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Maja Sever

President of EFJ and TUCJ



Maja Sever is the President of the European Federation of Journalists (EFJ). With nearly three decades of experience, she built her career at Croatian public television HRT, where she hosted "Hrvatska uživo" for 13 years. She has led the Union of Croatian Journalists since 2019 and has received numerous awards, including 'Journalist of the Year' in 2018.

Daphne Koene

Coordination Committee member of AIPCE



Daphne Koene is the secretary of the Netherlands Press Council (Raad voor de Journalistiek) since 2001, author of the report Press Councils in Western Europe (AMB-uitgevers, 2008) and member of the Coordination Committee of the AIPCE (a network of independent press and media councils in Europe). As part of phase four of the EU project 'Media Councils in the Digital Age', she is currently conducting research into strengths and weaknesses of media councils in the European Union, which will result in a report in May 2025.

Muriel Hanot

General Secretary of CDJ



Muriel Hanot has a PhD in communication sciences and journalism. She has been the Secretary General of the Belgian (French- and German- speaking) press council (Conseil de déontologie journalistique – CDJ) since 2016. From 2009 to 2015, she worked at the Belgian (French-speaking) media regulator (Conseil supérieur de l’audiovisuel – CSA) where she headed the studies and research department. Her latest publications focus on media regulation and self-regulation.

Alejandra Michel

Head of media law unit at UNamur



Alejandra Michel is a senior researcher in digital law at the Research Centre for Information Law and Society (CRIDS/UNamur), where she is Head of the Media Law research unit. She also teaches media law, human rights in the digital environment and archives law and digital. Her research focuses on the regulation of online content moderation and the right to information. She is also a member of the Conseil de Déontologie Journalistique (French- and German-speaking Belgium) on behalf of civil society.

Lexie Kirkconnell-Kawana

Chief Executive of Impress UK



Lexie Kirkconnell-Kawana is the Chief Executive of Impress, the UK's only independent press regulator and a champion of news that can be trusted. Lexie is a New Zealand qualified barrister and solicitor who has worked in all forms of media regulation, in the UK and New Zealand, in investigations, research and semi-judicial capacity.

Laurence Dierickx

Researcher and professor in digital & data journalism at ULB



Laurence Dierickx has a professional and educational background in journalism and technology. She is a postdoc at the University of Bergen (Norway), where her research focuses on developing responsible AI technology for fact-checking. She is also a data journalism and digital techniques teacher at the Université Libre de Bruxelles.

Kim Gaudaire

Student of Master in Journalism at ULB



Kim Gaudaire is a student at the "Université Libre de Bruxelles". She initially studied communications and events management in France. She then moved to Brussels to pursue a Master's degree, with the aim of becoming a journalist specializing in investigative reporting.

Ute Korinth

Board member of the German Federation of Journalists (DJV)



Ute Korinth is journalist, resilience trainer and author. She has been the deputy head of an online newsroom for over 20 years and has been giving freelance seminars and training courses on communication, resilience, agile methods and leadership for more than 10 years. She has developed an 8-week programme for resilience and appreciative collaboration and has written the book "The Buddha loves rafting". She is member of the board of the German Federation of Journalists (DJV)

Adeline Hulin

Chief of Unit for Media and Information Literacy and Digital Competencies at UNESCO



Adeline HULIN is Head of Unit for Media and Information Literacy and Digital Competencies at UNESCO Headquarter in Paris. She previously worked as the global coordinator for the UNESCO Project Social Media 4 Peace that aims at curbing online harmful content on social media while promoting freedom of expression in conflict prone environment. She was based in the UNESCO Liaison Office in Brussels where she was also in charge of the partnership with EU Institutions in relation to Freedom of Expression and digital issues.

Biljana Georgievska

Executive Director of the Council of Media Ethics of Macedonia



Biljana Georgievska, executive director of The Council of Media Ethics of Macedonia, has been a journalist and editor with over three decades of experience, most of it with the BBC World Service. She has experience with printed media, radio and television. She has participated in numerous trainings and projects for media ethics, promotion of media literacy, the fight against disinformation and hate speech in media an internet sphere. She was a participant in ad-hoc groups for promotion of EU values in North Macedonia and overcoming of bilateral disputes in the Western Balkans.

Florence Gourmand

Student and former intern at CDJ



Florence Gourmand recently graduated with a Master's in Journalism at IHECS, during which she completed an internship at the CDJ (Conseil de déontologie journalistique). Florence also gained practical experience through internships at both a local and a national newspaper.

