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OSCE Expert Meeting Series on Disinformation and Freedom of the Media
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THIRD MEETING: THE ROLE OF INDEPENDENT NATIONAL MEDIA REGULATORY AUTHORITIES IN REGAINING TRUST IN THE MEDIA

2 November 2021, 10:00-12:00 (CET)

The growth of legal and policy initiatives among the OSCE participating States, which specifically attempt to promote fairness in broadcasting and online and restrict the harm made by the spread of falsities, points to their existing concerns of the threats to national security and public order. Comprehensive security in the region, at the same time, includes a strong freedom of expression component and depends on the independent and pluralistic media that enjoy trust of the public.

A major mechanism of such policy initiatives is the national regulatory authority (NRA), existent in almost every OSCE participating State. An NRA traditionally deals with the broadcasting matters but increasingly is involved in content regulation of audiovisual and other content in online media.

This roundtable will discuss reports on the mandates and practices of relevant NRAs on accuracy, impartiality and transparency in the media, while preserving their freedom and plurality, and safeguarding public trust. It will attempt to determine best practices and provide recommendations.

Opening Address: Teresa Ribeiro, OSCE Representative on Freedom of the Media

Moderator: Andrey Rikhter, Senior Adviser, OSCE Representative on Freedom of the Media

First Panel: Regional Approach

Mr. Luboš Kukliš, Chair of European Platform of Regulatory Authorities (EPRA) and Chief Executive at the Council for Broadcasting and Retransmission of Slovakia

Mr. Nyakas Levente, Head of the NMHH's Institute of Media Sciences (Hungary)

Mr. Richard Burnley, Director of Legal & Policy, European Broadcasting Union (EBU)

Ms. Maja Cappello, Head of Department for Legal Information, European Audiovisual Observatory (EAO) (Strasbourg)

Second Panel: National Activities

Mr. Raphaël Honoré, Head of mission for European and international affairs, Conseil supérieur de l'audiovisuel (CSA)

Ms. Aurēlija Ieva Druviete, Vice Chair of Latvian National Electronic Mass Media Council

Ms. Larisa Manole, member of the Audiovisual Council of Moldova

Ms. Natalie Rose, Principal, Standards and Audience Protection team, Ofcom (the UK's media regulator)