



ALBANIA

Name of Regulatory Authority **AUDIOVISUAL MEDIA AUTHORITY**
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Basis for operation

Legal framework The Albanian radio and television activity is regulated in accordance with the Law no. 97/2013 of 4.3.2013 on audio and audiovisual media services in the Republic of Albania

General remit TV radio
 networks and infrastructures (for radio and television only)

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

Composition

Number of members: 7 (seven) Term of office: 5 (FIVE) years Re-election possible:

Proposal of members: The parliamentary Committee on Education and Media proposes to the Assembly 2 alternative candidates for each position after a selection among at least 4 nominees proposed as following:

- a) 1 member elected from candidates proposed by electronic media associations and groups;
- b) 1 member elected from candidates proposed by print media associations;
- c) 1 member elected from candidates proposed by academics and associations of electric engineering;
- ç) 1 member elected from candidates proposed by professors of Law, lawyers' associations and the Chamber of Lawyers;
- d) 1 member elected from candidates proposed by parliamentary parties

Appointment of members: The members of the Audiovisual Media Authority are elected by the Assembly for a 5 year term, with the right to be reelected only once.

Revocation of mandate possible: based on: art. 12, Law no. 97/2013 "On the audiovisual media in the Republic of Albania"

Chairman, Vice Chairman, and any member shall be revoked by the body electing him/her in case:

- *he/she is sentenced by the court of justice through a final verdict on account of having committed a crime;*
- *he/she becomes incapable of performing the duty envisaged due to illness;*
- *he/she is absent in more than 1/3 of the meetings held during a year;*
- *he/she is proven to have failed to meet the obligations under Article 14.*
- *when repeatedly over twice consecutively, intentionally or because of negligence hinders the creation of the necessary quorum to convene the NCRT.*

Number of staff: 50 (Fifty)

Chairperson: **Mr. Gentian Sala**

Vice Chairman: **Mr. Sami Nezaj**

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

Please add any other relevant information: Actually, there is no national analogue & digital cable licence granted. During the year 2009 NCRT licensed for the first time operators of digital satellite broadcasting. Their licensing was based on the law 9472. dated 28 may 2007 "On Digital Broadcasting in the Republic of Albania.

Granting of registrations: The law nr. 8410, dt.30.09.1998, "On private and public radio and television in the Republic of Albania" amended, does not foresee the granting of registrations

Frequency allocation .

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

Handling complaints .

<u>Sanctioning</u>	<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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> reduction in the licensing period
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> suspend a programme / broadcast		
	<input type="checkbox"/> other (please specify):		

<u>Rule making</u>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> codes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> rules (please specify): Rules of procedures & regulations, Decisions.
	<input type="checkbox"/> other (please specify):	

Consultative powers please specify the areas covered:
NCRT suggests:
- sector development policy
- draft laws.

Power of nomination please specify:

The Chairman of PSB (Albanian Public Radio Television) is elected through secret voting by the Steering Council of APRT, for a five-year mandate, from among no less than two candidates.
Steering Council of APRT has seven members who are elected by the Assembly.

Monitoring

- programming
- financial performance
- others (please specify): frequency monitoring
AMA shall verify whether the financial capital declared and signed for complies with the technical and programming project submitted in the licensing application.

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.