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Council Conclusions on Media Freedom and Pluralism

On 26 November 2013, the Council of the European Union and the representatives of the Governments of the Member States, meeting within the Council, adopted [conclusions on media freedom and pluralism](#) [10] in the digital environment.

In those conclusions, the Council invites the Commission to:

- continue to support projects that aim at enhancing the protection of journalists and media practitioners
- continue to support the independent monitoring tool for assessing risks to media pluralism in the EU (MPM)
- strengthen cooperation between Member States' audiovisual regulatory authorities and promote best practice as regards the transparency of media ownership
- assess the effectiveness of these measures in order to consider any further steps.

Documents and Studies

- Two [public consultations](#) [11] on the independence of the audiovisual regulatory bodies ([report](#) [12]) and on the Independent Report from the [High Level Group on Media Freedom and Pluralism](#) [13] ([report](#) [14]) were conducted in 2013.
- An [independent study on indicators for media pluralism in the EU Member States](#) [15] was commissioned to define and test concrete and objective indicators for assessing media pluralism in the EU Member States. The [results](#) [6], including the Media Pluralism Monitor (MPM), were published in 2009.
- The [Centre for Media Pluralism and Media Freedom](#) [16], initiated within the European University Institute of Florence, published a [policy report](#) [17] on "European Union competencies in respect of media pluralism and media freedom" in February 2013.
- The European Commission services published a working paper outlining efforts to promote pluralism by third parties and organisations, notably the essential work undertaken by the Council of Europe. This contains a concise first survey of Member States' audiovisual and print media markets - [Staff Working Paper on Media Pluralism](#) [18].
- European Commission [Guidelines for EU support to media freedom and media integrity in enlargement countries](#) [19], 2014-2020
- [EU Human Rights Guidelines on Freedom of Expression Online and Offline](#) [20], adopted by the Foreign Affairs Council meeting of 12 May 2014?

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