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# **Bosnia and Herzegovina**

## **Media Landscape**

Communications Regulatory Agency



Capital: Sarajevo  
Population: cca 3.5 mil  
Area: 51,209 km<sup>2</sup>

# History of Regulation in BiH

Independent Media Commission  
Nezavisna komisija za medije  
Neovisno povjerenstvo za medije  
Независна комисија за медије



Bosna i Hercegovina

REGULATORNA AGENCIJA ZA TELEKOMUNIKACIJE



# Independent Media Commission

1998: regulation of broadcasting and frequency spectrum

Bodies:

- Director General
- Enforcement Panel
- Council

# Legal framework

- BiH Constitution – direct application of ECHR
- Law on Communications
- CRA Codes and Rules [www.rak.ba](http://www.rak.ba)


# Communications Regulatory Agency

2001: regulation of broadcasting,  
telecommunications and frequency spectrum


Bodies:

- Director General
- Council

# Director General

- Responsible for all regulatory and administrative functions of the Agency, including the implementation of relevant laws, all staffing issues, and the establishment of internal procedural rules;
  - Term of 4 years and may be re-appointed only once;
  - Nominated by the Council of the Agency, following a public competition, and approved by the Council of Ministers.
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# Council

- Guides the Agency with regard to strategic issues
  - Adopts codes and rules
  - Serves as an appellate body for decisions of the Director General
  - Seven members
  - Appointed by the Parliament for a term of 4 years and may be re-appointed only once
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# Duties of the Agency


Promulgate rules on broadcasting and telecommunications, and ensure adherence thereto;

License broadcasters and telecommunications operators, and monitor their compliance with licence conditions;

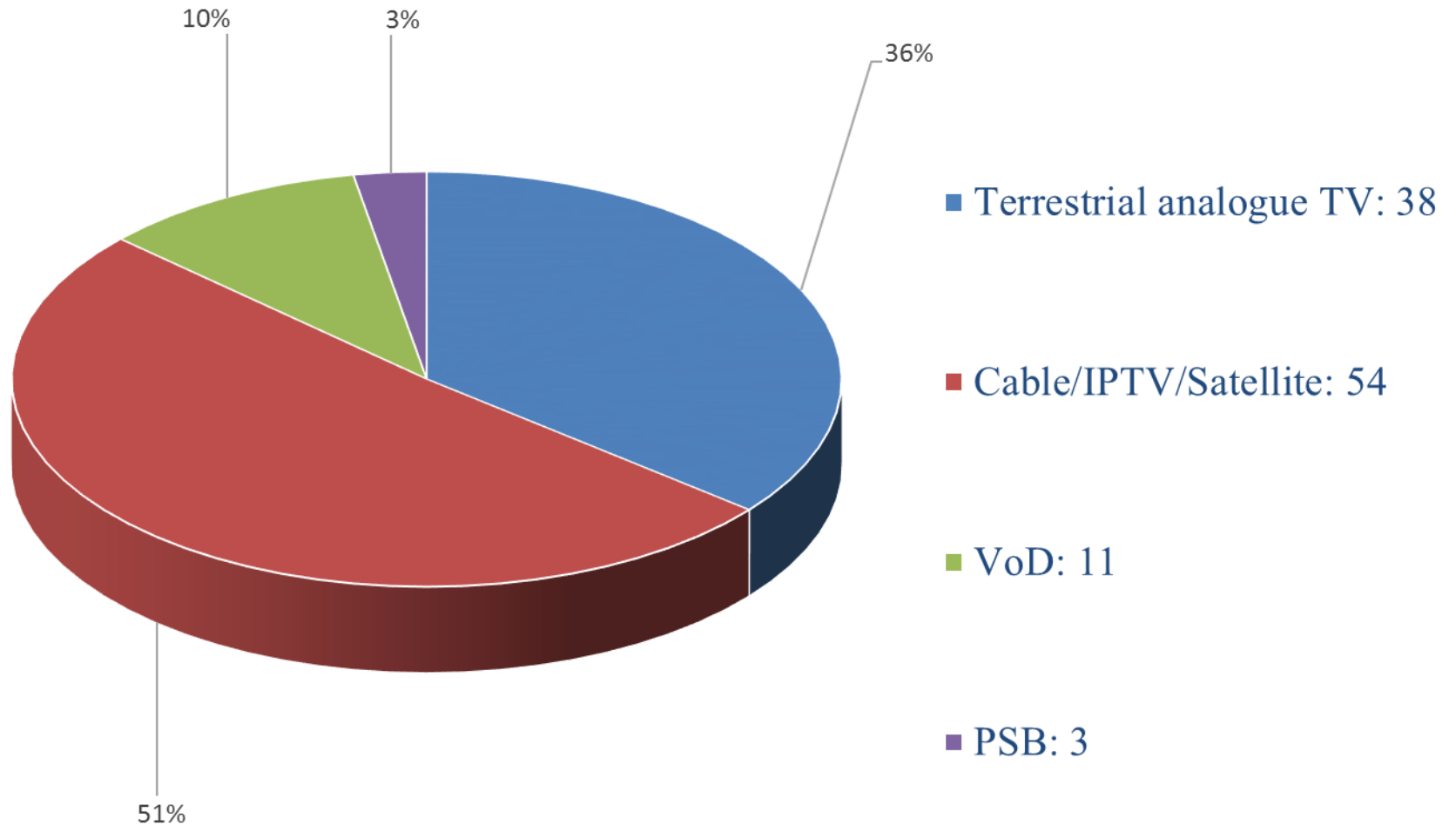
Complaints, monitoring, handling cases, imposing sanctions

