

PRESS RELEASE

The European Newspaper Publishers' Association and the European Magazine Media Association announces appointment and taking up of post of new joint Executive Director Ilias Konteas

Brussels, 1 October 2018 – The European Newspaper Publishers' Association (ENPA) and the European Magazine media Association (EMMA) is pleased to announce the appointment of Ilias Konteas as joint Executive Director of the two associations, who is assuming the position as of today, 1st October 2018.

Ilias has a legal background with a specialisation in European law, including European media law. Before joining EMMA/ENPA, he spent 16 years at BUSINESSEUROPE, in charge of intellectual property issues. In connection with his new role, Ilias said that *« EMMA's and ENPA's mission is crucial for the future of a free, independent, diverse and vibrant press sector across Europe. I am looking forward to making the voice of EMMA and ENPA heard loud and clear on legislative files such as the copyright reform, e-privacy and VAT for the digital press »*.

Carlo Perrone, ENPA President stated that *“The expertise and experience that Ilias will bring to EMMA and ENPA will further strengthen the advocacy work for the free and independent press on EU level. His leadership will be invaluable at a time where the two associations are highly vocal on some of the most important policy topics in the EU, namely copyright and ePrivacy.”*

Xavier Bouckaert, EMMA President added: *“It is a historic moment for the two largest press publisher associations in Brussels. This is the first time that the two associations will share a Director which is a testimony to the ever-increasing collaboration and partnership between EMMA and ENPA.”*

EMMA, the European Magazine Media Association, is the unique and complete representation of Europe's magazine media, which is today enjoyed by millions of consumers on various platforms. EMMA represents 15,000 publishing houses, publishing 50,000 magazine titles across Europe in print and digital. Website: www.magazinemedia.eu

ENPA is an international non-profit organisation representing publishers of newspaper and news media on all platforms. In a rapidly changing media environment, ENPA supports publishers with the aim of achieving a successful and sustainable future for independent news media in Europe. Website: www.enpa.eu

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