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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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## beln SPORTS announces the return of UEFA Champions League



beIN SPORTS announces the return of the UEFA Champions League to its branches from 2021-2024, winning almost the entire competition with a financial offer reasoned and thoughtful. beIN SPORTS has won the "Lot B" of the tender, including the exclusive rights and live 104 games of the UEFA Champions League.

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### **UEFA Champions League is back on CANAL+**



CANAL+ is very pleased to have been awarded by UEFA the exclusivity of the two premium Champions League packages, marking the return of the most prestigious European competition on CANAL+, starting in 2021. CANAL+ will broadcast the two top games of each match day live and exclusive, as well as the final.

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# **NENT Group and Adi Hasak partner to develop `Perfect People' original production**



Nordic Entertainment Group (NENT Group) is partnering with renowned Hollywood showrunner Adi Hasak (NBC's `Shades of Blue') and German media group Leonine to develop international drama series `Perfect People'. The show is based on the bestselling novel of the same name by British author Peter James and will premiere exclusively on NENT Group's Viaplay streaming service across the Nordic region.

### RTL Group: Up, up and away for Vox Up!



Mediengruppe RTL Deutschland has a very special early Christmas present for all those viewers who simply can't get enough of Vox: Vox Up, a new linear TV channel launched on 1 December 2019, features a colourful mix of well-known Vox brands, free-to-air premieres and new in-house productions.

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# Sky Studios to fund and distribute future seasons of award-winning Sky Original Das Boot



Sky Studios, the commissioning and production arm of Sky across Europe, is set to take on the deficit funding and international rights for the global hit drama Das Boot. The Bavaria Fiction and Sky Deutschland co-production will return to screens next year. The critically-acclaimed Das Boot Season 1 sold to more than 100 territories worldwide, including Hulu in the US, StarzPlay in France and SBS in Australia. New deals for existing and all future seasons will be handled by NBCUniversal Global Distribution, on behalf of Sky Studios.

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## ViacomCBS announces completion of the merger of CBS and Viacom

ViacomCBS announced the completion of the merger between CBS Corporation and Viacom Inc. The combined company, which is renamed ViacomCBS, creates a premium content powerhouse with global scale, including leadership positions in markets across the U.S., Europe, Latin America and Asia.

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### UPCOMING EU POLICY EVENTS IN DECEMBER 2019

- 12-13/12/10 European Council, Brussels
- 16-19/12/19 EP Plenary, Strasbourg

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