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Name of Regulatory Authority : Cyprus Radio-Television Authority

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Basis for operation

Legal framework : Radio and Television Stations Law 7(I)/98, Radio and Television Stations Regulations of 2000 and the Cyprus Broadcasting Corporation (CYBC) Law (Ch. 300A)

General remit : TV radio networks and infrastructures
 others (please specify)

Funding mechanisms ⁱ : licence fee **industry fee** state budget
 mixed funding (please specify): - 0.5% on advertisements
-Administrative fines
-Fees for evaluation of licence applications
 other

Composition

Number of members: 7 Term of office: 6 years Re-election possible:

Proposal of members: *The Ministers Cabinet proposes the possible Members for the Board of the Authority. The candidates come from the fields of letters, the arts, science or technology, or are persons with special knowledge and known experience on issues of Mass Media, with a high professional and moral standard. **The Executive Chairman is appointed in a full time basis for 6 years with the possibility of a second term appointment.***

Appointment of members: *Same as above*
 Revocation of mandate possible: based on: *In case of death, in case of resignation submitted in writing to the Council of Ministers, in case of non-suitability which is decided on by the Council of Ministers as a result of the assumption of an official rank or post in any political party or due to unbecoming conduct.*

Number of staff: **27**
Executive Chairperson: Ms. Rona Petri Kassapi Vice Chairman: **Ms Maria Xaviara Kousiou**

Please describe your authority's structure if it doesn't have a board: -

Competences

		national	regional	local
Granting of licences	terrestrial analogue broadcasters (radio only)	✓	✓	✓
	terrestrial digital broadcasters (tv)	✓	x	x
	satellite analogue broadcasters	x	x	x
	satellite digital broadcasters	x	x	x
	cable analogue broadcasters	x	x	x
	cable digital broadcasters	✓	x	x
	others(please specify): IPTV broadcasters	✓	x	x

in the areas where your authority is not competent to grant licences, please specify the authority in charge: **(1) Office of the Commissioner of Telecommunications and Postal Regulation (regarding services and networks of electronic communications and postal services for the entire public) (2) Department of Electronic Communications of the Ministry of Communications and Works (responsible for the management of the radio spectrum and advises the Minister on radio spectrum policy issues).**

Please add any other relevant information:

Granting of declarations	terrestrial analogue broadcasters(radio only)	✓	✓	✓
	terrestrial digital broadcasters(tv)	✓	x	x
	satellite analogue broadcasters	x	x	x
	satellite digital broadcasters	x	x	x
	cable analogue broadcasters	x	x	x
	cable digital broadcasters	✓	x	x
	others(please specify): IPTV broadcasters	✓	x	x

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Please add any other relevant information:

Frequency allocation ~~✓~~**The Authority in charge is the Department of Electronic Communications of the Ministry of Communications and Works (responsible for the management of the radio spectrum and advises the Minister on radio spectrum policy issues).**

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

Handling complaints ✓

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

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

Consultative powers please specify the areas covered:

Power of nomination x 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.