

## HUNGARY



Regulatory Authority **National Media and Infocommunications Authority (The Media Council of the National Media and Infocommunications Authority)**

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### Basis for operation

Legal framework Act CLXXXV of 2010 On Media Services and Mass Media

General remit  TV  radio  networks and infrastructures  
 Others (please specify): on-demand media services, press

Funding mechanisms <sup>i</sup>  licence fee  industry fee  state budget  
 mixed funding (please specify): The Authority shall cover its expenses, related to the performance of its functions, from its **own revenues** and **budgetary contributions**. The own revenues of the Authority shall comprise a percentage of the frequency fees, the fees charged for the reservation and use of identifiers and for official proceedings, and the supervision fees. The Parliament shall approve the Media Council's budget as part of the Authority's integrated budget, in a separate chapter therein.  
 other (please specify):

### Composition (Media Council)

Number of members: 5 Term of office: 9 years Re-election possible:   
(president and 4 members)

Proposal of members:

Members of the Media Council shall be nominated by an ad hoc nominations committee comprised of one member from each Parliament faction (hereinafter referred to as "nominations committee") by unanimous vote. The voting power of members of the nominations committee shall be weighted consistent with the number of members of the Parliament faction on whose behalf they were elected. (5) The Parliament resolution on setting up the nominations committee shall also provide for the time available for Parliament factions to make their nominations for the members of the nominations committee. The nomination process may be opened in the event if either of the factions fail to make a nomination for the nominations committee within the timeframe prescribed by the said Parliament resolution. (6) If the nominations committee is unable to present four nominees in the cases referred to in Paragraph a) of Subsection (3) within the prescribed time limit, the nominations committee shall be authorized to make nomination in the second round requiring at least two-thirds of the weighted votes. (7) If the nominations committee remains unable in the second round to present four nominees in the case referred to in Paragraph a) of Subsection (3) within eight days, its mandate shall terminate and a new nominations committee shall be installed. (8) If the nominations committee is unable to propose a nominee in the case referred to in Paragraph b) of Subsection (3) within the time limit prescribed therein, the nominations committee shall be authorized to make nomination requiring at least two-thirds of the weighted votes. (9) If the nominations committee remains unable in the second round to present a nominee in the case referred to in Paragraph b) of Subsection (3) within eight days, its mandate shall terminate and a new nominations committee shall be installed.

Appointment of members:

The chairperson and the four members of the Media Council are elected by Parliament - using the sequential procedure for voting by list - for a term of nine years.

Revocation of mandate possible:

based on: (1) Membership in the Media Council shall terminate:  
a) upon expiry of the mandate of the Media Council;  
b) upon resignation;  
c) in connection with any conflict of interest;  
d) upon dismissal;  
e) by way of expulsion;  
f) upon death.  
(2) The chairperson and members of the Media Council shall be dismissed in connection with any conflict of interest arising concerning the chairperson or member, or if the chairperson or member refuse to file a compulsory declaration of personal wealth, or fail to file one in due time, or have knowingly disclosed false data or information in the declaration, furthermore, if they fail to comply with the requirement of

*verification. The chairperson or any member of the Media Council shall be dismissed if being placed under guardianship affecting legal capacity. Mandate shall be terminated by way of expulsion if:*

*a) the chairperson or any member of the Media Council is unable to fulfill his vested responsibilities for six consecutive months or more for reasons within his control;*

*b) the chairperson or any member of the Media Council was indicted in criminal proceedings and was found guilty by the court's final verdict carrying a sentence of imprisonment or restraint from exercising the profession required for holding the office of chairperson or member of the Media Council.*

