

What's happening in European Commercial and VOD Broadcasting 20-24 October 2025

Policy & business developments go hand in hand. This quick snapshot is designed to help EU media stakeholders to keep up with the innovative world of commercial broadcasting

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[Addiction and rise to fame, AMC CRIME reveals the tragic causes that led to Matthew Perry's death](#)

On 28 October, at the second anniversary of the actor's death, AMC CRIME, produced by AMC Networks International Southern Europe, exclusively premieres 'Matthew Perry: The Tragedy', a documentary that intertwines his rise to fame with the causes that led to his death.



[CANAL+ publishes its Q3 2025 results](#)

CANAL+ published its Q3 2025 results: Total turnover of the combined Group: €4,684 million. Maxime Saada, Chairman of the Board of Directors of CANAL+, declared: "Over the past nine months, we have made significant strategic and financial progress. The integration of MultiChoice, which will soon become a wholly-owned subsidiary of CANAL+, brings CANAL+ into a new era: that of a group with critical mass, with 40 million subscribers in 70 countries(...).



Rochelle Humes, Ryan Thomas, Ellie Simmonds and Dr Amir Khan get behind ITV's new on-air campaign to inspire volunteering

ITV and Royal Voluntary Service (RVS) launched a new and ambitious campaign to inspire the nation to get volunteering for thousands of charities in need. The ITV-led campaign, entitled "Role of a Lifetime" challenges outdated perceptions of volunteering by showcasing the breadth of amazing and surprising roles available via RVS's new volunteering platform GoVo.org - an innovative platform made possible by players of People's Postcode Lottery.



"K2: Glory and Secret" awarded at the Sport, Movies & TV 2025 Festival

Produced by SportMediaset for Focus channel, the docufilm "K2: Glory and Secret" received the Mention d'Honneur at the 43rd edition of Sport Movies & TV 2025, the international festival dedicated to cinema, television, culture, and sports and Olympic imagery. The recognition was awarded for the film's outstanding narrative and documentary quality, which skilfully captures and portrays an epic event through a production of exceptional standard. "K2: Glory and Secret", broadcast on Focus channel to mark the 70th anniversary of the historic expedition, is now available on Mediaset Infinity.



Pluto TV France launches a new channel dedicated to the cult series "The Smurfs"

On 15 October, Pluto TV France launched a 100% Smurfs channel, dedicated to the cult 1981 series with more than 200 episodes across 9 seasons. Inspired by the little blue characters created by Belgian artist Peyo, "The Smurfs" series has accompanied the childhood of millions of viewers across the globe. It will now be accessible free of charge via the Pluto TV app available on connected TV, smartphones, tablets and web browsers.



Bringing the myth of Pandora to life

The brand-new strategic reality format Pandora's Box – from the co-creators of The Traitors and distributed by Fremantle – will make its global debut on RTL Hungary's channels before coming to M6 in France and RTL 4 in the Netherlands. The format is inspired by the Greek myth in which Pandora, the first mortal woman on Earth, was given a sealed box by the gods with one command: never open it. But curiosity prevailed, and with the lid lifted, chaos was unleashed upon the world.



Sky unveils thrilling trailer of Original film 'Nuremberg', starring Russell Crowe, Rami Malek and Michael Shannon

This official trailer offers a glimpse of Academy Award® winner Russell Crowe's haunting portrayal of Hermann Göring in this thought-provoking historical drama. Based on Jack El-Hai's acclaimed book *The Nazi and the Psychiatrist*, *Nuremberg* is inspired by the true story of the eponymous trials held by the Allies against the defeated Nazi regime. The film explores the psychological chess match between American psychiatrist Douglas Kelley and Nazi leader Hermann Göring.



United Media: A season of growth, creativity, and connection across southeast Europe

This autumn, United Media once again proved that stories told with purpose have the power to unite audiences across borders. From Sofia to Zagreb, from Belgrade to Athens, viewers turned to United Media's channels for information, inspiration, and entertainment. With a bold mix of new formats, returning favorites, and exceptional viewer engagement, United Media strengthened its leadership across Bulgaria, Greece, Croatia, Serbia, Bosnia and Herzegovina, and Montenegro.



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Warner Bros. Discovery secures rights to broadcast highlights of the Paralympics

Warner Bros. Discovery Sports Europe has strengthened its association with The Olympic Movement by securing rights to show daily highlights coverage of the Milano-Cortina 2026 Paralympic Winter Games on a pan-European basis. The Milano-Cortina 2026 Paralympic Winter Games will be available for millions of fans across 49 markets in Europe with premium coverage shown on a delayed basis on Eurosport in up to 20 languages, TNT Sports in the UK and Ireland and streaming on HBO Max and discovery+.

About the Association of Commercial Television and Video on Demand Services in Europe

The Association of Commercial Television and Video on Demand Services in Europe represents the interests of leading commercial broadcasters across Europe and beyond. The ACT member companies finance, produce, promote and distribute content and services benefiting millions of Europeans across all platforms. At ACT we believe that the healthy and sustainable commercial broadcasting sector has an important role to play in the European economy, society and culture. Our role is to protect and to promote the interests of the European private broadcasters. We engage with the EU institutions to achieve a balanced and appropriate regulatory framework which will encourage further investment and growth in our sector. This will allow the commercial audiovisual industry to continue to do what we do best – getting great content to viewers.