# EASA & the advertising self-regulatory network



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### Collective ad SR systems



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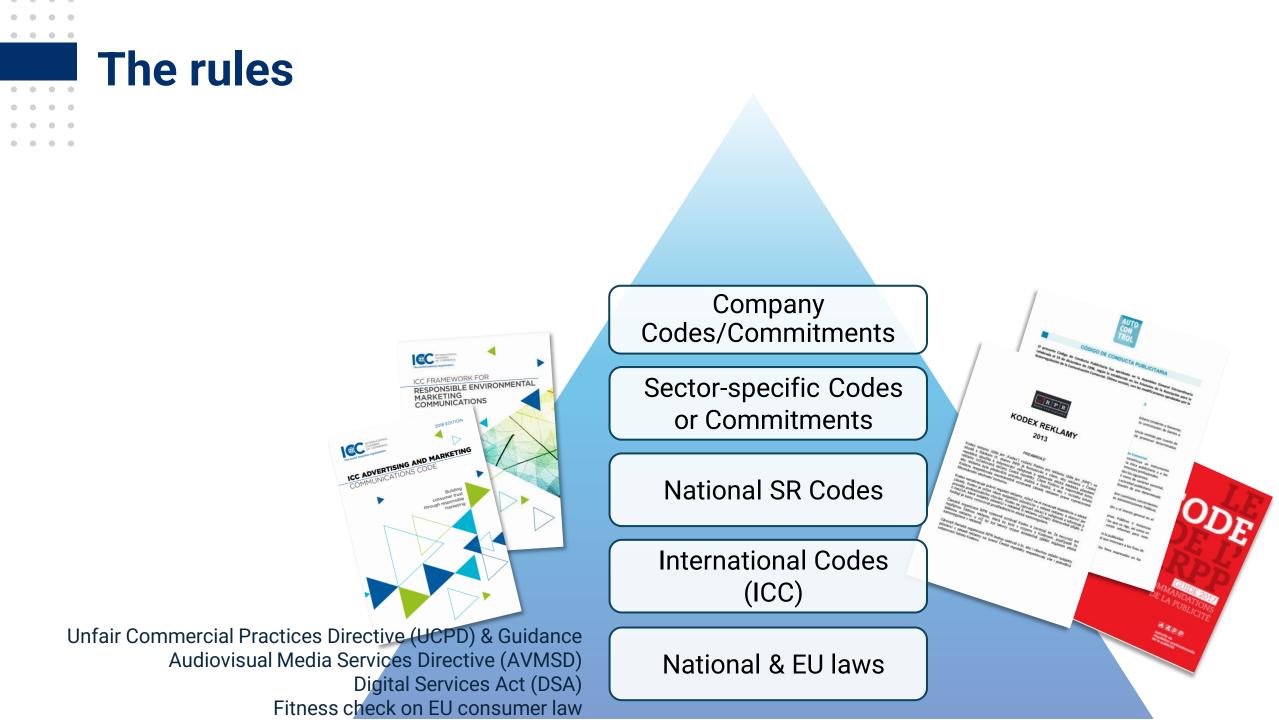
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4 Industry organisations and digital pure play companies representing the advertising value chain







27 self-regulatory organisations covering 25

covering 2 countries



Self-regulatory organisations (SROs) enforce advertising standards

#### **Complaint handling**

Handing of complaints from consumers, competitors, public authorities and interest groups through the examination of adverts for compliance by an impartial and independent jury.

#### Industry training

Ensuring the advertising industry and the broader ecosystem are aware of the latest rules.

#### HOW DO SROs ENSURE ADS ARE COMPLIANT?

#### **Copy** advice

Non-binding opinion as to whether an ad is compliant prior to its release.

#### Monitoring

Voluntary examination of adverts for compliance with codes or laws.

#### **Pre-clearance**

Compulsory examination of adverts for compliance as a precondition before publication.



Complaints, copy advice & preclearance

Nearly 200,000 ads independently reviewed by SROs, either ex post or ex ante



### EASA actions & workstreams



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### **EASA** actions



- Ad SR development
  Single voice advocating for advertising selfregulation in Europe
- Ad SR knowledge hub providing information and education



- SRO developmentPlatform for sharing best practices
- Builder of a coherent and strong SR network



### **European SR coordination**

- Cross-border complaints
- Pan-European monitoring exercises
- ICC Code revision consultation



# Key Workstreams

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### Influencer marketing

- 2023 update of the Best Practice Recommendation
- DiscloseMe



### **Data-driven SR**

 Operational and financial support for SROs implementing tech-enabled monitoring and analysis

