

Press Release

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**COPEAM in Split
from 4 to 6 April 2019 for its 26th annual Conference**

The 26th annual conference of COPEAM will take place in Croatia, in the city of Split, from 4 to 6 April, upon invitation of the public Croatian broadcaster, HRT.

The conference will bring together the top managers of radios and TVs of the Mediterranean basin, professionals of the audiovisual and cultural sectors and representatives of institutions and international organizations of the region.

At a time when political, cultural and social positions are turning back towards highly homogeneous and identifying societies - in Europe as elsewhere - the 2019 Conference will focus on the theme **"Changing societies: communicating diversities"**, trying to find an answer - through concrete examples and good practices on the positive narration of the *Other* – about how both traditional and digital media can effectively represent the multiple voices of our societies.

The plenary session on Saturday 6th April will be introduced by S.E. Nabil Al-Sharif, Executive Director of the Anna Lindh Euro-Mediterranean Foundation for dialogue between cultures.

A professional panel will follow with the participation of high representatives of the Media Diversity Institute of London and of the Asian and European radio and television Unions, ABU and EBU.

The 2019 edition of the conference will include, among others, the presence of Eni, the Italian national energy company, following an agreement with COPEAM aiming to support the event in Croatia and the organization, in the MENA region, of workshops and seminars on renewable energies and decarbonisation.

The event will close with the General Assembly of COPEAM members.

For more information: <http://www.copeam.org/conference/copeam-26th-annual-conference-and-25th-general-assembly/>

The poster features a large graphic on the left composed of a grid of small, colorful images of people's faces, arranged in a circular pattern. To the right of this graphic, the text reads: 'COPEAM' in a stylized font, followed by 'Changing societies: communicating diversities' in a bold, blue font. Below this, it says '26th ANNUAL CONFERENCE OF COPEAM Split, Croatia, 4 - 6 April 2019'. A smaller line of text indicates the location: 'Park Hotel - Hatzecov pešćnj 3, 21000 Split, Croatia'. A dark blue box contains the text 'Deadline: 15 February 2019'. At the bottom right, it says 'Hosted by: HRT' with the HRT logo.

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