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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

Red Planet Pictures and ITV on the hunt for new writing talent in 2020



ITV and UK independent production company Red Planet Pictures have launched the 2020 Red Planet Prize, a bi-annual competition that champions talent and diversity by calling on emerging writers to submit their drama scripts to a panel of experts; this year's award will focus on finding original voices to bring into the mainstream.

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# NENT Group agrees new kids content partnership with SF Studios



Nordic Entertainment Group (NENT Group) has agreed a new kids content partnership with Nordic film studio SF Studios. As a result, more than 500 additional episodes of high-quality Nordic and international kids' series from SF Studios, as well as selected films, will be added to NENT Group's Viaplay streaming service during 2020.

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#### RTL Group: European Cup for everyone!



Mediengruppe RTL Deutschland has acquired the complete TV rights, beginning with the 2021/22 season, to the two European club competitions UEFA Europa League and UEFA Europa Conference League. The contract with UEFA will run for three years (until May 2024) guaranteeing exclusive transmission rights to both competitions for the two free TV stations RTL Television and Nitro plus the video portal TV Now.

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## Sky to launch Sky Documentaries and Sky Nature



Sky announces the launch of two brand-new factual services, Sky Documentaries and Sky Nature. The two new channels will offer hundreds of hours of factual programming, providing an unmissable mix of premium, original commissions and acquired content, including extensive on demand libraries.

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# Virgin Media Dublin International Film Festival 2020 announces its full programme

Virgin Media Dublin International Film Festival 2020 announces its full programme, a 12-day extravaganza of cinema and an opportunity to see the very best of world cinema and film talent in Dublin. The Festival is excited to present an exhilarating and robust slate of new Irish films, testament to the dynamic vigorous film industry and talent pool in Ireland.

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### **UPCOMING EU POLICY EVENTS IN JANUARY 2020**

- 29-30/01/20 EP Plenary, Brussels
- 30/01/20 Council Telecom Working Party Meeting, Brussels
- 30/01/20 Council Audiovisual Working Party Meeting, Brussels