Influencer Marketing Standards Training



### **Green claims**

- SRO updates of rules and new initiatives
- Guidance on Claims Substantiation
- Sustainable behaviour in ads



### **HFSS food**

- Cooperation with WFA & EU Pledge
- AVMSD implementation



### **Responsible influencer marketing**

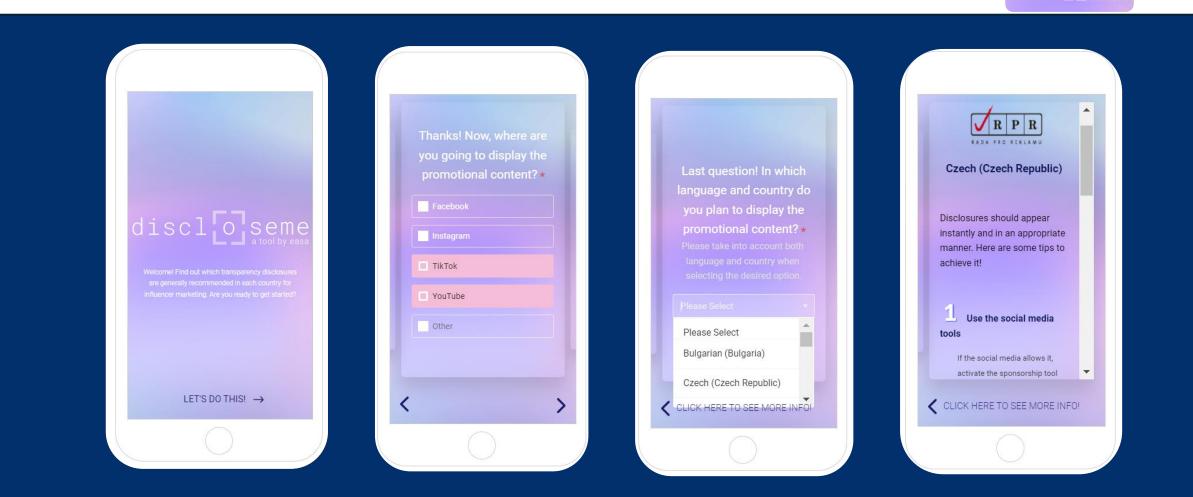
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Easily navigable thanks to its user-friendly interface.

You can find it on **EASA's website** 





### **Responsible influencer marketing**

Influencer Marketing Standards Training & Certificate for responsible Influencer Marketing

#### Step 1

#### **Influencer Marketing Standards Training**

Training influencers to respect the rules governing online advertising – a key need for compliance

#### Step 2

**Certification for a responsible influence** 

Regular monitoring of influencers' publications who have passed the training test to verify that they comply with the rules



### Data-Driven Self-Regulation 13 SROs involved in monitoring projects since 2020

5 SROs monitor influencer marketing on a permanent basis

8 SROs have launched an ad hoc monitoring project







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### EU policy & cooperation

### Effective ad SR supported and encouraged by the European Union

"Your self-regulatory approach to ensure that companies advertise products and services responsibly whilst staying clear from greenwashing has impressive results. [...] Legislation alone cannot solve all our problems. [...] Let me reaffirm that I see both regulatory and selfregulatory instruments as complementary to each other."

Didier Reynders, European Commissioner for Justice

"Member States shall encourage the use of coregulation and the fostering of self-regulation through codes of conduct adopted at national level"



Audio-visual Media Services Directive (AVMSD)



Commissioner for Justice, European Commission

## Key EU files

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#### **Regulation on political advertising** – *In force*

Definitions were narrowed down not to cover purely commercial advertising

#### **Directive empowering consumers for the green transition** – In force

Revised the Unfair Commercial Practices Directive, banning greenwashing practices

#### **Digital Services Act** – Implementation phase

Provisions about online advertising, trusted flaggers, codes of conduct, etc.

#### Green Claims Directive – Awaiting Council's General Approach

Establishing the rules on how to substantiate and communicate green claims

#### **Digital fairness fitness check of EU consumer Law** – Upcoming report Assessing whether EU consumer law adequately protects consumers online

#### **Council's conclusions on influencers** – Expected adoption in May

May contain SR recognition, but also a call to regulate (both tbc)





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### **AVMSD Pilot project**

AVMSD implementation rules covering VSPs & vloggers and complaints handling procedures with **the Coimisiún na Meán** (CnaM)

### Influencer marketing

Complaints handling procedures with the **CnaM** and European Commission: **Influencer Legal Hub** 



#### **Green claims**

Cooperation with **DG Just** through a *Green Claims Taskforce* bringing together **SROs and the CPC network.** 



#### Děkuji mnohokrát!

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