

FINLAND



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Basis for operation

Legal framework Information Society Code (Tietoyhteiskuntakaari 917/2014)

General remit TV radio networks and infrastructures
 Others: telecommunications issues (market and services), postal services, information security, domain names

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

Composition

Number of members: Term of office: years Re-election possible:
Proposal of members: <please describe the procedure>

Appointment of members: <please describe the procedure>

Revocation of mandate possible: based on: <please state the possible reasons for revocation of the mandate>

Number of staff:

Chairman:

(if not applicable, name Director General)

Ms. Kirsi Karlamaa (Director-General)

Vice Chairman:

Please describe your authority's structure if it does not have a board: **There are 3 permanently hired civil servants working with media issues (programme monitoring) at FICORA at the Markets Division. Decision making is based on application of administrative law.**

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"/>

Ficora and the Government are both licencing authorities. Ficora grants the programming licences for digital television or radio broadcasting activities as well as for analogue radio broadcasting operations in general and in case needed, acts in cooperation with the Ministry of Transport and Communications.

If there is not adequate transmission capacity for all applicants that meet the requirements or if granting a programming licence could have a significant effect on the general development of the communications market, the licence is granted by the Government. In this case Ficora shall transfer the matter to the Government for decision.

The relevant provisions on granting the licences are in the Information Society Code, Chapters 4 and 5.

FICORA also grants short term licenses and technical licences (frequencies).

Granting of registrations	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"/>

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For satellite operations and cable operations as well as for video-on-demand audiovisual services a notification to FICORA is required.**

Frequency allocation

Supervision of private broadcasters

public broadcasters (one national broadcaster, partly supervised by FICORA partly by Administrative Council, whose members are elected by Parliament)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Others	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Handling complaints

Sanctioning

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> issue warning	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> impose fine	<input type="checkbox"/> demand to broadcast announcement
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> revoke licence	<input type="checkbox"/> suspend licence	<input type="checkbox"/> reduction in the licensing period
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> suspend a programme / broadcast		
<input type="checkbox"/> other (please specify):		

Rule making

<input type="checkbox"/> codes	<input type="checkbox"/> rules (please specify):
<input type="checkbox"/> other (please specify):	

Consultative powers please specify the areas covered:
 FICORA supports self-regulation of operators. Among others FICORA commissions surveys and discusses the results with operators. The results of these surveys may have effect on operators practise.

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

Monitoring

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> programming
<input type="checkbox"/> financial performance
<input type="checkbox"/> 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.