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#### **About ACT**

The Association of Commercial Television in Europe (ACT) is a trade body for the commercial broadcasting sector in Europe. Formed in 1989, the ACT has 27 member companies active in 37 European countries, operating and distributing several thousand free-to-air and pay-tv channels and new media services.

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CANAL + Group and Netflix team up to offer best of movies and series



CANAL+ Group and Netflix announce a partnership under which the Netflix service will be included in CANAL+ bundles. Starting on October 15, CANAL+ subscribers to the CINE / SERIES package will have access to the CANAL+ premium channel as well as the Netflix services.

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## Mediaset hit record audience in summer months and unveils upcoming programming



Mediaset reached a peak audience in summer months, with an increase of more than 14% total audience share on its channels. Following these positive results Mediaset unveiled its new exclusive programming for the upcoming season, which features original content on the Group's flagship channel Canale 5 every evening of the week. Mediaset's CEO Pier Silvio Berlusconi confirmed the industrial and creative commitment of the Group and stated that "despite the difficult economic context we have been able to increase our original content offer and will close 2019 with positive economic results".

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### NENT Group's original thriller `The Lawyer' returns for a second season



Nordic Entertainment Group (NENT Group) has commissioned a second season of its hit original thriller 'The Lawyer', which was the most viewed original series on NENT Group's Viaplay streaming service in 2018. Swedish star Alexander Karim ('Tyrant') returns to headline the new season, which is currently filming and will premiere across the Nordic region exclusively on Viaplay in 2020.

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#### RTL Group: Filming begins on Deutschland 89



Fremantle's UFA Fiction announces today that shooting on Deutschland 89 has started in Berlin and the surrounding area. Following Deutschland 83 and Deutschland 86, Deutschland 89 is the much awaited third instalment of the nationally and internationally award-winning spy series, created by Anna Winger and Jörg Winger. The season begins with the fall of the Berlin Wall, a most fateful day in modern world history, and follows our heroes into the first days in reunited Germany.

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### Sky and Channel 4 broaden industry-leading partnership



Sky and Channel 4 announce a new, broader, strategic partnership spanning content, technology and innovation. The multi-year deal builds on the industry-leading partnership announced by the two broadcasters last year and will further benefit both consumers and the broader industry.

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### UPCOMING EU POLICY EVENTS IN SEPTEMBER - OCTOBER 2019

- 16-19/09/19 EP Plenary, Strasbourg
- 23-26/09/19 EP Committees meetings, Brussels
- 24/09/19 Council Telecom Working Party, Brussels
- 26-27/09/19 Competitiveness Council

• 30/09-8/10 Hearings of Commissioners-designate and evaluation meetings, Brussels























































