
Amendments tabled in committee		PE747.024	05/05/2023	
Amendments tabled in committee		PE747.025	05/05/2023	
Committee opinion	IMCO	PE742.456	29/06/2023	
Committee opinion	LIBE	PE746.757	01/09/2023	
Committee report tabled for plenary, 1st reading/single reading		A9-0264/2023	12/09/2023	Summary
Text adopted by Parliament, partial vote at 1st reading /single reading		T9-0336/2023	03/10/2023	Summary
Text agreed during interinstitutional negotiations		PE758.148	22/01/2024	
Text adopted by Parliament, 1st reading/single reading		T9-0137/2024	13/03/2024	Summary

Council of the EU

Document type	Reference	Date	Summary
Coreper letter confirming interinstitutional agreement	GEDA/A/(2024)000418	19/01/2024	
Draft final act	00004/2024/LEX	11/04/2024	

European Commission

Document type	Reference	Date	Summary
Legislative proposal	COM(2022)0457	16/09/2022	Summary
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Document attached to the procedure	SWD(2022)0286	16/09/2022	
Document attached to the procedure	SWD(2022)0287	16/09/2022	
Commission response to text adopted in plenary	SP(2024)350	22/07/2024	

National parliaments

Document type	Parliament/Chamber	Reference	Date	Summary
Contribution	IE_HOUSES-OF-OIREACHTAS	COM(2022)0457	09/12/2022	
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Contribution	IT_SENATE	COM(2022)0457	08/02/2023	
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Contribution	NL_SENATE	COM(2022)0457	20/04/2023	
Reasoned opinion	DK_PARLIAMENT	PE740.646	16/06/2023	
Reasoned opinion	FR_SENATE	PE740.647	16/06/2023	
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Reasoned opinion	HU_PARLIAMENT	PE740.648	20/07/2023	
Reasoned opinion	DE_BUNDESRAT	PE749.994	20/07/2023	
Contribution	DE_BUNDESRAT	COM(2022)0457	04/12/2023	

Other institutions and bodies

Institution/body	Document type	Reference	Date	Summary
EDPS	Document attached to the procedure	N9-0001/2023 OJ C 487 22.12.2022, p. 0009	11/11/2022	
EESC	Economic and Social Committee: opinion, report	CES4748/2022	14/12/2022	
CofR	Committee of the Regions: opinion	CDR1745/2023	15/03/2023	
CofR	Committee of the Regions: opinion	CDR5388/2022	15/03/2023	

Additional information

Source	Document	Date
European Parliament	Briefing	06/02/2024
European Commission	EUR-Lex	

Meetings with interest representatives published in line with the Rules of Procedure

