

**Agenda for the Seventh Meeting of the
EUROPEAN PLATFORM OF REGULATORY AUTHORITIES (EPRA)
Fredrikstad, 14-15 May 1998**

13 May 1998

8.00 p.m. *Welcome by the Mass Media Authority and reception
Hotel City*

14 May 1998

9.30 a.m. *Opening of the meeting:*

1. Minutes of the sixth Meeting of the EPRA on 5 November 1997 in Lisbon
(EPRA/1997/09)

2. Organisation EPRA

- 2.1. Chairman's report
- 2.2. Present status of membership/observers
- 2.3. EPRA Statutes
- 2.4. Clearing-House

Coffee break

3. Topic 1: Violence

3.1. Presentation of video examples
the ITC, the Hungarian National Television Commission, the Swedish Broadcasting Commission, the
Danish Satellite and Cable Board

12.30 p.m. *Lunch break*

- 3.2. Latest research findings on violence on TV
- 3.3. Classification and rating systems of TV programmes

Working paper EPRA/1998/2 (presenting overview of watershed rules/rating systems)

Coffee break

4 Topic 2: The Relations between Regulators and Broadcasters

Where do they stand, how could they be improved?

Working paper EPRA/1998/3

5 p.m. *Closure of the meeting followed by a dinner*

**7th Meeting of the
EUROPEAN PLATFORM OF REGULATORY AUTHORITIES (EPRA)
(second day)**

15 May 1998

9.30 a.m. *Opening of the meeting:*

1. European media policy: *current developments*

Please note: **The following list of topics is based on suggestions sent to the Secretariat. It may be subject to changes according to new developments and the constraints of time.**

- Regulatory and institutional implications of convergence
- Implementation of the Directive ‘Television without Frontiers’ (including the third report on the application of art. 4 and 5¹)
- The Convention on Transfrontier Television and the alignment on the Directive ‘Television without Frontiers’
 - Sports rights
 - Right of reply
- The Birmingham Audiovisual Conference: Challenges and Opportunities of the Digital Age²
- Report from DGX’s high-level think tank
- The role of the national regulatory authorities in achieving the principle of ‘Universal Community Service’ as defined in the Council of Europe’s Resolution No. 1: The impact of new communications technologies on human rights and democratic values, Thessaloniki, 11-12 December 1997
- Specificities of the regulatory framework applicable to public service broadcasting (such as the existence of specific rules regarding advertising and sponsorship or the possibility to develop side-line activities etc.)

2. Any other business

3. Agenda of the next EPRA meeting

12.30 p.m. *Closure of the meeting and lunch*

¹ COM (98)199, also see website of the Commission: http://europa.eu.int/en/comm/dg10/avpolicy/twf/art45/3download_en.html

² See website <http://europa.eu.int/eac> and also <http://europa.eu.int/eac/speeches/oreja2.html>