Iva Nenadic

Research Fellow at the Centre for Media
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Iva Nenadić is an Assistant Professor of media and digital policy at the University of Zagreb and a Research Fellow at the European University Institute's Centre for Media Pluralism and Media Freedom. She studies media pluralism in the context of content moderation policies of online platforms, and related regulatory interventions. She is a member of the Committee of Experts on the Impacts of GenAI for Freedom of Expression at the Council of Europe, and in the Management Committee of the European Digital Media Observatory.

MEP Sabine Verheyen

First Vice-President of the European Parliament



Sabine Verheyen is a German politician who serves as the First Vice-President of the European Parliament since July 2024, having been a Member of the European Parliament (MEP) since 2009. She has since served as member of the Committee on Culture and Education; since 2019, she has been its chairwoman. She is a member of the Christian Democratic Union, part of the European People's Party.

Frederic Bokobza

Chair of EMFA sub-group and Deputy Director General of Arcom



Frédéric Bokobza has been serving as Deputy Director General at the French Autorité de régulation de la communication audiovisuelle et numérique (Arcom - Conseil supérieur de l'audiovisuel until 2021) since 2016. Previously (2003-2016) he held various managing positions in the fields of media, culture and electronic communications within the French Government's administration. Before that he had been working as a senior consultant at the Boston Consulting Group's Paris Office (2002-2003), after being in charge of several IT projects at the Ministry of Interior (1996-2001).

Anna Herold

Head of the Audiovisual & Media Services
Policy unit at the EU Commission DG
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Anna Herold is currently Head of the Audiovisual and Media Policy Unit at the European Commission. She was previously Member of Cabinet of Günther H. Oettinger, European Commissioner responsible for Digital Economy and Society, and subsequently, Budget and HR. Prior to that, she was Assistant to Deputy Director-General of DG Communications Networks, Content and Technology of the European Commission, Roberto Viola. Anna Herold has worked for the European Commission since 2003, dealing with media, audiovisual and telecoms policy as well as competition law.

Maria Donde

Director of International Relations at the Irish
Regulatory body (Coimisiún na Meán)



Maria is the International Affairs Director at Coimisiún na Meán, Ireland's media and online safety regulator. She leads international engagement, managing relationships with European and global institutions. Before this, she spent six years as Head of International Content Policy at Ofcom, contributing to the 2018 AVMS Directive and Digital Services Act. Maria served on the Board of the European Platform of Regulatory Authorities (2018-2024) and chaired the Council of Europe's Committee of Experts on Media Reform.

Simone Benazzo

Researcher in journalism and media at ULB



Simone Benazzo is a PhD researcher in political science and assistant at the Université Libre de Bruxelles (ULB). His research focuses on journalistic resistance in autocratic contexts. He is also a member of the Media and Journalism Research Centre. He writes a weekly column, 'Illiberalia', for the Italian newspaper Linkiesta on the threats to media freedom in Europe. Before joining ULB, Simone worked as a freelance journalist for four years, covering mainly Central-Eastern Europe and contributing to over 40 Italian and European titles.

Charlotte Michils

General Secretary at Vlaamse Vereniging van Journalisten (VVJ)



In order to be fit for the digital age the EU sets both ambitious legal standards and strengthens the role of self-regulation. As general secretary at the Flemish / Belgian Association of Journalists Charlotte Michils closely follows up on new EU developments for almost eight years now. She is part of the (daily) board of the media council in Flanders and a guest lecturer at Thomas More in Mechelen.

Carlos Aguilar Paredes

Vice-Chair of ERGA and Member of the Board of the Spanish regulator CNMC



Carlos Aguilar Paredes is a Vice Chair of European Regulators Group for Audiovisual Media Services. He served on the Board of the Spanish National Markets and Competition Commission (CNMC) from 2020 to 2022. He was Vice Dean at the Information and Audiovisual Media Faculty UB and a Professor of Applied Economics to the Media from 2018 to 2020, also teaching Audiovisual System Structure from 2010 to 2020. Carlos is a member of the DHiGeCS Consolidated Research Group and belongs to the In-COMAV teaching innovation group.

Raymond Harder

Lecturer in journalism studies at VU University Amsterdam



Raymond Harder is a lecturer in journalism studies at VU University Amsterdam, where he researches media and journalism topics. He was a lecturer at Erasmus University Rotterdam from 2021 to 2024 and served as a researcher at Ghent University from 2023 to 2024. Additionally, he was a guest lecturer at the University of Antwerp from 2018 to 2021. Raymond earned his PhD in Communication Studies from the University of Antwerp.