Dear President von der Leyen,

Dear Mr. Whelan,

Ahead of the publications of the Digital Services Act and Digital Markets Act legislative proposal by the European Commission, private and public broadcasters call for action against the negative impacts of global online platforms on Europe's democracies, cultural diversity, media plurality and investment in European content.

Together with the Association of European Television in Europe (ACT), the European Broadcasting Union (EBU) and the Association of Television and Radio Sales Houses (Egta), the Association of European Radios (AER) speaks out for the adoption of meaningful EU laws that would commit global online platforms to transparency and accountability to enable future generations to continue to have access to the trusted news and the rich plurality of view and information that media offers.

Please find the joint statement attached to this email, also accessible here. In addition, we refer you to the position adopted by our Association available online, conveying the viewpoints of the commercial radio industry calling for the unregulated expansion of large online platforms putting pressure on radio and audio businesses to be addresses.

We thank you in advance for your consideration of this email and would welcome the opportunity to discuss these issues further with you at your convenience. If you would like further information or to arrange a meeting, please contact @aereurope.org.

Best regards,