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VERHEYEN Sabine	Rapporteur	CULT	11/10/2023	Bitkom e.V.
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KAMMEREVERT Petra	Shadow rapporteur	CULT	22/09/2023	Reporters sans frontières
VERHEYEN Sabine	Rapporteur	CULT	20/09/2023	Reporters sans frontières
FREUND Daniel	Shadow rapporteur for opinion	LIBE	18/09/2023	Erste Lesung BV
FREUND Daniel	Shadow rapporteur for opinion	LIBE	11/09/2023	European Digital Rights
JOVEVA Irena	Shadow rapporteur	CULT	30/08/2023	Bauer media
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JOVEVA Irena	Shadow rapporteur	CULT	30/03/2023	Permanent representation of Finland
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STRUGARIU Ramona	Rapporteur for opinion	LIBE	09/03/2023	Reporters sans frontières
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JOVEVA Irena	Shadow rapporteur	CULT	08/03/2023	Fédération Européenne des Journalistes
VERHEYEN Sabine	Rapporteur	CULT	08/03/2023	ARD-Europabüro
KAMMEREVERT Petra	Shadow rapporteur	CULT	07/03/2023	VAUNET - Verband Privater Medien e. V.
FREUND Daniel	Shadow rapporteur for opinion	LIBE	03/03/2023	Oko press
ANSIP Andrus	Shadow rapporteur	CULT	02/03/2023	Google Ireland Limited and its affiliates
ANSIP Andrus	Shadow rapporteur	CULT	01/03/2023	EU DisinfoLab
FREUND Daniel	Shadow rapporteur for opinion	LIBE	01/03/2023	ZDF Europabüro Brüssel
ANSIP Andrus	Shadow rapporteur	CULT	28/02/2023	EBU-UER (European Broadcasting Union)
ANSIP Andrus	Shadow rapporteur	CULT	28/02/2023	European Magazine Media Association European Newspaper Publishers' Association
ANSIP Andrus	Shadow rapporteur	CULT	28/02/2023	EGTA
JOVEVA Irena	Shadow rapporteur	CULT	28/02/2023	Ministry of culture in Slovenia
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VERHEYEN Sabine	Committee chair	CULT	09/02/2023	ARD-Europabüro
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FREUND Daniel	Shadow rapporteur for opinion	LIBE	07/02/2023	Axel Springer SE Bundesverband Digitalpublisher und Zeitungsverleger European Newspaper Publishers' Association Medienverband der freien Presse e.V.
JOVEVA Irena	Shadow rapporteur	CULT	03/02/2023	Disney +

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VERHEYEN Sabine	Committee chair	CULT	02/02/2023	Bertelsmann SE & Co. KGaA
FREUND Daniel	Shadow rapporteur for opinion	LIBE	02/02/2023	Warner Bros. Discovery
FREUND Daniel	Shadow rapporteur for opinion	LIBE	01/02/2023	Reporters sans frontières
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VERHEYEN Sabine	Rapporteur	CULT	18/01/2023	ZDF Europabüro Brüssel
STRUGARIU Ramona	Rapporteur for opinion	LIBE	10/01/2023	Spotify
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FREUND Daniel	Shadow rapporteur for opinion	LIBE	30/11/2022	NRW Landesmedienanstalt
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GUILLAUME Sylvie	12/07/2023	Syndicat national Livre-Édition CFDT
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Final act	
Regulation 2024/1083 OJ OJ L 17.04.2024	Summary

European Media Freedom Act

2022/0277(COD) - 16/09/2022 - Legislative proposal

PURPOSE: to establish a common framework for media services in the internal market (European Media Freedom Act) to safeguard the pluralism and independence of the media in the EU internal market.

PROPOSED ACT: Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council.

ROLE OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT: the European Parliament decides in accordance with the ordinary legislative procedure and on an equal footing with the Council.

BACKGROUND: independent media services play a unique role in the internal market. Given their unique role, the protection of media freedom and pluralism is an essential feature of a well-functioning internal market for media services. This market has substantially changed since the beginning of the new century, becoming increasingly digital and international. It offers many economic opportunities but also faces a number of challenges.

Against this background, the proposal seeks to **tackle a series of problems** affecting the functioning of the internal market for media services and the operation of media service providers. In particular, media companies face obstacles hindering their operation and impacting investment conditions in the internal market such as different national rules and procedures related to media freedom and pluralism. These rules include in particular scrutiny of market concentrations for media pluralism purposes and protectionist measures affecting the operation of media companies. Such rules have created fragmentation in the internal market, impacting legal certainty for media market players and resulting in additional costs when operating across borders.

The proposal is in line with the EU's efforts in promoting democratic participation, fighting disinformation and supporting media freedom and pluralism as set out in the European Democracy Action Plan.

CONTENT: the proposal lays down **common rules for the proper functioning of the internal market for media services**, including the establishment of the European Board for Media Services, while preserving the quality of media services.

It is articulated around four specific objectives:

(1) ***Fostering cross-border activity and investment in media services*** by harmonising certain elements of the diverging national media pluralism frameworks, in particular to facilitate cross-border service provision. Through coordination at EU level, the proposal aims to ensure that when assessing media market concentrations independent national authorities approach media pluralism and media independence in a consistent manner.

