



## **PREAMBLE**

The regulatory authorities members of the Mediterranean Network of Regulatory Authorities confirm:

- Their determination to develop the friendly relationships which exist between them;
- Their willingness to consolidate the regular exchange of information and experiences on issues of common interest within the framework in which the network was established;
- Their desire to consult with each other on research projects, if they feel that this cooperation may be of use;
- Their willingness to establish and develop relations with organisations and international platforms of regulatory authorities of audiovisual communication.

## **Article 1:**

The Mediterranean Network of Regulatory Authorities was founded by the initiative of the French Conseil supérieur de l'audiovisuel and the Catalan Consell de l'Audiovisual de Catalunya in Barcelona on 29 November 1997.

The founding members of the Network who signed the Barcelona Declaration are:

- Conseil supérieur de l'audiovisuel (CSA, France),
- Entidade Reguladora para a Comunicação Social (ERC, Portugal),
- Autorità per le Garanzie nelle Comunicazioni (AGCOM, Italy),
- National Council for Radio and Television (NCRTV, Greece),
- Consell de l'Audiovisual de Catalunya (CAC, Catalonia, Spain).

## **Article 2:**

The purpose of the Mediterranean Network of Regulatory Authorities is to act as a forum for discussions, regular exchanges of information and research on issues relating to audiovisual regulation.

## **Article 3:**

The Network consists of the following Mediterranean regulatory authorities:

- Albania: Autoriteti i Mediave Audiovizive (AMA),
- Bosnia-Herzegovina: Communications Regulatory Agency (CRA),
- Croatia: Agency for Electronic Media (AEM),
- Cyprus: Cyprus Radio-Television Authority (CRTA),
- France: Conseil supérieur de l'audiovisuel (CSA),
- Gibraltar: Gibraltar Regulatory Authority (GRA),
- Greece: National Council for Radio and Television (NCRTV),
- Israel: Council for Cable TV and Satellite Broadcasting (CCSB),
- Israel: Second Authority for Television and Radio (SATR),
- Italy: Autorità per le Garanzie nelle Comunicazioni (AGCOM),
- Jordan: Media Commission of Jordan (MC),
- Kosovo: Independent Media Commission of Kosovo (IMC),
- Lebanon: Conseil national de l'audiovisuel (CNA),
- Malta: Broadcasting Authority of Malta (BA),
- Mauritania: Haute Autorité de la presse et de l'audiovisuel (HAPA),
- Moldavia: Consiliul Coordonator al Audiovizualului (CCA),
- Montenegro: Agency for Electronic Media (AEM),
- Morocco: Haute Autorité de la communication audiovisuelle (HACA),
- Portugal: Entidade Reguladora para a Comunicação Social (ERC),
- Republic of Macedonia: Agency for Audio and Audiovisual Media Services (AVMU),
- Serbia: Regulatory Authority for Electronic Media (REM),
- Spain: Comisión Nacional de los Mercados y la Competencia (CNMC),
- Spain, Andalusia: Consejo Audiovisual de Andalucía (CAA),
- Spain, Catalonia: Consell de l'Audiovisual de Catalunya (CAC),
- Tunisia: Haute Autorité indépendante de la communication audiovisuelle (HAICA),
- Turkey: Radio and Television Supreme Council (RTÜK).

Membership of the Network is open to independent national or regional regulators dealing with audiovisual content from countries in the Mediterranean area.

Regulatory Authorities that consider they meet the criteria provided for in the previous section may submit to the Network's Executive Secretariat an application for becoming a member to the Network. For that purpose, they shall:

- a) Send to the Executive Secretariat an application letter;
- b) Enclose all the necessary accompanying documents (legal status of the regulator and its annual report of the previous year);
- c) Provide the documentation at least three months before the next Plenary Assembly.

