

Abbreviations

ABC	American Broadcasting Company (US TV network)
ABU	Asia-Pacific Broadcasting Union
AER	Association of European Radios
AM	Amplitude Modulation (broadcasting transmission)
AOL	America On-Line
APWPT	Association of Professional Wireless Production Technologies
ARD	Association of Public Service Broadcasters in Germany
ARNS	Aeronautical Radio Navigation Service
ARRA	American Recovery and Reinvestment Act
ASBU	Arab States Broadcasting Union
ASMG	Arab Spectrum Management Group
AT & T	American Telephone & Telegraph (company)
AUB	African Union of Broadcasting
BBC	British Broadcasting Corporation
BECTU	Broadcasting, Entertainment, Cinematograph and Theatre Union (UK)
BEIRG	British Entertainment Industry Radio Group
BEREC	Body of European Regulators for Electronic Communications
BIP	Broadband Initiative Program (US)
BNE	Broadcast Networks Europe
BTOP	Broadband Technology Opportunities Program (US)
CBS	Columbia Broadcasting System (US TV network)
CD(s)	Compact Disc(s)
CEPT	European Conference of Postal and Telecommunication Administrations
CITEL	Comisión Interamericana de Telecomunicaciones

CMPF	Centre for Media Pluralism and Media Freedom (EU)
CNN	Cable News Network (US cable and satellite channel)
COICA	Combating Online Infringement and Counterfeits Act (US)
CoM	Council of Ministers (EU)
COSIP	Compte de Soutien à l'Industrie de Programmes (French Cinema and TV production subsidy body)
CPBF	Campaign for Press and Broadcasting Freedom (UK)
DADVSI	Loi sur le Droit d'Auteur et les Droits Voisins dans la Société de l'Information (Law on author's rights and related rights in Digital Agenda for Europe)
DCMS	Department of Culture, Media and Sport (UK ministry)
DEA	Digital Economy Act (UK)
DG	Directorate-General (branch of European Commission)
DMCA	Digital Millennium Copyright Act
DPI	Deep Packet Inspection (technology)
DRM	Digital Rights Management
DSL	Digital Subscriber Line(s)
DTT	Digital Terrestrial Television
DTTB	Digital Terrestrial Television Broadcasting
DVD(s)	Digital Video Disc(s)
EBU	European Broadcasting Union
ECC	European Communications Committee
ECHR	European Convention on Human Rights
ECP(s)	End-Use Connectivity Provider(s)
ECRF	Electronic Communications Regulatory Framework (see EUFREC)
EFJ	European Federation of Journalists
EP	European Parliament
EPG	Electronic Programme Guide
EPP	European People's Party (European Parliament)
ESC	European Spectrum Committee
ETNO	European Telecommunications Networks Operators
EU	European Union
EUCD	European Union Copyright Directive

EUFREC	European Union Framework for the Regulation of Electronic Communications
Euralva	European Alliance of Viewers and Listeners Associations
FCC	Federal Communications Commission (US regulatory authority for communications)
FM	Frequency Modulation (broadcasting transmission)
FRAND	Fair and Reasonable and Non-Discriminatory (terms)
GESAC	European Grouping of Societies of Authors and Composers
GSM	Global System for Mobile
GSMA	Global System for Mobile Association
HADOPI	Haute Autorité pour la Diffusion des Oeuvres et la Protection des droits sur Internet (High Authority for the diffusion of creative works and copyright protection on the Internet)
HBO	Home Box Office (US cable and satellite TV network)
HDTV	High Definition Television
IAB	International Association of Broadcasting
ICT	Information and Communications Technology
IMT	International Mobile Telecommunications
IP	Internet Property
IP	Intellectual Protocol
IPPR	Institute of Public Policy Research (UK)
IPR(s)	Intellectual Property Right(s)
IPTV	Internet Protocol Television
ISP(s)	Internet Service Provider(s)
IT	Information Technology
ITN	Independent Television News (UK news provider)
ITU	International Telecommunication Union
ITV	Independent Television (UK)
KEK	Kommission zur Ermittlung der Konzentration im Medienbereich (German Media Concentration Commission)
LLU	Local Loop Unbundling
LTE	Long term Evolution (standard for high-speed wireless)
MPAA	Motion Picture Association of America
MPM	Media Pluralism Monitor (EU)

NABA	North American Broadcasters Association
NBC	National Broadcasting Company (US TV network)
NBN	National Broadband Network (Australia)
NBP	National Broadband Plan (US)
NGN(s)	Next Generation Network(s)
NPA	Newspaper Preservation Act (US)
NRA(s)	National Regulatory Authority (ies)
NTIA	National Telecommunications and Information Administration (US)
NUJ	National Union of Journalists (UK)
Ofcom	Office of Communications (UK regulatory and competition authority for communications)
PACT	Producers Alliance for Cinema and Television
PBS	Public Broadcasting Service (US public service broadcaster)
PIPA	Protect Intellectual Property Act (US)
PMSE	Programme Making and Special Events
PPP	Public Private Partnership
PS	Parti Socialiste (French Socialist Party)
PSB(s)	Public Service Broadcasting -er(s)
PSM	Public Service Media
PSP	Public Service Publisher
PSTN(s)	Public Switched Telephone Network(s)
P2P	Peer to Peer (file sharing)
QoS	Quality of Service
RCC	Regional Commonwealth in the field of Communications (states of former USSR)
RIAA	Recording Industry Association of America
RSPG	Radio Spectrum Policy Group (the 'Lamy group', high level advising the European Commission)
RUS	Rural Utilities Service (US)
SCBG	Satellite and Cable Broadcasters' Group (UK)
SGEI	Services of General Economic Interest
SMP	Significant Market Power
SOPA	Stop Online Piracy Act (US)

TCP/IP	Transmission Control Protocol/Internet Protocol
TV	Television
UHF	Ultra High Frequency
UK	United Kingdom (of Great Britain and Northern Ireland)
UMP	Union for a Popular Movement (French conservatives)
US(A)	United States (of America)
VAT	Value Added Tax
VCR	Video-Cassette Recorder
VoIP	Voice over Internet Protocol
WBU	World Broadcasting Unions
WCT	World Copyright Treaty
WIPO	World Intellectual Property Organisation
WPPT	World Performances and Phonograms Treaty
WRC	World Radiocommunication Conference