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PRESS RELEASE ĽUBOŠ KUKLIŠ IS NEW ERGA CHAIRPERSON

Ľuboš Kukliš, the current vice-chair of ERGA, has been elected as the ERGA Chairperson for 2019, acting as interim-Chair for the rest of 2018 .

Mr Ľuboš Kukliš, current Vice-Chair of ERGA from the Council for Broadcasting and Retransmission of Slovakia, has been unanimously elected as the interim-Chair for the rest of 2018 and Chair for 2019 from 1 August 2018 onwards. As part of the board of ERGA, he will continue working with ERGA Vice-Chair Mr Tobias Schmid, Commissioner for European Affairs of the German State Media Authorities.

The board of ERGA held the election following the recent resignation of Mr Damir Hajduk as Chair.

This change in leadership comes at a crucial crossroad for ERGA, with the end of negotiations on the revision of the Audiovisual Media Services Directive approaching, and the new resulting provisions related to the group's work.

Mr Ľuboš Kukliš studied at the Law Faculty of Comenius University in Bratislava, where he also obtained a PhD in Administrative law. Since 2006, he has been chief executive at the Council for Broadcasting and Retransmission of Slovakia. He has been the Council's representative in ERGA since the creation of the group. In 2016-2017, he chaired ERGA's Subgroup on Protection of Minors, which examined systems for protection of minors in EU media environment. Since 2018, he has chaired the ERGA Subgroup on Internal and External Media Plurality. Mr Kukliš is also active in the field of media and administrative law, giving lectures and producing academic articles – most recently *Electronic Media Regulation* (Wolters Kluwer, 2015), *Slovak Broadcasting Act – A Commentary* (Wolters Kluwer, 2016).

Following his election, he addressed ERGA's colleagues, saying: *"It's a great honour but also a great responsibility to continue the excellent work of my predecessors that helped to make ERGA such a useful and interesting organisation. I'm looking forward to working with you on the next chapters of a success story that ERGA surely is."*

Note for editors

The European Regulators Group for Audiovisual Media Services gathers the national regulatory authorities in the field of audiovisual media services. ERGA advises the European Commission and facilitates cooperation between the regulatory bodies in the EU.

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