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The Italian legislation on “*par condicio*” establishes that the **allocation of communication space in broadcast media among political parties and movements during election campaigns** is governed by measures of the Parliamentary Commission for the General Guidance and Supervision of Radio and Television Services and the Communications Authority.

On the occasion of the 2018 general elections, AGCOM adopted the Guidelines for equal access to online platforms during the election campaign - compiled by a special self-regulatory Technical Table **with the participation of all interested stakeholders, including Google and Facebook** – highlighting the need to ensure for all political subjects, with impartiality and fairness and under the same conditions, access to political information and communication tools provided by digital platforms. The Authority also recommended ensuring swift action in the event of the dissemination of messages with unlawful or harmful content and a **strengthening of fact-checking**.

For 2019 European elections, the aforementioned bodies have adopted ad hoc measures. The Authority introduced for the first time provisions aimed at ensuring

forms of protection of pluralism expressly addressed to video-sharing platforms and social networks and **to counter phenomena of disinformation and damage to online information pluralism**. For their part, concerned platforms undertook to ensure compliance with prohibitions laid down in the legislative and regulatory framework on the communication and dissemination of polls.