(2) ***Increasing regulatory cooperation and convergence*** through cross-border coordination tools and EU-level opinions and guidelines. This will promote consistent approaches to media pluralism and media independence and provide effective protection for users of media services from illegal and harmful content, including online and with regard to service providers (including from third countries) not following EU media standards.

(3) ***Facilitating provision of quality media services*** by mitigating the risk of undue public and private interference in editorial freedom. The proposal aims to guarantee that journalists and editors can work without interference, including when it comes to protecting their sources and communications. By fostering editorial independence, it also guarantees better protection for the interests of recipients of media services.

(4) ***Ensuring transparent and fair allocation of economic resources*** in the internal media market by enhancing transparency and fairness in audience measurement and allocation of state advertising. The proposal aims to ensure transparency, non-discrimination, proportionality, objectivity and inclusiveness of audience measurement methodologies, in particular online. It will also ensure transparency, non-discrimination, proportionality and objectivity in allocation of state advertising to media outlets, in order to minimise the risks of the misuse of public funding for partisan interests, to the detriment of other market players. It will thus promote fair competition in the internal media market.

More specifically, the proposal lays down the following provisions:

European Board for Media Services

The proposal establishes the European Board for Media Services, the collective body of independent media regulators, replacing and succeeding the European Regulators Group for Audiovisual Media Services (ERGA). It sets out the requirements for the independence of the Board and specifies its structure. The Board will receive administrative and organisational support, required for carrying out its tasks, from a secretariat provided by the Commission. The Chapter lists the tasks of the Board under the Regulation.

Large online platforms

Regarding specific issues concerning the provision of media services in a digital environment, the proposal offers additional protection against the unjustified removal by very large online platforms of media content produced according to professional standards. Such platforms will need to take all possible measures to communicate the reasons for suspending content to media service providers before the suspension takes effect. The procedure includes a series of safeguards to ensure that this early warning procedure is in line with other priorities of the Commission, such as the fight against disinformation. Any complaints lodged by media service providers must be processed with priority by those platforms. The proposal provides for a meaningful and effective dialogue between the parties to avoid unjustified content removals and for obligatory annual reporting by very large online platforms.

Audience measurement

Requirements for audience measurement systems and methodologies should be deployed by relevant market players. The rules are accompanied by an encouragement to draw up codes of conduct and to foster exchanges of best practices. The proposal also provides for common requirements on the allocation of state advertising expenditure to media service providers, without affecting the public procurement rules and the State aid rules.

Cooperation and monitoring

The proposal establishes rules and procedures for regulatory cooperation and convergence in the internal media market, comprising a mechanism for structured cooperation, requests for enforcement measures, guidance on media regulation matters and coordination of measures concerning third-country media services. The provisions are intended to ensure a closer cooperation among national regulatory authorities and bodies in different areas of media regulation.

An evaluation of the instrument and a report to the European Parliament, the Council and the European Economic and Social Committee are envisaged within 4 years from its entry into force and every 4 years thereafter.

European Media Freedom Act

2022/0277(COD) - 17/04/2024 - Final act

PURPOSE: to safeguard media freedom, media pluralism and editorial independence in the EU.

LEGISLATIVE ACT: Regulation (EU) 2024/1083 of the European Parliament and of the Council establishing a common framework for media services in the internal market and amending Directive 2010/13/EU (European Media Freedom Act).

CONTENT: this Regulation lays down **common rules for the proper functioning of the internal market for media services** and establishes the European Board for Media Services, while safeguarding the independence and pluralism of media services.

The definition of media service should cover, in particular, television or radio broadcasts, on-demand audiovisual media services, audio podcasts or press publications.

