



NEWS CONTACTS MEETING

24, 25 AND 26 MAY 2016
HOTEL CROATIA / CAVTAT

AGENDA

Day 1 **Tuesday 24 May**

15:00 – 18:00

15:00 – 17:00 **BREAKOUT SESSION 1: LEARNING CORNER FOR NEWCOMERS**

A practical guide to working with the News Exchange, which will cover the eurovision.net website; what stories to offer and how, and the challenges of dealing with breaking news. Is this your first contacts meeting? Are you new to the Eurovision desk in your organisation? Then this session is ideal for you! Although all are welcome to attend...

Cathy Milner – Foreign Editor (RTE)

Julian Tarrant – News Editor (Eurovision)

Narinder Kalsi – News Intake Senior Broadcast Journalist (BBC)

16:00 – 17:30 **BREAKOUT SESSION 2: EUROVISION SPORTS NEWS**

The sports breakout session will discuss the following topics: E-Sports project, EBU origin material, Future projects, more live transmissions, targeting youth audience.

Ine Bjolseth – Sports News Editor (Eurovision)

16:00 – 18:00 **GENEVA STAFF CHAT: NETWORKING WITH EVN STAFF**

18:00 – 19:00 **WELCOME DRINKS & EUROVISION QUIZ**

Quizmaster: Julian Tarrant – News Editor (Eurovision)

19:00 – 22:00 **DINNER IN HOTEL RESTAURANT**

DAY 2 Wednesday 25

09:00 – 17:15

09:00 – 09:15 WELCOME TO EUROVISION NEWS CONTACTS MEETING

Geertje Bal – Chairwoman, EBU Editorial Subcommittee (VRT)

Jeff Dubin – Heads of News and Events (Eurovision)

09:15 – 10:15 HOW DOES THE EVN WORK - THROUGH MEMBER EYES

Narinder Kalsi – News Intake Senior Broadcast Journalist (BBC)

10:15 – 10:45 TEA & COFFEE BREAK

10:45 – 11:45 PLATFORMS DRIVEN NEWS - NEWS INNOVATION

Geertje Bal – Deputy Foreign Editor (VRT)

Ezra Eeman – Head of VRT Start-Up (VRT)

11:45 – 13:15 LUNCH IN THE HOTEL RESTAURANT

13:15 – 14:15 EUROVISION STRATEGY - DISCUSSION

DEVELOPING NEWS EXCHANGE DIGITAL MINDSET

Justyna Kurczabinska – Head of Eurovision News Exchange (Eurovision)

Simon Ward – Assignment Editor BBC Newsgathering (BBC)

14:15 – 15:15 SPORTS SESSION

Ine Bjølseth – Sports News Editor (Eurovision)

When Sports becomes News – Hajo Seppelt – Investigative sports
Journalist and doping expert (ARD)

15:15 – 15:30 TEA & COFFEE BREAK

15:30 – 16:15 THE ART OF UGC VERIFICATION

Majd Khalifeh – Journalist and Digital Editor (VRT)

**16:15 – 17:15 WHAT DOES IT MEAN TO PROTECT AN EYEWITNESS IN SOCIAL MEDIA AGE?
DOES EVN DO IT?**

Fergus Bell – Founder, News & Media Consultant (Dig Deeper)

Rado Minchev – News Producer (Eurovision)

ADDITIONAL

17:15 – 17:45 WORKSHOP WITH FERGUS BELL AND MAJD KHALIFEH

Evening Dinner

18:30 – 23:00

18:30 – 19:45 FAMILY PHOTO

18:45 onwards DINNER GALA AT SPINAKEE RESTAURANT

DAY 3 Thursday 26

09:00 – 13:00

09:00 – 10:00 FOLLOW UP ON HARMONIZATION PROJECT AND ITS IMPACT ON NEWS SPECIAL EVENTS

Lance Newhart – Head of Special Events (Eurovision)

10:00 – 10:30 EUROVISION.NET CHANGES & M2M PLATFORM & NEWSROOM ENGINEER

Massimiliano Desumma – News Producer (Eurovision)

Rado Minchev – News Producer (Eurovision)

Paul Calleja – News Technology Development Manager (Eurovision)

10:30 – 11:00 Q&A TO EUROVISION

11:00 – 11:30 TEA & COFFEE BREAK

11:30 – 13:00 CHALLENGES OF COVERING ONGOING REFUGEE CRISIS

Bente Lundstrøm – News Coordinator (DR)

Julian Tarrant – News Editor (Eurovision)

13:00 CLOSING LUNCH