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Plenary theme:

Cross-sectoral cooperation between regulators

14 October 2021 – *Presentation of speakers*



Alexandre de Streel, Namur University (BE)

Academic Co-Director at CERRE and professor of European law at the University of Namur and the Research Centre for Information, Law and Society (CRIDS/NADI), he is also, since April 2021, the Chair of the EU Observatory on Online Platform Economy.

Focusing his research on regulation and competition policy in the digital economy and the legal issues raised by artificial intelligence, Alexandre de Streel advised the European Commission and the European Parliament on the regulation of online platforms.

During the session, Alexandre de Streel will deliver a (pre-recorded) introductory speech on the challenges of cross-sectoral regulatory cooperation and the issues at stake.



Michèle Ledger, Cullen International

Head of the Cullen International's Media regulatory intelligence service, she is also a researcher at the CRIDS research centre of the University of Namur and a lecturer on the regulatory aspects of online platforms at the postmaster degree course (DTIC).

Specialised in the digital economy practice and with an extensive knowledge of the implementation of the EU frameworks at national level across Europe, Michèle Ledger will be the moderator of our session.

➤ Alexandre de Streel and Michèle Ledger have jointly published a study on the [New ways of oversight for the digital economy](#) (CERRE Publication, February 2021).

See also "[Digital Markets Act: Making economic regulation of platforms fit for the digital age](#)", coordinated by Alexandre de Streel (CERRE Publication; December 2020)



Ben Wagner, Inholland University, TU Delft (NL)

Assistant Professor at the Faculty of Technology, Policy and Management at TU Delft as well as Professor of Media, Technology and Society and Director of the Sustainable Media Lab at Inholland, Ben Wagner is specialised on media governance, human rights and sustainable media systems.

With his research, Ben Wagner looks at ways to adapt media systems to the rapidly changing technological, legal and societal environment. Shortly before the publication of the Digital Services Act package by the Commission, he published a study on the [Governance of Digitalization in Europe](#) (Wagner, Ben, and Carolina Ferro. 2020, Gütersloh, Germany: Bertelsmann Stiftung).

In 2017, Ben Wagner delivered an inspiring keynote at the 46th EPRA meeting in Vienna for the Plenary Session on "News in Digital Age: the role of regulators". This time, Ben Wagner will share his analysis of the Digital Service Act's proposals and discuss some of the institutional challenges related to the governance of digitalization in Europe and the potential implications for EPRA members.

➤ For more information and access to the publications of Ben Wagner: <https://benwagner.org/>
[The 2021 German Federal Election on Social Media: An Analysis of Systemic Electoral Risks Created by Twitter and Facebook Based on the Proposed EU Digital Services Act](#) (2021)



Martine Coquet, CSA-FR/ERGA

Director of European and International Affairs at the Conseil supérieur de l'audiovisuel that she joined 13 years ago, she was previously Head of the Legal and Multilateral Department within the Audiovisual Directorate of the Europe and Foreign Affairs' Ministry in France.

Martine Coquet is working closely with Frédéric Bokobza, current Chair of the Subgroup 2 of European Regulators Group for Audiovisual Media Services – ERGA – on '[Completion of the EU regulatory framework relevant for media](#)'.

Martine Coquet will share the views of ERGA on the institutional arrangements that are envisaged to enforce the DSA. She will present ERGA proposals to set up a structure for an effective enforcement of the DSA's provisions on systemic online content moderation and proposals to foster cross-border cooperation between NRAs with the support of a sectoral network.

➤ For more information: ERGA [Proposals aimed at strengthening the Digital Services Act \(DSA\) with respect to online content regulation](#) (adopted on 25 June 2021); [ERGA Statement on the proposals for a Digital Services Act \(DSA\) and a Digital Markets Act \(DMA\)](#) (March 2021)



Ľuboš Kukliš, *CBR-SK/ERGA, EPRA Chairperson*

Chief Executive at the Council for Broadcasting and Retransmission of Slovakia, he was Chair of the European Regulators Group for Audiovisual Media Services (ERGA) in 2018 and 2019 and currently leads ERGA's Sub-group 3 on '[Disinformation](#)' which focuses this year on media plurality and on the Commission's [European Democracy Action Plan](#), building on the previous monitoring of the [Code of Practice on Disinformation](#). Ľuboš is also Chairperson of EPRA, he was [elected on 20 May 2021](#) for a mandate of two years.

During the session, he will highlight the lessons learned by ERGA from the monitoring of the code of practice on disinformation during the elections and also elaborate on the need for coordination with other players to face the challenges in terms of elections and disinformation.

- For more information: ERGA [Position on the next instalment of the Code of Practice on Disinformation](#) (May 2021)



Marie-Hélène Boulanger, *European Commission/European Cooperation Network on Elections-ECNE*

Before joining the European Commission, Marie-Hélène Boulanger started her career in the field of data protection at the University of Namur (Belgium) and within the Belgian Data Protection. Within the European Commission, she worked for the data protection unit of the Directorate-General Internal Market of the European Commission before becoming responsible for the legal team of the large scale IT systems' unit of the Directorate General of the European Commission in charge of Justice and Home affairs. Since July 2014, she is the Head of the Unit in charge of citizenship rights including electoral rights and free movement. She is also deputy director in charge of equality and citizenship.

During the session, she will present the work of the [European cooperation network on elections \(ECNE\)](#) and discuss the regulatory cooperation challenges in terms of elections, disinformation & online political advertising.



Tania Van den Brande, Ofcom (UK)

Director of Economics at Ofcom, she worked previously at RBB Economics as an Economic Consultant and advised clients in front of European and national competition authorities in relation to a wide range of competition matters.

During the session, Tania Van den Brande will report on recent initiatives such as the [Digital Regulation Cooperation Forum](#) - and Ofcom's views regarding the interplay between competition and audiovisual regulation and the potential of cooperation to address online harms.

- For more information: [Online market failures and harms](#): An economic perspective on the challenges and opportunities in regulating online services - A study by Ofcom, October 2019.



Anne-Jel Hoelen, Autoriteit Consument & Markt (ACM) (NL)

Laywer and Senior Enforcement Official at the Netherlands Authority for Consumers and Markets (ACM), Anne-Jel Hoelen is specialised on the protection of consumer rights in the digital economy. Her work particularly focuses on the interplay of consumer protection, data protection and competition law as well as online unfair commercial practices and media and commercial communication related issues.

During the session, Anne-Jel Hoelen will present the ACM approach towards cross sectoral cooperation.

- For more information on ACM's work: see their [Guidelines on the protection of the online consumer](#)