Regulatory Authorities may address to the Executive Secretariat a demand for accreditation as Observer prior to applying for membership. An applicant for becoming an Observer to the Network shall:

- a) Address to the Executive Secretariat an application letter for accreditation as Observer to the Network;
- b) Enclose all the necessary accompanying documents (legal status of the regulator and its annual report of the previous year) to support his application;
- c) Provide the documentation at least three months before the next Plenary Assembly.

Regulatory Authorities having observer status may participate at the plenary assemblies without the right to vote. After at least one year, if they so wish, they can apply for membership in the same manner and under the same conditions as mentioned in the previous paragraphs.

Applications for either membership or observers will be put to the vote of the members attending the Plenary Assembly and acceptance will be by simple majority.

Regional and national audiovisual regulators of the same country may co-exist as members or observers of the Network.

The President of the Network may invite to the plenary assemblies, as observers, representatives of other institutions, entities or organizations dealing with audiovisual content and regulation.

#### **Article 4:**

The Plenary Assembly is the sovereign body of the Network. Decisions are made by consensus or, failing that, by simple majority of members present.

The Network convenes once a year in a Plenary Assembly. The authorities are represented by their Presidents and their delegations which accompany them or any other person authorized for this purpose. This Plenary Assembly is organized in the country of the member authority which ensures the incoming Vice-Presidency of the Network and which will take over the Presidency of the Network for the year following the above mentioned meeting.

The transfer of powers from the Presidency to the incoming Vice Presidency takes place at the beginning of the Plenary Assembly. The outgoing President is a Vice-President for the duration of one year.

A new incoming Vice-President is elected by a majority of members present at the Plenary Assembly. He must submit a written candidature to the Executive Secretariat at least two months before the Plenary Assembly. The Executive Secretariat shall forward the list of

candidatures to the Technical Commission and to members of the Network within five working days after the deadline for submitting an application.

In the case of multiple applications, the election is by secret ballot.

#### **Article 5:**

A Technical Commission is established within the Network. It is composed of the representatives of the Presidency, the two Vice-Presidencies, the Executive Secretariat and the founding members. The President of the Network may invite other member authorities to participate in the work of the Technical Commission.

The Technical Commission shall meet at least once a year, between two plenary assemblies, upon invitation of the authority ensuring the incoming Vice-Presidency.

It aims at providing support for the Presidency and the Vice-Presidencies of the Network.

For this purpose, it carries out the following missions:

- Assess the works of the previous Plenary Assembly and the recommendations and decisions adopted;
- Monitor the implementation of the recommendations and of the decisions adopted at the Plenary Assembly;
- Study the issues of common interest likely to be the object of debates and discussions during the plenary assemblies;
- Propose a draft agenda of the Plenary Assembly;
- Ensure the organization of the seminars and the thematic workshops on issues of common interest decided at the Plenary Assembly.

#### **Article 6:**

An Executive Secretariat is established within the Network. The Executive Secretariat of the Network is maintained by the Conseil supérieur de l'audiovisuel from France and the Haute Autorité de la communication audiovisuelle from Morocco.

It aims at providing administrative support to the Network, in particular to the Presidency and the Vice-Presidencies in the execution of their role.

The Executive Secretariat performs for this purpose the following missions:

- Ensure the flow of information and documentation relating to Plenary Assemblies and Technical Commissions;
- Contribute to the preparation of the agendas of plenary assemblies and technical commissions in connection with the Presidency and Vice-Presidencies;

- Write the minutes and actions points of plenary assemblies and technical commissions;
- Administer the website of the Network;
- Call for applications for the Vice-Presidency and membership applications;
- Ensure that the MNRA's contact list remains updated.

**Article 7:**

Thematic working groups on a temporary vocation can be created for a period of one year by the Plenary Assembly, on the initiative of at least three members of the Network.

Network members participate on a voluntary basis in the work of the groups.

**Article 8:**

The working languages of the Network are French, English and Arabic.

**Article 9:**

The Network may amend its rules of procedure by majority vote of member authorities of the Network. Any review proposal must be registered in advance in the agenda of the Plenary Assembly.

*The present Charter is adopted in Barcelona, on 18 November 2016.*