



AIPCE MEETING CYPRUS

19-21 OCTOBER 2022

AGENDA

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Wednesday **19th of October**

18:30 – 20:30 **Reception – Nissi Blu Beach Resort**
25th anniversary of the Cyprus Media Ethics Committee MCC

Welcome and brief Presentation by the Chairwoman
of the CME and Chair of the AIPCE 2022 Meeting
Elli Kodjamani

Thursday **20th of October**

9:00 **Registration – Ayia Napa Marina Conference Centre**

9:30 **Session I - Latest Developments**

Presentation of Cyprus' New Code of Media Ethics
Elli Kodjamani – Chairwoman of the CME

10:15 **Catch up of latest developments in the Alliance
and among the Members**

5-minute presentations of country reports by AIPCE members.
Discussion.

11:15 **Coffee Break**

11:30 **Session II - Digital Challenges**

Media Councils in the Digital Age – MCDA #1 EU Project

Pieter Knapen – Ombudsman, Council for Journalism
of Belgium (Flanders)
Bernard Angaud, Conseil de déontologie journalistique, FRA
Muriel Hanot, Conseil de déontologie journalistique, FRA

13:30 **Lunch**

14:30 **The Challenges of digital media in an age of extremes**
Panel Discussion – Initial Interventions by



- **Xenia Xenofontos** - Director Corporate Affairs & Sustainability, Digital Tree
- **Nicholas Nicoli**, Assoc. Professor, Department of Communications, University of Nicosia
- **Demetris Demetriou**, President of the Cyprus Online Publishers Association
- **Nicholas Karides**, Institute for Mass Media (IMME)

15:00

Media Councils in the Digital Age MCDA #2

Sonja Volkmann-Schluck – German Press Council

The specially developed software allows incoming complaints to be processed completely digitally. The German Press Council will share its knowledge and experience in the field of digital complaint handling with other press councils and help make European press councils fit for the digital age.

Q&A

15:45

Coffee break

16:00

The EU Media Freedom Act

The most eagerly anticipated proposal by the EU on regulating media services and safeguarding editorial independence and pluralism.

Commissioner Vera Jurova – Brief Intervention from Brussels

Myrto Zambarta – Head of the EC Representation, Cyprus

Nicholas Karides, Institute for Mass Media (IMME)

Discussion to be opened to the plenum

16:45

‘Making Codes of Conduct fit for purpose for the digital age’ Workshop

Tom Spencer, discussion facilitated by **Lexie Kirkconnell-Kawana** – IMPRESS UK

17:30

End of proceedings

20:00

Dinner at local taverna

“Taverna Mousikos” Kyriakou Matsi 6, Sotira



Friday **21st of October**

09:00 **Arrival – Ayia Napa Marina Conference Centre**

09:15 **Session IV – The Fallout of the Scoop**

Guest Speaker Elisa Triantafyllou

Greek Investigative journalist at Inside Story

The Greek ‘Watergate’ saga which has come before the European Parliament’s Committee conducting the inquiry on the use of Pegasus and other spyware used against journalists and opposition politicians.

Discussion with George Georgiou MEP and journalist.

10:45 **Coffee break**

11:00 **Session V – Polarisation**

Hate Speech

Dr. Natalie Alkiviadou, Senior Research Fellow, Justitia, Denmark.

The legal framework (European and international), draft of EU media regulation and process and soft law (media guidelines etc) and key cases on anti-migrant rhetoric and good practices in terms of media professionals.

11:30 **Ethical Challenges of Media Discourses on Societal issues**
(*Coordination Tonia Stavrinou, journalist, CME member*)

Reporting the Unreportable - Dimitris Trimithiotis, Lecturer in Journalism & Media University of Cyprus, CME member

Silencing the crime in reporting gender-based violence

Miranda Christou, Associate Professor in Sociology of Education, University of Cyprus, CME member



12:15

Session V – Case Studies

Does a journalist lose his independence when he ghostwrites a book on behalf of someone suspected of fraud?

Pieter Knapen – Ombudsman, Council for Journalism of Belgium (Flanders)

A case about a journalist from the public broadcaster who ghost-wrote a book on behalf of a football agent who is being prosecuted by the court. The journalist subsequently made a TV report about the agent. The complaint was that the journalist could no longer act independently. An interesting and fundamental question for how press councils would assess similar cases. Discussion.

12:35

Satire and the Case of Chancellor Kurz

Alexander Warzilek, executive manager of the Austrian Press Council Discussion.

13:00

Lunch

14:00

Session VI - General Assembly of AIPCE

- Commission of Journalistic Ethics of Ukraine Request to expel from AIPCE the Russian Public Collegium for Press Complaints.
- Possible amendments to the bylaws
- AIPCE conference 2023
- Composition of the 2022-2023 coordination committee

17:15

Peter Feeney – Ireland's former ombudsman (via streaming)

General considerations on Press Councils and media ethics.

17:30

Closing Remarks - End of Annual AIPCE Meeting

Free time



Saturday **22nd of October**

- 9:00 **Pick up** from NissiBlu and Amethyst Napa Hotels
For Guided tour: Neolithic settlement at Choirokoitia (Unesco heritage) and Village of Lefkara famous for its lace and silverwork awarded recently as one of the best 40 tourism villages in the world , by the World Tourism Organisation
- 13:00 Lunch at Lefkara Village
- 16:00 Arrival to Ayia Napa
- (Tour and Lunch offered by the Deputy Ministry of Tourism)

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