Number of staff: 600

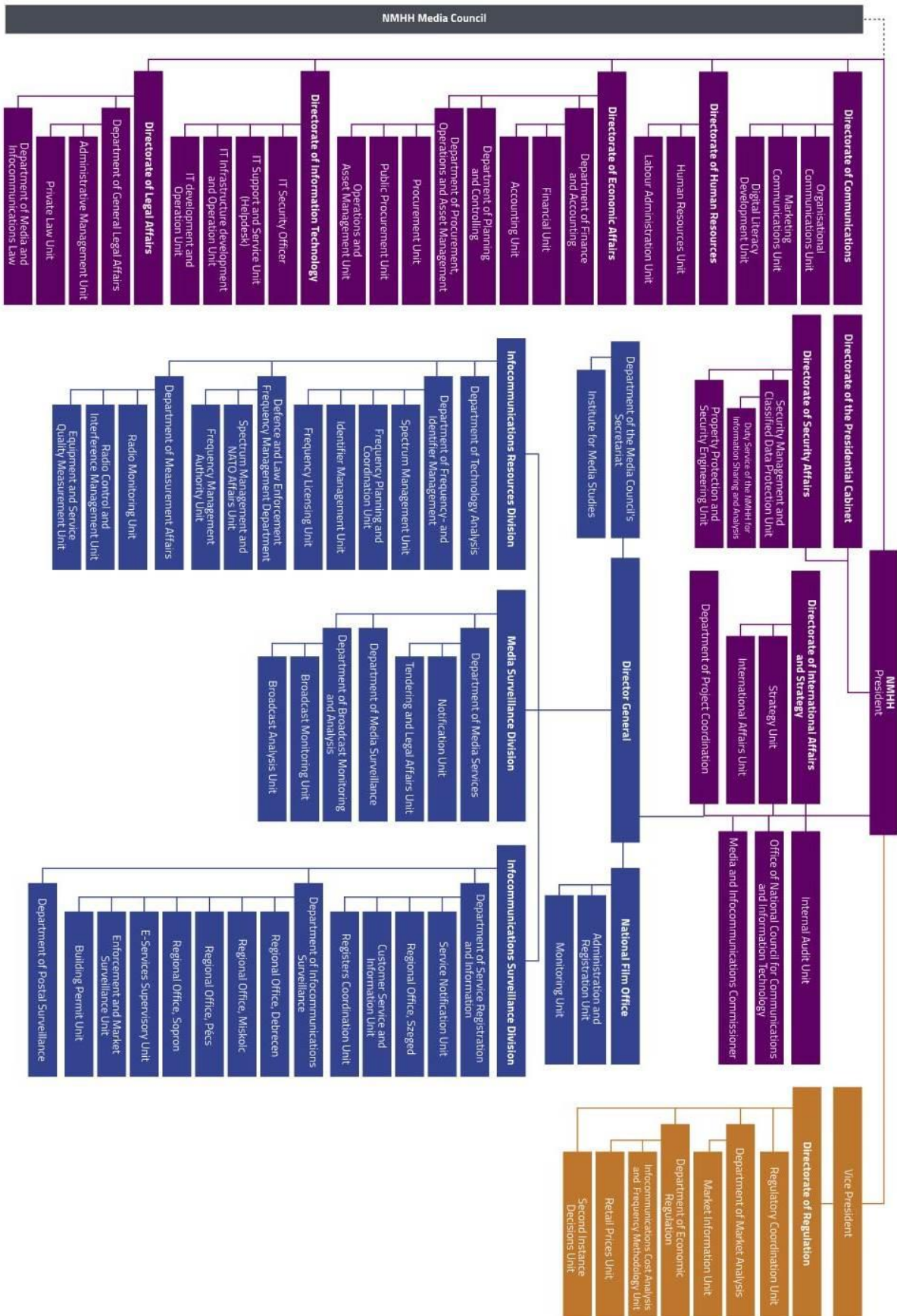
Chairman: Monika Karas

(if not applicable, name Director General)

Director General: Janka dr. Börcs Aranyos

Vice Chairman:-

Please describe your authority's structure if it does not have a board:



## Competences

		national	regional	local
Granting of licences	terrestrial analogue broadcasters	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" 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:

Granting of registrations	terrestrial analogue broadcasters	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input 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"/>

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

Please add any other relevant information:

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	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> issue warning	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> impose fine	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> demand to broadcast announcement
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> revoke licence	<input checked="" 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  codes  rules (please specify):

other (please specify):

Consultative powers  please specify the areas covered: In accordance with Sections 181-184 the Media Council shall: assess the drafts of any legislation relating to the media and communications; draw up opinions and proposals with respect to the theoretical aspects of developing the Hungarian system of media services; initiate amendments to this Act as may be necessary at the minister responsible for audiovisual policy.

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: The NMHH is a converged Authority, which comprises the following entities with independent powers:

- The President
- The Office of the National Media and Infocommunications Authority
- The Media Council

Website: <http://english.nmhh.hu/the-nmhh>

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<sup>i</sup> 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.