

The Lab's contribution to public consultations and feedback in Media Policy-Making

The Vienna Media Governance research Lab conducts research, which focuses on the governance of communicative spaces, policy-making and the impact of policies for the exercise of citizenship, in its broader sense of political participation.

Our approach is multiperspectival and multidisciplinary and brings due attention to intangible and immaterial factors, such as principles, values and ideologies as well as material, i.e. structural and institutional dimensions, *beyond* the study of policy or policy objects.

We are specifically concerned with

- law and regulation in governing the right to expression, information flows, connectivity and content production/usage,
- conditions of means of expression and their impact on citizens' right to self-governance;
- quality of public speech;
- the role of citizens in governing physical and online spaces of communication; and
- the role of structural determinants i.e. political economy of media industries in the normalisation of order of media landscapes.

We engage with policy discourses, either initiated by us in forms of public debates or events, or by key stakeholders of the policy process. Therefore we track and investigate processes and trends of media governance and policy-making with an emphasis on institutional change in Europe, and analysing the structural and institutional dimensions of these processes and impact for the exercise of political, cultural, economic and social citizenship. Our goal is to raise the impact of research in policymaking and facilitate debate on the intersection of enlarged citizenship and communication governance.

Our action aims to

- bring evidence to policy debates in responding to public consultations,
- report on specific trends and patterns encountered by our research and raise awareness especially on 'non-issues', and
- initiate and foster academic and public discourse on key issues of concern.

In this section, you can find:

- responses to policy debates,
- reports on selected areas of research, as they become available
- summaries of public events.