

IMPLEMENTATION OF EUROPEAN MEDIA FREEDOM ACT

WEDNESDAY, 4 NOVEMBER 2026,
14:30 - 18:10;
THURSDAY, 5 NOVEMBER 2026,
10:30 - 12:30

MEETING ROOM:
ANTALL 4Q1

EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT, BRUSSELS



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Draft Agenda

**Interparliamentary
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Meeting**

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COMMITTEE ON CULTURE AND EDUCATION ICM

Implementation of European Media Freedom Act

Wednesday, 4 November 2026, 14:30 – 18:10

Thursday, 5 November 2026, 10:30 – 12:30

European Parliament, Brussels

Room: Antall 4Q1 (tbc)

Wednesday, 4 November 2026, 14:30 – 18:10 (followed by a cocktail reception)

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| 14:30 – 15:30 | Welcome and opening remarks by Nela Riehl, Chair of the Committee on Culture and Education of the European Parliament <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Representative from Irish Presidency (tbc)• Giuseppe Abbamonte, Director Media Policy, DG CNECT, European Commission• Ama Assante, Chair, European Board for Media Services <p><i>Debate with MEPs, Members of National Parliaments and invited guests</i></p> |
| 15:30 – 16:00 | Coffee break |
| 16:00 – 17:00 | Session I – Implementing the European Media Freedom Act: has EMFA improved our news environment? <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Introductory remarks by Sabine Verheyen, Vice-President of EP and Chair of WG on EMFA• Keynote: Matthew Caruana Galizia, Director, The Daphne Caruana Galizia Foundation• Presentation of the study on the EMFA implementation: Centre for Media Pluralism and Media Freedom (tbc) <p><i>Debate with MEPs, Members of National Parliaments and invited guests</i></p> |
| 17:00 – 18:00 | Session II – EU Media Framework and Gender Equality – how media rules help shaping more equal society? |

- Institutional representative (tbc)
- Journalist (tbc)

Debate with MEPs, Members of National Parliaments and invited guests

18:00 – 18:10

Family picture

18:10 – 19:10

Cocktail reception

Thursday, 5 November 2026, 10:30 – 12:30

10:00 – 10:30

Welcome coffee and arrival of participants

10:30 – 10:35

Welcome by Nela Riehl, Chair of the Committee on Culture and Education of the European Parliament

Scene setter: European Commission (tbc)

10:35– 11:30

Session III – Digital aspects of the EMFA: how we can make trustworthy information prevail online?

- Michèle Ledger, Head of Practice, Cullen International
- Carolina Lorenzon, Head of office, Mediaset/ ACT (Italy)
- Maria Donde, Head of international affairs, CNAM (Ireland)

Debate with MEPs, Members of National Parliaments, including regional Parliaments, and invited guests

11:30 – 12:25

Session IV – Perspectives on the EMFA Implementation: how EMFA can support media ecosystem at the regional level?

- Introductory remarks by Representative of the Committee of the Regions
- Regional national authority's representative (tbc)
- Representative of academia (tbc)

Debate with MEPs, Members of National Parliaments and invited guests

12:25 – 12:30

Conclusions by Nela Riehl, Chair of the Committee on Culture and Education of the European Parliament

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