

# Mastering the European Media Freedom Act

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## The training will provide attendees with:

This training offers in three online sessions a comprehensive overview of the new EU rules contained in the recently adopted European Media Freedom Act (EMFA). These rules will affect media service providers (including commercial televisions, public service media, streaming companies and the press industry), device manufacturers, audience measurement organisations, large social media companies, ministries and regulators.

The training will cover the following topics:

- Context of adoption of the EMFA, its overall aim and structure
- New rights for media service providers
- Rules to safeguard transparency and editorial independence of media services, including of public service media
- New rights for citizens
- Audience measurement and state advertising; and
- Changes to the roles and functioning of media regulatory authorities (including the new EU board for media services)

“Very interesting training which will be very useful in the actual implementing exercise.”

Nick Socquet, CJSM

## Who should attend and why?

The course is suitable for:

- regulatory experts who are interested in understanding these new rules and how they could affect their organisation
- those wanting to hear from others (regulators, media companies, device manufacturers, ministries, ...) on what challenges the new rules could bring; and
- those wanting to grasp in three short sessions the new rules.

## The training organiser

Cullen International provides regulatory and competition law intelligence in telecoms, media, postal and the digital economy - covering developments across Europe, Americas, the Middle East and North Africa, as well as key trends across the globe.

For over 35 years, we have been providing comprehensive, neutral, unbiased, timely information that is trusted by industry and official institutions alike.

We are widely recognised as the leading regulatory intelligence provider in the field. Our services consist of a unique range of alerts, reports, benchmarks and enquiry services that are complemented by our topical conferences and regulatory training offer.

We are also regularly selected to carry out important research and studies for the European Commission and other organisations and we are frequently sought out to chair or make presentations at industry events.

## COURSE TIMINGS

The course consists of 3 interactive online sessions of 3 hours each.

For future course dates and the detailed agenda, please visit our website:

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## Trainers



**Michèle Ledger**, *Head of Media*,

leads Cullen International's Media regulatory intelligence service. She worked for many years in the digital economy practice and has extensive knowledge of the implementation of the EU frameworks at national level across Europe. She is a researcher at the CRIDS research centre of the University of Namur where she also lectures on the regulatory aspects of online platforms at the postmaster degree course (DTIC). She joined Cullen International in 1998, previously working as a lawyer in Brussels.



**Laura Sboarina**, *Principal Media Analyst*,

follows EU regulation affecting the media sector, specialising on television and online video services. She also follows the television markets in Italy and in the US. Laura joined Cullen International in 2011, previously representing in Brussels the European association of television and radio advertising sales houses (EGTA). She also worked at the Italian public service broadcaster, RAI.



**Jérôme Dheur**, *Principal Analyst*,

follows EU regulation affecting the internet and media sectors. He also follows the television market in France. Jérôme is lead author of the Media Cross-Country Analysis report covering Western Europe.



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## Introducing the EMFA

This session will provide a general introduction to the EMFA and will explain its relevance for the attendees of the training:

- A regulation with a twist
- Context of adoption, timing and implementation
- Main objectives and scope of application
- General structure
- Articulation with other laws

## Rules to safeguard transparency and editorial independence of media services, including of public service media

The EMFA introduces for the first time at the EU level rules on transparency of media ownership and new safeguards against public interference, including specific rules in relation to public service media (PSM) and to protect journalists:

- Transparency of media ownership
- Editorial freedom and safety of journalists
- Rules to ensure that PSM function in an independent manner

## Rules to safeguard MSPs in the digital environment

This session will explain the new media privilege which will allow certain media service providers to be protected when the very large online platforms remove or demote their content.

## New rights for citizens

The EMFA introduces two new rights for recipients of media services:

- A right to have access to a plurality of editorial independent media content
- A right to customise their media offer

This session will discuss these two rights and some of the enforcement issues that may arise in practice.

## State advertising and audience measurement

The EMFA introduces rules to ensure that “economic resources” are allocated in a transparent and fair manner. New rules are introduced on:

- Audience measurement systems
- State advertising

## Institutional changes

The EMFA introduces institutional changes to the oversight of media services. In particular, it introduces a new European Board for Media Services (EMBS), which will replace ERGA, the European Regulators Group for Audiovisual Services. This session will focus on:

- Tasks for EMBS
- Structured cooperation
- Coordination of measures concerning services from outside the EU
- The enforcement of obligations of video sharing platforms
- Media mergers

## General appraisal session

The last session of the training will provide an opportunity for participants to discuss in a structured manner (in breakout sessions) the pros and cons of the new legislation and what difficulties they think they may face when putting it into application.



# For more information



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## How to register?

Please register by filling in the respective registration form on our website:

[www.cullen-international.com](http://www.cullen-international.com)

## Fees

Early-bird fee (up to two months before the event starts) ..... € 1,694 (€1,400 VAT excluded)

Standard fee ..... € 1,936 (€1,600 VAT excluded)

10% discount for multiple registrations from the same organisation.

**Belgian VAT (21%) is chargeable on all bookings.**

Upon receiving your registration, we will send you an invoice to be paid within one month and in all cases before the event. Payment can be made by bank transfer or by credit card. In the absence of payment by the due date, Cullen International reserves the right to reallocate places.

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