Dan Cristian Turturică, President Director General, Televiziunea Română

On 15 November 2021, Dan Cristian Turturică was appointed as President Director General of Romania’s public broadcast station, TVR. He has over 30 years of experience in the written press and television.

His career began after the 1989 anti-communist revolution, at the Expres weekly. At the beginning of his career, Dan Cristian Turturică was a special correspondent for the daily newspaper Ziua in the United States of America from 1995 to 1997.

Starting from 1997 to 2007, he was the editor-in-chief of the newspaper Evenimentul Zilei, and, for eight years, was editor-in-chief of Romania’s oldest daily newspaper Romania Liberă.

He has a master degree in Mass Communication from California State University, Northridge where he studied in the early 1990s.

His television experience includes the 'Reporter Incognito' show which he produced and hosted for Prima TV. He also moderated 'Prim Plan' for TVR and 'Arena Media' for Realitatea TV.

Dan Cristian is the author of two books: “Romania from New York to Los Angeles” (1997) and “Romanians deported to Siberian Ice” (2023).

Between 2019 and 2021, he founded and managed the news portal Universul.net.

Dan Cristian will be a speaker in the plenary I: “Media and information for the public good”.
Vlad Țurcanu, Director General, Teleradio Moldova

Vlad Țurcanu is the General Director of the Public Institution "Teleradio-Moldova" since December 3, 2021.

He has over 30 years of experience in the field of mass media. He has worked for prominent radio stations such as Radio Moldova, Radio Free Europe, and Radio Romania Chișinău. He has also been working in television as a presenter on TV Moldova 1, a moderator and producer at DTV Television.

From 2006 to 2008, he was a member of the Coordinating Council of Audiovisual Broadcasting. He has also worked at the Soros Foundation and IREX and has been a member of the Union of Journalists and the League for the Defense of Human Rights.

Throughout his career, he has received the titles of "Best Radio Presenter of Radio Moldova" (1997) and "Best Radio Journalist in the Republic of Moldova" (2011). In 2014, the President of the Republic of Moldova awarded him the Order of Labor Glory.

Vlad will be a speaker in the plenary I: “Media and information for the public good”.

Rune Meissel, Project manager, Policy and Learning, DW Akademie

Rune Meissel has been working as a project manager for DW Akademie, Germany’s leading media development organization, since 2020.

The focus of her work in DW Akademie’s division for Policy and Learning is on media viability in terms of training, consultancy, project conceptualization and management.

She brings strong experience in international development cooperation and training.

Rune holds a master’s degree in Intercultural Business Studies.

Rune will be a speaker in the plenary I: “Media and information for the public good”.
Beata Klimkiewicz, Assistant Professor at the Institute of Journalism and Social Communication, Jagiellonian University

Beata Klimkiewicz is Jagiellonian University Professor in the area of media and social communication studies, based at the Institute of Journalism, Media and Social Communication, JU, Kraków.

She holds Jean Monnet Chair for 2019 – 2024 (Media Freedom, Trust and Transparency in the European Union). Her research interests include media pluralism and diversity; media policy and regulation in Europe; media systems in Central Europe.

Since 2012, Beata has been involved in co-operation with the Centre for Media Pluralism and Media Freedom at European University Institute in Florence as a member of Scientific Committee and national expert in Media Pluralism Monitor (MPM). She has also provided expertise for the UNESCO’s report on World Trends in Freedom of Expression and Media Development.

She is an author of books “A Polyvalent Media Policy in the Enlarged European Union” published by the Jagiellonian University Press and “Media Freedom and Pluralism: Media Policy Challenges in the Enlarged Europe” published by the CEU Press”. Recently, she is involved as a principal investigator in two international research projects: PANCOPOP (Pandemic Communication in Times of Populism), covering USA, Brasil, Poland and Serbia, and MeDeMAP (Mapping Media for Future Democracies - EU Horizon 2020 project), covering 10 EU countries.

Beata will be a speaker in the plenary I: “Media and information for the public good”.

Maida Ćulahović, Head of Department Communications Regulatory Agency (BA)

Maida is Head of Department in CRA's Division for Programme Content and Complaints, where she focuses on development of regulatory framework for the audiovisual media and content standards, including harmonization with the European framework and best practices.

