



Brussels, September 6, 2023

We are writing to you on behalf of the undersigned, broad range of organisations (civil society, media and journalism) to invite you to a 'briefing breakfast' on the European Media Freedom Act (EMFA) at the European Parliament. The breakfast will take place in the **Spinelli room - 1E2** from **08:30 - 10.00 AM CET on Wednesday, September 27, 2023**.

We are entering the final, crucial stages of the EMFA legislative process. It is vital that this new framework achieves what it originally set out to do - increase media freedom, independence and pluralism, increase transparency and harmonise rules across member states to the benefit of all actors, and citizens.

The main goal of the 90-minute session on September 27th is to discuss, highlight concerns and respond to outstanding questions on:

1. Rights of media service providers, including the right to protection from surveillance (Article 4);
2. Independence of public service media (Article 5);
3. Media ownership transparency & transparency and fairness of state advertising (Article 6.1 & 24);
4. Duties of media service providers (Article 6.2);
5. Right of customisation of audiovisual offer (Article 19), as well as the assessment of media market concentrations (Article 21);

The EMFA is a unique opportunity for the European Parliament to protect and support a healthy, free and pluralistic media environment across the EU. We hope that you can join us for our discussion. Discussants include, amongst others, Renate Schroeder (EFJ), Lubos Kulkis (expert & former ERGA Chair), Oliver Money-Kyrle (IPI) and other senior representatives from participating organisations. The session will be moderated by Dr. Tarlach McGonagle, Professor of Media Law & Information Society at Leiden Law School and associate professor at the University of Amsterdam's Institute for Information Law.

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Best Regards,

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