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Name of Regulatory Authority : Radiotelevision & Digital Services 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 Council of Ministers proposes candidates for the post of the Chairman, Vice-Chairman and Members of the Authority that shall be appointed for a period of six (6) years and shall come from the fields of literature, arts, science or technology or shall be persons with special knowledge and recognised experience in mass media as well as of high professional and moral standards. It is also provided that the term of the Chairman may be renewed only once.*

Appointment of members:

Same as above

Revocation of mandate possible: ☒ based on: *The office of the Chairman, Vice-Chairman or Member of the Authority shall be vacated in the following cases: (a) in case of death; (b) in case of resignation submitted in writing to the Council of Ministers; (c) in case of disqualification decided upon by the Council of Ministers — (i) as a result of the assumption of an office or post in any political party; or (ii) due to inappropriate conduct; (d) in case of discontinuation, as decided by the Council of Ministers, due to failure to fulfil the conditions required for the performance of their duties pursuant to the provisions of sections 4 and 8A of the Law.*

Number of staff: 27

Chairperson: **Ms. Rona Kassapi**

Vice Chairman: **Ms Angeliki Lazarou**

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 licenses, 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 Deputy Ministry of Research, Innovation and Digital Policy (responsible for the management of the radio spectrum and advises the Deputy Minister on radio spectrum policy issues).**

Granting of declarations	terrestrial analogue broadcasters (radio only)			
	terrestrial digital broadcasters (tv)	✓	✓	✓
	satellite analogue broadcasters	✓	x	x
	satellite digital broadcasters	x	x	x
	cable analogue broadcasters	x	x	x
	cable digital broadcasters	x	x	x
	others (please specify): IPTV broadcasters	✓	x	x
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The Authority in charge is the Department of Electronic Communications of the Deputy Ministry of Research, Innovation and Digital Policy (responsible for the management of the radio spectrum and advises the Deputy Minister on radio spectrum policy issues).				
Frequency allocation				
Supervision of	private broadcasters			
	public broadcasters	☒	☒	☒
	others	☒	☐	☐
		☐	☐	☐
✓				
Handling complaints				
Sanctioning	✓ issue warning			
	✓ revoke licence	✓ impose fine		✓ demand to broadcast announcement
	✓ suspend programme broadcast	a ✓ suspend licence /		x reduction in the licensing period
	x other (please specify):			

Rule making ✓ codes
 x other (please specify):
 ✓ rules (please specify):
 □ please specify the areas covered:

Consultative powers x please specify:

Power of nomination ✓ programming
(e.g. chairman of ✓ financial performance
PSB) ✓ others (please specify):

Monitoring □ Please specify:
others

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.