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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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## Members' Newsroom

# CANAL+ Group launches its mini wireless multiroom decoder



CANAL + Group launches the Mini CANAL + Decoder, miniature HD version of the CANAL + decoder. The Mini Decoder allows its subscribers to benefit from its offers in every room of the home without cabling constraints or Internet speed. The Mini Decoder offers ultra-fast navigation and high-quality spectacles with 4K-Ultra HD and DOLBY ATMOS sound.

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# ITV News announces new youth focused offering: The Rundown



ITV News has announced the launch of a new youth focused news service, The Rundown. The service will be broadcast daily through Instagram and other social media platforms, to reach an audience aged between 14-17.

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Mediaset Italia celebrates its 10 years anniversary at Mipcom in Cannes



#### Media Weekly Broadcast

2019 it's an important date for Mediaset Italia that celebrates its 10year anniversary. Mediaset Italia is the Italian Television Channel that broadcasts the best programming of the main Mediaset channels abroad: Canale 5, Italia1, Rete4, La5 and the all-news channel TGCOM24. Launched in 2009, Mediaset Italia is available - satellite, IPTV, cable and OTT - in dozens of countries around the world, from East to West, like France, Belgium, The Netherlands, Israel, Australia, and in the US where in 2017 an important deal was signed with AT&T reaching over 17 million Italian-Americans residents. "Our effort is to continue creating and distributing our exciting TV experience abroad with the aim to give a piece of Italy all over the world and to offer an authentic taste of home from live sporting events to entertainment and fiction to the 60million of Italians living abroad" said Giorgio Giovetti, Mediaset Distribution Head of Sales.

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# NENT Group presents `Thicker than Water' as next original series



'Thicker than Water' is the next original production from Nordic Entertainment Group (NENT Group). The first two seasons of the Swedish-Finnish drama series, which were co-produced by local public service broadcasters SVT and YLE, attracted large audiences and critical acclaim across the Nordic region. Season three of 'Thicker than Water' will premiere exclusively on NENT Group's Viaplay streaming service in 2020.

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**RTL Group: Preserving our press freedom** 



On 13 September 2019, the Press Freedom working group, with representatives from various Bertelsmann divisions, met in the Berlin studios of Mediengruppe RTL Deutschland to discuss current issues relating to the editorial and journalistic independence across Bertelsmann's news organisations.

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Sky original drama Chernobyl wins 3 awards at the 2019 Primetime Emmy Awards



#### Media Weekly Broadcast

Chernobyl, the Sky original drama, co-produced with HBO, has won 10 Emmy awards including 3 from the Primetime Emmy Awards which are: Outstanding Directing for a Limited Series, Movie or Dramatic Special, Outstanding Limited Series and Outstanding Writing for a Limited Series, Movie or Dramatic Special.

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

- 23-26/09/19 EP Committees meetings, Brussels
- 26/09/19 Competitiveness Council, Brussels
- 30/09-8/10 Hearings of Commissioners-designate and evaluation meetings, Brussels