Rights of media service providers

Member States will:

- **respect the effective editorial freedom and independence of media service providers** in the exercise of their professional activities. Member States, including their national regulatory authorities and bodies, will not interfere in or try to influence the editorial policies and editorial decisions of media service providers.

Journalistic sources and confidential communications will be effectively protected. Member States will not take any of the following measures:

- oblige media service providers or their editorial staff to **disclose information** related to or capable of identifying journalistic sources or confidential communications;

- **detain, sanction, intercept or inspect** media service providers or their editorial staff or subject them or their corporate or private premises to surveillance or search and seizure for the purpose of obtaining information related to or capable of identifying journalistic sources or confidential communications;

- deploy **intrusive surveillance software** on any material, digital device, machine or tool used by media service providers.

Intrusive surveillance software may only be deployed if the measure: (i) is justified by an overriding reason relating to the public interest, in accordance with Article 52(1) of the Charter (ii) is subject to prior authorisation by an independent and impartial judicial or decision-making authority; (iii) takes place in the context of investigations into offences listed in Council Framework Decision 2002/584/JHA which are punishable in the Member State concerned by a custodial sentence or a detention order of a maximum period of at least three years or in investigations of other serious offences punishable in the Member State concerned by a custodial sentence or a detention order of a maximum period of at least five years.

The surveillance measures and the deployment of intrusive surveillance software should be regularly reviewed by a judicial authority or an independent and impartial decision-making authority to determine whether the conditions justifying their use continue to be fulfilled.

Independent functioning of public service media providers

Member States will ensure that:

- public service media providers are **editorially and functionally independent** and provide in an impartial manner a plurality of information and opinions to their audiences;

- the **procedures for the appointment and the dismissal** of the head of management or the members of the management board of public service media providers aim to guarantee the independence of public service media providers;

- that **funding procedures** for public service media providers are based on transparent and objective criteria laid down in advance.

Media service providers should make easily and directly accessible to the recipients of their services up-to-date information on: (a) their legal name or names and contact details; (b) the name or names of their direct or indirect owner or owners with shareholdings enabling them to exercise influence on the operation and strategic decision making; (c) the name or names of their beneficial owner or owners; (d) the total annual amount of public funds for state advertising allocated to them and the total annual amount of advertising revenues received from third-country public authorities or entities.

Media services board

The European Media Freedom Act (EMFA) builds on the provisions of the 2018 audiovisual media services directive (AVMSD). It introduces an independent European board for media services to replace the regulators group (ERGA) established under the AVMSD. The board will be composed of national media authorities and will **advise and support the Commission** and promote the consistent application of key provisions of the new EMFA law and the AVMSD in all Member States, including by providing opinions and helping the Commission to produce guidelines.

Media service providers on very large online platforms

Providers of very large online platforms providing access to media content should provide a functionality on their online interface to enable media service providers to declare that they meet certain requirements, while at the same time retaining the possibility to reject such self-declarations where they consider that those conditions are not met.

Allocation of public funds for state advertising and supply or service contracts

These funds should be awarded in accordance with transparent, objective, proportionate and non-discriminatory criteria, made publicly available in advance by electronic and user-friendly means, and by means of open, proportionate and non-discriminatory procedures. Member States should seek to ensure that the overall yearly public expenditure allocated for state advertising is distributed to a wide plurality of media service providers represented on the market, taking into account the national and local specificities of the media markets concerned.

ENTRY INTO FORCE: 8.8.2025.

European Media Freedom Act

2022/0277(COD) - 03/10/2023 - Text adopted by Parliament, partial vote at 1st reading/single reading

The European Parliament adopted by 448 votes to 102, with 15 abstentions, **amendments** to the proposal for a regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council establishing a common framework for media services in the internal market (European Media Freedom Act) and amending Directive 2010/13/EU.

The matter was referred back to the committee responsible for interinstitutional negotiations.

Subject matter and scope

The amended text stipulated that the regulation lays down common rules for the proper functioning of the internal market for media services, including the establishment of the European Board for Media Services, and common basic principles to serve as minimum standards, while ensuring the independence of media services.