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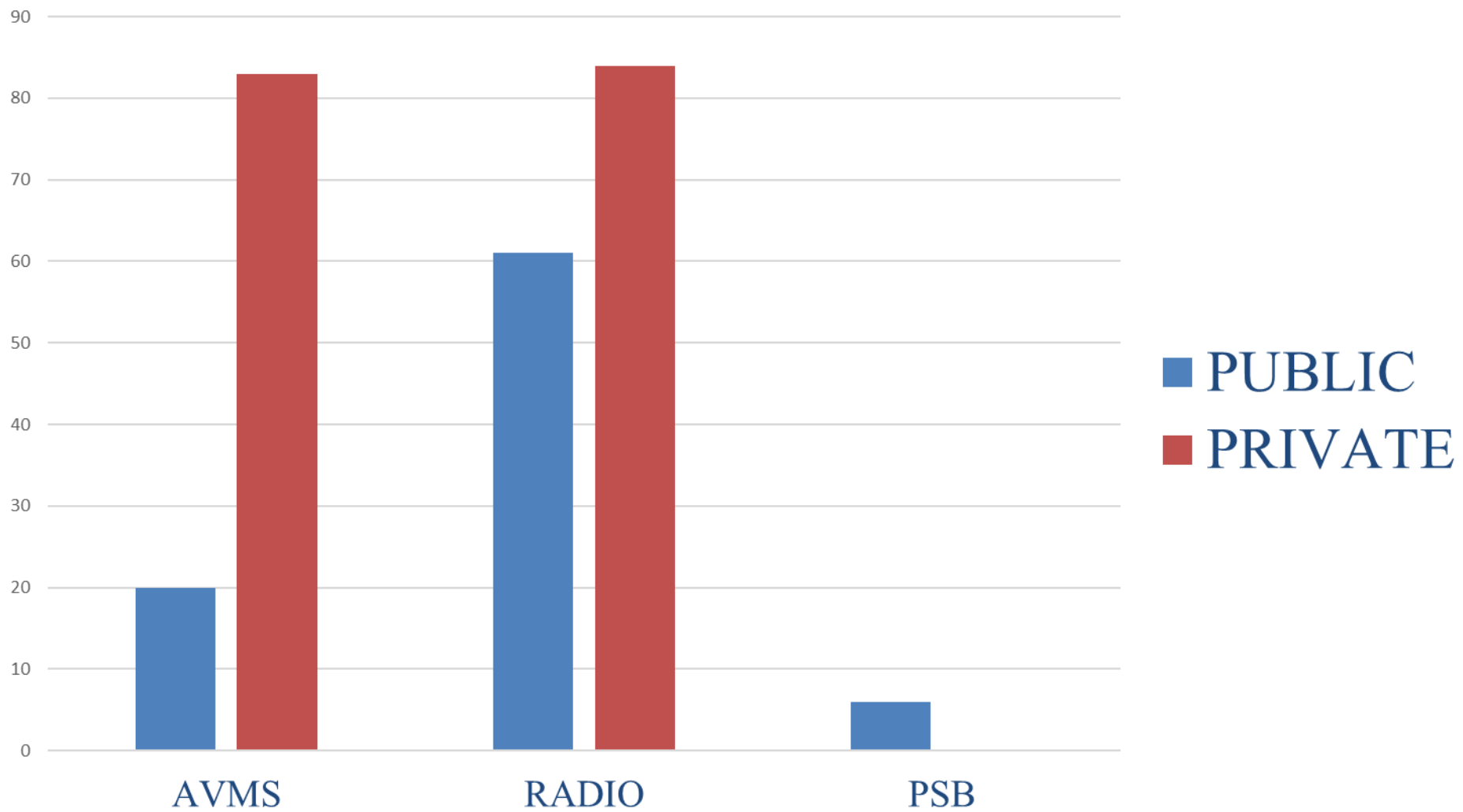
# Other activities

