**Alliance of Independent Press Councils of Europe**

**26th AIPCE ANNUAL CONFERENCE**

Bečići, Budva, Montenegro, 25-26 September, 2025

**Do Press Councils have a future?**

**Agenda**

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| **Wednesday** | **24 September, 2025** |
| 19:00 – 21:30 | **Reception – Hotel Splendid, Bečići, Budva** |
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| **Thursday** | **25 September, 2025** |
| 9:30 | **Registration – Conference room, Hotel Splendid** |
| 9:45 | Welcome and introduction |
| 10:00 – 11:30 | **Session I – Do Press Councils have a future?**  **Role and mission of press councils in digital age** |
|  | **Joan Barata,** Senior Legal Fellow, Future of Free Speech Project at Vanderbilt University  Panelists:  **Sunčica Bakić** – head of the Montenegrin Agency for Audiovisual Media Services (AMU), Montenegro  **Rosemary Douce** – IPSO, UK  **Koloreto Cukali** – Chairman, Albanian Media Council  Moderator: **Ranko Vujović** – Media Council for Self-Regulation, Montenegro |
| 11:30 – 11:45 | **Coffee Break** |
| 11:45 – 13:00 | **Session II – The relevance, authority and impact of EU media councils and how to improve these where necessary**  **Daphne Koene** – secretary of the Council for Journalism (Raad voor de Journalistiek), the Netherlands  Panelists:  **Caspar Opitz** – Swedish Media Ombudsman  **Caroline Locher** – Press Council, Québec, Canada  **Alexander Warzilek** – Press Council, Austria  Moderator: **Pieter Knapen** – Secretary General and ombudsman of Dutch press council (Raad voor de Journalistiek), Belgium |
| 13:00– 14:15 | **Lunch** |
| 14:15– 15:15 | **Session III – Media and self-regulation under the war conditions and political pressure**  **Olekseii Pogorelov** – Chairman, Commission on Journalism Ethics, Ukraine  Panelists:  **Ayman Mohyeldin** – MSNBC  **Lia Chakhunashvili** – Charter of Journalistic Ethics, Georgia  **Murat Önok** – Press Council, Türkiye  Moderator: **Susan McKay** – Press Ombudsman, Ireland |
| 15:15– 15:30 | **Coffee Break** |
| 15:30– 17:00 | **Session IV - AI and media**  **Borislav Vukojević** – Consultant for UNESCO, and Professor at the Faculty of Political Science, University of Banja Luka (Bosnia and Herzegovina)  Panelists:  **Tom Spencer** – Senior Regulatory Executive Impress, UK  **Paula Petričević** – Ombudswoman, Montenegro  **Alice Gould** – Head of Complaints and Pre-Publication Services, IPSO**,** UK  **Tim Pauwels**, vice-president, Flemish Council of Journalism, Belgium  Moderator: **Elin Floberghagen** – Secretary General, Norwegian Press Association, Norway |
| 17:00 | **End of the first working day** |
| 19:00 | **Dinner – Citadela, Budva Old Town** |
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| **Friday** | **26 September, 2025** |
| 09:30 – 10:30 | AIPCE General Assembly |
| 10:30 – 10:45 | **Coffee Break** |
| 10:45 – 12:15 | AIPCE General Assembly |
| 12:15 – 13:00 | Latest development in media sector  Council of Europe  Reporters Without Borders |
| 13:00 – 14:15 | **Lunch** |
| 14:15 – 15:45 | **Member Updates and country reports**  **New circumstances impose an update of the Code of Ethics?**  Panelists: |
| 15:45 – 16:00 | **Coffee Break** |
| 16:00 – 17:00 | **Lawyers in charge of dealing with complaints**  Moderator: **Tarmu Tammerk** – deputy chairman, Press Council of Estonia; ombudsman at the public media company ERR, Estonia  Panelists:  **Eero Hyvonen** – chairman, Press Council, Finland  **Yann Guegan** – deputy president, Council for Journalistic Ethics and Mediation (CDJM), France |
| 17:00 | **End of the second working day / free evening** |
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| **Saturday** | **27 September, 2025** |
| 08:30 – 18:00 | **Visit to Cetinje, mt. Lovćen, Kotor, Perast** |