

# Public digital Conference

Tuesday, 27 October 2020,  
from 1.30 pm until 4.30 pm



Stabilising democracy online is one of the most important tasks currently occupying politics, industry and media regulators. The upcoming months will be characterised by the preparations of two groundbreaking initiatives: The Digital Services Act Package and the European Democracy Action Plan. Both proposals are crucial when it comes to protecting our democracy and fostering a free and resilient internet culture.

Discussing how new rules can be reasonably designed and implemented will be the task for all of us – and now is the time to get prepared. We would like to address this issue at our event “Safeguarding freedom – Stabilising democracy” and warmly invite you to join in on our conversation.

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## Registration:

Participation in the event is free.

We kindly ask you to register until 20 October 2020 via the following URL: <https://bit.ly/35VwqFq>

## OPENING

### 1.30 pm General Welcome and Opening

Welcome by Hans H. Stein,  
Director, Representation of the State of North Rhine-Westphalia to the  
European Union

Opening by Vice-President Věra Jourová,  
European Commission

## A – DISINFORMATION

### 1.50 pm Setting the Scene

Judith Möller,  
Assistant Professor, Faculty of Social and Behavioural Sciences,  
University of Amsterdam

### 2 pm Disinformation as a matter of fact(s)? What it means to ... a platform:

Stephen Turner,  
Head of Public Policy, Government and Philanthropy, Twitter Belgium

### a media authority:

Michael O’Keeffe,  
Chief Executive, Broadcasting Authority Ireland

### a fact checker:

Stefan Voß,  
Head of Verification, German Press Agency dpa

### 2.30 pm Ask an academic – Tobias Schmid interviewing

Wolfgang Schulz,  
Director, Hans-Bredow-Institute for Media Research

## 25 Minutes Break

## B – LAW ENFORCEMENT ONLINE

### 3.10 pm Setting the Scene

Laura Braam,  
Team Leader Supervision, Media Authority of North Rhine-Westphalia

### 3.20 pm Asked an academic – Presentation of an expert opinion

Mark D. Cole,  
Director for Academic Affairs, Institute of European Media Law (EMR)

### 3.35 pm What’s next? Concrete measures to strive for

Renate Nikolay,  
Head of Cabinet of Vice-President Jourová, European Commission

Karim Ibourki,  
Vice Chair of ERGA and President of Conseil Supérieur de  
l’Audiovisuel, Belgium

Heike Raab,  
State Secretary of Rhineland-Palatinate

### 4.20 pm Closing remarks

Tobias Schmid,  
Chair of ERGA and Commissioner for European Affairs of the German  
Media Authorities

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