- Cooperation
  - Projects, working groups...
  - Elections
  - Media literacy
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# AVMS







# Public Broadcasting System

- Radio-Television of Bosnia and Herzegovina



- Radio-Television of the Federation of Bosnia and Herzegovina



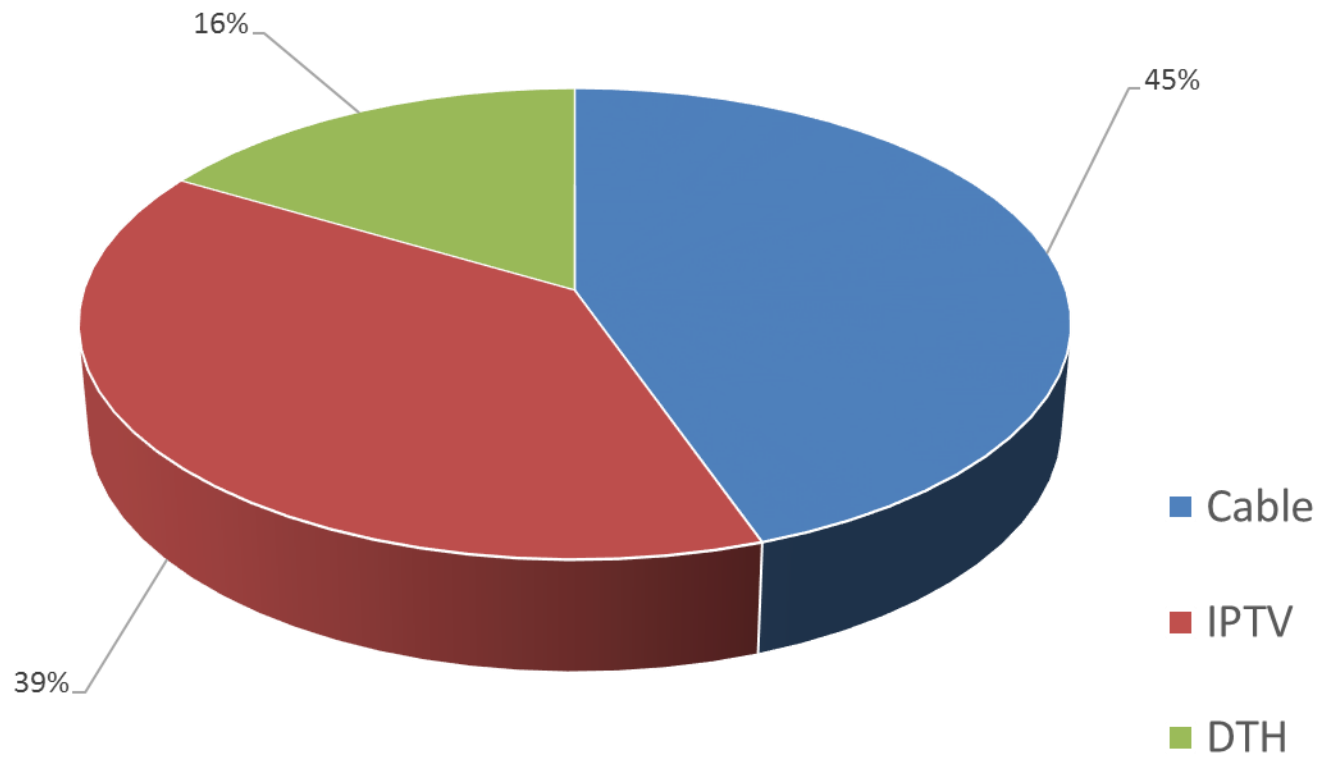
- Radio-Television of the Republika Srpska



- *Corporation of Public Broadcasting Services of BiH*

- Internet penetration rate: 90.49%
  - xDSL: 56.51%
  - cable: 33.16%
- Cable/IPTV/sat distribution: 70.93% \*
  - No. of subscribers: 816.585

# AVMS distribution





# DTT Switchover

- DTT Forum (2006) and Strategy (2009)
- 2014: Action Plan
- 2015: Decision on MUX A (PBS)
- 2019: Public tender for MUX C

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