Rights of recipients of media services

Members want Member States to ensure, in accordance with the Charter of Fundamental Rights of the European Union, that recipients of media services have access to a plurality of media services produced by editorially independent media service providers, without any interference from the state, in order to guarantee free and democratic expression. Member States must create the necessary framework conditions to guarantee these rights and to safeguard, preserve and promote media pluralism.

Rights of media service providers

Member States should respect the **effective editorial freedom** of media service providers. They should **not oblige them to reveal their sources, access encrypted content** on their devices or target them with **spyware**.

By way of derogation, the use of spyware could only be justified as a last resort, on a case-by-case basis, and if ordered by an independent judicial body to investigate a serious crime punishable in the Member State concerned by a custodial sentence or detention order for a maximum period of at least five years.

Safeguards for the independent operation of public service media providers

According to Members, Member States should ensure that:

- public service media providers have full autonomy and editorial independence from governmental, political, economic or private vested interests in order to provide, in the exercise of their public service remit, in an impartial and independent manner, a plurality of information and opinions to their audiences;

- the principles of independence, accountability, effectiveness, transparency and openness are respected when the management structures of public service media are appointed.

Member States should ensure that public service media providers have **adequate, sustainable and predictable financial resources** on a multiannual basis for the fulfilment of their public service remit and to meet the objectives thereof.

Obligations of media service providers producing news and current affairs content

Media service providers should make the following information directly and permanently accessible in an easy manner to the recipients of their services:

- whether and to what extent their **direct, indirect or beneficial ownership** is held by the government, a State institution, a State-owned enterprise or another public body;

- the name and professional contact details of the natural person who bears editorial responsibility in accordance with the law of the relevant Member State;

- details concerning the **ownership structure** and how they are related to their parent and sister companies and their subsidiaries;

- **state advertising** and state financial support allocated to them.

National regulatory authorities or bodies should be entrusted to establish national media ownership databases.

Allocation of public funds for state advertising and purchases

Members considered that public funds allocated for the purposes of advertising to a singular media service provider, including to an online platform provider or to an online search engine provider, should **not exceed 15 %** of the total budget allocated by the public authority to the totality of media service providers operating at national level.

National regulatory authorities or bodies should monitor the allocation of state funding in media markets and to providers of online platforms and providers of online search engines.

Content of media service providers on very large online platforms

Providers of very large online platforms should ensure that decisions concerning content moderation and any other actions they undertake **do not negatively impact media freedom and pluralism**. They should provide a functionality allowing recipients of their services to declare: (i) that they are media service providers within the meaning of the Regulation and comply with their obligations; (ii) that they are editorially independent from any Union institution, body, office or agency and from Member States, political parties and third countries; (iii) that they do not provide content generated by an artificial intelligence system without subjecting such content to human oversight and editorial control.

Members called for the creation of a **mechanism to manage content takedown orders**. Platforms should first process declarations to distinguish independent media from non-independent sources. Media should then be notified of the platform's intention to delete or restrict their content alongside a **24-hour window** for the media to respond. If after this period the platform still considers the media content fails to comply with its terms and conditions, they can proceed with deleting, restricting or referring the case to national regulators to take the final decision without delay. However, if the media provider considers that the platform's decision does not have sufficient grounds and undermines media freedom, they have right to bring the case to an out-of-court dispute settlement body.

More independent EU media body

Members called for the European Board for Media Services to be legally and functionally independent from the Commission and able to act independently from it. They also called for an **independent expert group**, representing the media sector and civil society, to advise this new Board.

European Media Freedom Act

2022/0277(COD) - 13/03/2024 - Text adopted by Parliament, 1st reading/single reading

The European Parliament adopted by 464 votes to 92, with 65 abstentions, a legislative resolution on the proposal for a regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council establishing a common framework for media services in the internal market (European Media Freedom Act) and amending Directive 2010/13/EU.

