

Digital Single Market

Consultations on media issues

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The European Commission occasionally seeks discussion on media freedom and pluralism, on the independence of audiovisual regulatory bodies, on the changing media landscape and borderless internet.

Public consultation - 2016 Annual Colloquium on Fundamental Rights on 'Media Pluralism and Democracy'

The purpose of the [public consultation](#) [2], held between 19 May 2016 to 14 July 2016 was to feed into [the second Annual Colloquium on Fundamental Rights which will take place on 17-18 November 2016](#) [3]. The Colloquium will explore the multiple links between a free and pluralist media space on the one hand and democracy on the other hand.

Public consultation on Directive 2010/13/EU on AVMSD A media framework for the 21st century

The Commission is consulting on the Directive 2010/13/EU on [Audiovisual Media Services \(AVMSD\)](#) [4] first to check which parts of the Directive are currently fit for purpose as part of the Regulatory Fitness and Performance Programme (REFIT), and, second, to collect evidence and views on the future media services policy in the form of an impact assessment.

Targeted respondents

National regulators, broadcasters, producers, content providers telecom service providers, civil society organisations, academia and citizens

Duration

6 July 2015 - 30 September 2015

Please see the [consultation documents \(available in all EU languages\)](#) [5].

See the [announcement](#), [6] [the contributions](#) [7], the [synopsis](#) [8] and some [questions & answers](#). [9]

Consultations on media freedom & pluralism and on the independence of the regulatory authorities

Freedom of expression and media pluralism are core values of the European Union and enshrined in Article 11 of the Charter of Fundamental Rights. The media landscape is subject to rapid evolution and changes. A report by an independent expert group, the [High Level Group \(HLG\) on Media Freedom and Pluralism](#) [10] highlighted the need for a separate debate regarding the independence of [audiovisual regulatory bodies](#) [11]. The European Commission therefore carried out two parallel consultations between 22/03 and 14/06/2013, one regarding the findings of the HLG and another regarding the independence of the audiovisual regulatory authorities.

- [Public consultation on the independence of the audiovisual regulatory bodies](#) [12]
- [Public consultation on the Independent Report of the High Level Group on Media Freedom and Pluralism](#) [13]. [14]

French and German language versions of the consultations are also available. The responses of participants who gave their consent to publication are available on the corresponding pages.

Green Paper, "Preparing for a Fully Converged Audiovisual World: Growth, Creation and Value"

The Green Paper invited stakeholders to share their views on the changing media landscape and borderless internet in particular on market conditions, interoperability and infrastructure, and implications for EU rules. The Green Paper does not pre-suppose any action, but in following up, the Commission might explore regulatory and policy responses, including self-regulation. The consultation ran from 24/04/2013 to 30/09/2013 .

Read [contributions of respondents](#) [15] who gave their consent to publication.

Download a pdf of the Green Paper in a number of languages: [BG](#) [16], [ES](#) [17], [CS](#) [18], [DA](#) [19], [DE](#) [20], [ET](#) [21], [EL](#) [22], [EN](#) [23], [FR](#) [24], [IT](#) [25], [LV](#) [26], [LT](#) [27], [HU](#) [28], [MT](#) [29], [NL](#) [30], [PL](#) [31], [PT](#) [32], [RO](#) [33], [SK](#) [34], [SL](#) [35], [FI](#) [36], [SV](#) [37]. You can also find it in other formats than pdf on [eur-lex](#) [38].

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