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BELGIUM (Flemish speaking Community)

VLAAMSE REGULATOR VOOR DE MEDIA

Onafhankelijk toezichthouder voor
de Vlaamse audiovisuele media

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Basis for operation

Legal framework Act on radio and television broadcasting of 27 March 2009

General remit TV radio networks and infrastructures
 Others (please specify)

Funding mechanisms ⁱ licence fee industry fee state budget
 mixed funding (please specify):
 other (please specify):

Composition

Number of members: Term of office: 5 years Re-election possible:
5 (general chamber)
13 (chamber impartiality and
protection of minors)

Proposal of members:

Appointment of members: by decision of the Flemish Government

Revocation of mandate possible: based on:

Number of staff: 19

Chair: **Mr Matthias Storme** (Chairman, Board of Directors); **Peter Sourbron** (Chairman, General Chamber);
Jan Kamoen (Chairman, 2nd Chamber on impartiality and Protection of Minors)

Executive Director : **Joris Sels**

Competences

		national	regional	local
Granting of licences	terrestrial analogue broadcasters	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	terrestrial digital broadcasters	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	satellite analogue broadcasters	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	satellite digital broadcasters	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	cable analogue broadcasters	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	cable digital broadcasters	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Others (please specify):	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

In the areas where your authority is not competent to grant licences, please specify the authority in charge:

Please add any other relevant information: **For radio broadcasting there exists a licence procedure in Flanders whereas for television broadcasting there is a registration procedure. Licences for radio broadcasting are granted by the Flemish Government whereas registrations for television broadcasting are granted by the VRM.**

Granting of registrations	terrestrial analogue broadcasters	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	terrestrial digital broadcasters	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	satellite analogue broadcasters	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	satellite digital broadcasters	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	cable analogue broadcasters	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	cable digital broadcasters	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	Others (please specify):	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

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Frequency allocation

Supervision of	private broadcasters	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	public broadcasters	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	others	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Handling complaints

Sanctioning issue warning impose fine demand to broadcast announcement
 revoke licence suspend licence reduction in the licensing period
 suspend a programme / broadcast
 other (please specify):

Rule making codes rules (please specify):
 other (please specify):

Consultative powers please specify the areas covered:

Power of nomination please specify:
(e.g. chairman of
PSB)

Monitoring programming
 financial performance
 others (please specify):

Others Please specify:

Please add any information you deem important:

ⁱ By "licence fee" we refer to the public service licence fee usually paid by the entire population, whereas the term "industry fee" implies all those funding mechanisms based on a contribution from broadcasters themselves, including, for example, licensing fees (i.e. an amount of money that is paid by the broadcaster for it to be able to carry out its broadcasting operations) and frequency taxes.