The European Parliament's position adopted at first reading under the ordinary legislative procedure amends the proposal as follows:

Rights and duties recipients and of media service providers

Member States should:

- respect the right of recipients of media services to have access to a **plurality of editorially independent media content** and ensure that framework conditions are in place in line with this Regulation to safeguard that right, to the benefit of free and democratic discourse;

- respect the **effective editorial freedom and independence** of media service providers in the exercise of their professional activities. Member States, including their national regulatory authorities and bodies, should not interfere in or try to influence the editorial policies and editorial decisions of media service providers.

It should be prohibited to:

- oblige media service providers or their editorial staff to **disclose information** related to or capable of identifying journalistic sources or confidential communications or oblige any persons who, because of their regular or professional relationship with a media service provider or its editorial staff, might have such information to disclose it;

- detain, sanction, intercept or inspect media service providers or their editorial staff or subject them or their corporate or private premises to **surveillance or search and seizure** for the purpose of obtaining information related to or capable of identifying journalistic sources or confidential communications or deploy **intrusive surveillance software** on any material or digital devices.

The use of spyware will be possible only on a case-by-case basis and subject to authorisation by a judicial authority investigating serious crimes punishable by a custodial sentence. Even in these cases, subjects will have the right to be informed after the surveillance has occurred and will be able to challenge it in court.

Safeguards for the independent functioning of public service media providers

Member States should ensure that public service media providers are editorially and functionally independent and that the procedures for the appointment and the dismissal of the head of management or the members of the management board of public service media providers aim to guarantee the independence of public service media providers.

The head of management or the members of the management board of public service media providers should be appointed on the basis of **transparent, open, effective and non-discriminatory procedures** criteria laid down in advance at national level. The duration of their term of office should be sufficient for the effective independence of public service media providers.

Funding procedures for public service media providers should be based on transparent and objective criteria laid down in advance.

Duties of media service providers

Media service providers should make easily and directly accessible to the recipients of their services up-to-date information on:

- the name or names of their direct or indirect owner or owners with shareholdings enabling them to exercise influence on the operation and strategic decision making, including direct or indirect ownership by a state or by a public authority or entity;

- **the total annual amount of public funds for state advertising** allocated to them and the total annual amount of advertising revenues received from third-country public authorities or entities.

Member States should entrust national regulatory authorities or bodies or other competent authorities or bodies with the development of national media ownership databases containing this information.

Content of media service providers on very large online platforms

Providers of very large online platforms should provide a functionality allowing recipients of their services to: (i) declare that they are media service providers; (ii) declare that they are editorially independent from Member States, political parties, third countries and entities controlled or financed by third countries; (iii) declare that they are subject to regulatory requirements for the exercise of editorial responsibility in one or more Member States and to oversight by a competent national regulatory authority or body or that they adhere to a coregulatory or self-regulatory mechanism governing editorial standards that is widely recognised by and accepted in the relevant media sector in one or more Member States; (iv) declare that they do not provide content generated by artificial intelligence systems without subjecting it to human review or editorial control; (v) provide an email address.

Members made sure to include a mechanism to prevent very big online platforms, such as Facebook, X (formerly Twitter) or Instagram, from arbitrarily restricting or deleting independent media content. Platforms will first have to distinguish independent media from non-independent sources. Media would be notified when the platform intends to delete or restrict their content and have 24 hours to respond. Only after the reply (or in the absence of it) may the platform delete or restrict the content if it still does not comply with its conditions.

Media will have the option to bring the case to an out-of-court dispute settlement body and request an opinion from the European Board for Media Services (a new EU board of national regulators to be set up by the EMFA).

