

## News

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# European Commission reorganises its Information Society and Media DG

From 01 February, the Information Society and Media Directorate General of the Commission has two new Directorates and three new Units. This reorganisation completes the changes following President Barroso's decision to bring together under the responsibility of Commissioner Viviane Reding, all three aspects of modern day electronic communications – in the fields of broadcasting, computer networks and of electronic communication services.

The renamed “Audiovisual, Media, Internet” Directorate incorporates the two units on audiovisual policy and the Media programme that were in a first step transferred from the Education and Culture Directorate General last January.

A new research directorate is now home for those research activities of the DG with very direct links to public services for citizens and businesses. This Directorate will have its own administration and finance unit.

The new “General Affairs” Directorate brings together the support services necessary for internal planning, co-ordination with other European Institutions, and the practical implementation of reform. This directorate also includes a new unit dedicated to providing advice on legal issues, which was previously a part of the financial unit.

Within the “Component and Systems” Directorate, the Unit covering “ICT for Transport and Environment” has also now been split into two separate units allowing each of these subjects to be treated separately.

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