She is closely involved in CRA’s activities on international projects and cooperation with other regulatory authorities. She also cooperates extensively with civil society organizations on matters concerning the regulation of online harms, focusing on coordination of activities and a multi-stakeholder approach.

A long-time member of the EPRA network, Maida has been a content producer for several plenary sessions and working groups.

Maida will be the moderator of the plenary I: “Media and information for the public good”.
Laura Ene, Analyst European TV and VoD Markets, Manager of MAVISE, European Audiovisual Observatory

Laura Ene joined the European Audiovisual Observatory as an analyst within the Department for Market Information in February 2015.

She drafts economic reports and analyses on the European audiovisual sector, with a keen eye on media ownership. She also manages the MAVISE database on audiovisual services in Europe, edited by the European Audiovisual Observatory with the support of the CREATIVE EUROPE programme of the European Union.

Laura holds a BA in Economics with a specialisation in Marketing and a MA in Public Relations from the Bucharest Academy of Economic Studies and has over fifteen years of professional experience in market research, media, innovation and brand management within the audiovisual, publishing, FMCG and telecommunications sectors.

Laura will be a speaker in the session 2: “The future of content delivery”.

Carina Tillson, Principal, Broadcast and Media, Ofcom (UK)

Carina Tillson’s career to date has centred on regulation and policy for the broadcast industry, with a particular emphasis on radio.

Carina joined Ofcom’s Broadcasting Licensing team as a Project and Programme Director in 2017. She directs operational programmes which set the foundation for much of the UK’s broadcasting regulation, alongside policy projects which consider present and future regulation of the radio and audio sector, focusing increasingly on online-delivered services.

Before that, she spent five years working on competition policy for the postal and telecoms sectors. Carina was previously Head of Regulation and Compliance at the UK’s largest commercial radio company, and represented UK commercial radio as a Board member of BCAP, the body responsible for maintaining and applying broadcast advertising standards across the UK.

As a co-founder and Director of non-profit organisation Sound Women, Carina advocated for the celebration, support, and progression of women working in the radio sector.

Carina will be a speaker in the session 2: “The future of content delivery”.

Laura Ene

Carina Tillson
Sela Kooter, International Policy Advisor, Commissariaat voor de Media (NL)

Sela Kooter is an international policy advisor at the Dutch Media Authority (Commissariaat voor de Media).

She mainly focuses on international affairs. Within ERGA she currently works on the third vloggers report.

On a national level she focuses on topics, such as: the protection of minors, editorial independence, Public Service Media and leads a working group on Artificial Intelligence.

She is also on the board of the Dutch Association of Media and Communications law. In this capacity she leads a study committee on the European Media Freedom Act.

Sela will be a speaker in in the session 2: “The future of content delivery”.

Marcel Betzel, Senior International Policy Advisor, Commissariaat voor de Media (NL)

Marcel Betzel is international policy advisor for the Dutch media authority, Commissariaat voor de Media (CvdM) and represents his authority in several international networks.

He also worked as legal key expert for an EU funded media project in Serbia and represented the Council of Europe during expert missions to Azerbaijan, Armenia, Ukraine and Romania. Before, he was also board member of the Creative Europe Desk NL, music journalist at the national public service broadcaster VPRO, part-time lecturer radio and television journalism at the University of Groningen, and legal consultant.

In his free time, he is currently chairman of the charity organization Toe to Heart that runs projects providing after school care and tuition costs for children. Marcel Betzel studied law at the Maastricht University and University of Antwerp, and Journalism at the Academy of Journalism in Tilburg.

Marcel will be a speaker in in the session 2: “The future of content delivery”.
Georgios Anagnostaras, Legal expert, National Council for Radio and Television (GR)

Georgios Anagnostaras is a Lawyer and a Legal Advisor at the Hellenic Radio and Television Council (NCRT). He also holds a teaching post at the Athens University of Economics and Business (AUEB) and at the Hellenic Open University (EAP).

He graduated from the Law School of the Aristotle University of Thessaloniki (Greece) and continued his studies at the University of Bristol (UK) to acquire an LLM and a PhD degree.

His main interests are in the areas of European Union Law, Media Law and European Public Law.

He has written more than 60 articles and case notes in the most prestigious international legal journals. His works are very regularly cited in the international legal literature.

Georgios will be a speaker in the session 2: “The future of content delivery”.