Allocation of public funds for state advertising and supply or service contracts

Public funds or any other consideration or advantage made available, directly or indirectly, by public authorities or entities to media service providers or providers of online platforms for state advertising or supply or service contracts concluded with media service providers or providers of online platforms should be awarded in accordance with **transparent, objective, proportionate and non-discriminatory criteria**, made publicly available in advance by electronic and user-friendly means, and by means of open, proportionate and non-discriminatory procedures.

Member States should seek to ensure that the overall yearly public expenditure allocated for state advertising is distributed to a wide plurality of media service providers represented on the market, taking into account the national and local specificities of the media markets concerned.

European Media Freedom Act

2022/0277(COD) - 12/09/2023 - Committee report tabled for plenary, 1st reading/single reading

The Committee on Culture and Education adopted the report by Sabine VERHEYEN (EPP, DE) on the proposal for a regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council establishing a common framework for media services in the internal market (European Media Freedom Act) and amending Directive 2010/13/EU.

The committee responsible recommended that the European Parliament's position adopted at first reading under the ordinary legislative procedure should amend the proposal as follows:

Subject matter and scope

The amended text stipulates that the Regulation lays down common rules for the proper functioning of the internal market for media services, including the establishment of the European Board for Media Services (the 'Board'), and common basic principles to serve as minimum standards, while ensuring the independence of media services.

Rights of media service providers

Member States should respect effective editorial freedom of media service providers. Member States, including their national regulatory authorities and bodies, **should not**:

- oblige media services providers or their employees to disclose any information related to editorial processing, including on their sources, or to disseminate such information;

- access encrypted content data on any device or in any machine used by media service providers or, if applicable, their families or their employees or their family members or, if applicable, any other person belonging to their professional or private network of relationships, including occasional contacts;

- deploy surveillance measures or use surveillance technology, or instruct private entities to use such measures or such technology, in any device or machine used by media service providers;

- deploy spyware or any similar intrusive technology, or instruct private entities to use spyware or such technology, in any device or machine used by media service providers.

Safeguards for the independent functioning of public service media providers

The report stated that Member States should ensure, by means of national law and their actions, that the principles of independence, accountability, effectiveness, transparency and openness are respected when the management structures of public service media are appointed. They should also appoint an independent authority or establish independent procedures for determining the financial needs appropriate for public service media providers. Member States should ensure that **independent judicial review** is guaranteed.

Allocation of expenditure on state advertising

Members considered that public funding allocated for advertising purposes to a given media service provider, including an online platform provider or an online search engine provider, should not exceed 15% of the total budget allocated by the public authority to all media service providers operating at national level.

Furthermore, in the interests of transparency, Members considered it necessary to create easily understandable and publicly available reports in order to gather all information concerning the allocation of public funds for the purposes of state advertising and purchases provided by media service providers, providers of online platforms and providers of online search engines.

Those reports should provide a yearly overview of the total amount of public funds for the purposes of state advertising and purchases from State entities, including from third countries, allocated to each media service provider, provider of online platforms and provider of online search engines.

National regulatory authorities or bodies

Member States should proportionally increase the financial, human and technical resources allocated to national regulatory authorities or bodies in order to take into account the additional tasks conferred upon them under this Regulation.

It is proposed that national regulatory authorities or bodies should hold regular consultations with the representatives of the media sector.

Moreover, Member States should entrust the national regulatory authorities or bodies with developing and maintaining dedicated online media ownership databases. The public should have easy, swift and effective access, free of charge, to such databases.

European Board for Media Services replacing the European Regulators Group for Audiovisual Media Services (ERGA)

Members called for a new body to be set up, the European Board for Media Services (the Board), which should be legally and functionally independent from the Commission and able to act on its own, not only at the Commission's request. The board should be assisted by a separate and independent secretariat. Both the board and the secretariat should be provided with the human and financial resources necessary for the performance of their tasks. The budget of the board and the secretariat should be shown in a separate budgetary line within the relevant heading of section III of the budget of the Union.

Lastly, an independent **expert group** should be set up consisting of representatives from the media sector beyond the audiovisual media sector.