

2nd European Commission's Workshop on audiovisual commercial communication to children regarding foods high in fat, salt and sugar, 25 October 2010

#### ARD Themenwoche "Essen ist Leben"

a best practice example



#### ARD is:

- The cooperation of nine regional public service broadcasters in Germany and Deutsche Welle
- All regional broadcasters have a regional TV channel, several radio programmes as well as online offers
- Together they offer a national channel "Das Erste" as well as:
  - 3 additional Digital channels
  - Ki.Ka (children); Phoenix (documentary & current affairs) -together with ZDF
  - 3sat, ARTE with ZDF and international partners
- Joint online-offer ARD.de including "ARD Mediathek" (seven day catch-up)



Why is the issue of Advertising for children important for ARD?

....Since there are very restrictive rules for TV Advertising in ARD channels in place:

- Advertising is prohibited in all digital channels of ARD and in all Regional channels of ARD-Members
- Advertising in equally prohibited for the online services
- No Advertising on ARD/ZDF dedicated children's channel KiKa
- Advertising is allowed only on the main national channel of ARD "Das Erste"
  (20 Min/day, before 8pm, not around children's programmes)



#### It matters because:

- Question of social responsibility for Public Service Broadcaster
- Editorial responsibility in overall programme making
- In addition: ARD / its subsidiaries are members of German Advertising Standard Council
  - -> acitivly taking part in development of Code of Conduct
  - -> bound by the rules of the CoC



#### **ARD Thematic Weeks:**

- One week dedicated to a specific issue of importance for society
- All offers: TV, radio, online, Videotext
- All genres: documentary, fiction, entertainement, talk, science, etc.
- Outreach beyond the Media: partnerships with civil society
- Thematic Weeks so far: "Cancer" (2006); "Children are our future" (2007); "Demographic change"; (2008); "Civic commitment" (Ehrenamt) (2009)
- 2010: "Essen ist Leben" "Food is Life"



















