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Honourable Speaker of the Albanian Parliament,

Honourable members of the Parliamentary Committee on Education and Media,

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During 2022, Audiovisual Media Authority has been engaged in multidimensional activities such as; the consolidation of market supervision and regulation according to legal requirements, European integration by approaching the practices and concepts of our counterparts from EU member states.

Recognizing the importance of the transposition of the EU Directive - 2018/1808, in fulfilment of the international obligations related to the EU integration process of our country, during the last year, AMA was addressed to the institutions responsible for initiating the partial transposition process of this international legal act. AMA, in cooperation with MIE, has drafted the draft law "On some additions and changes to Law No. 97/2013 "On audiovisual media in the Republic of Albania", as amended.

The proposed changes will improve the national legislation on:

- The guarantee of the right to information and freedom of expression;
- -Increasing the ownership transparency of audiovisual media service providers;
- The protection of the human dignity, rights and fundamental freedoms, especially of children, from content that may harm their physical, mental or moral development;
- Promoting the self-regulation and co-regulation as a complement to legislative, judicial and administrative mechanisms;
- Increasing access to audiovisual content for persons with disabilities.

During 2022, the secondary legislation was drafted and amended in order to improve AMA's activity within the legal framework and facilitate the activity of audio/audiovisual operators.

Upon the finalization of the digitalization process of audiovisual broadcast, the process of releasing the Digital Dividend band, known as the DD2 band is another process of great importance for AMA. The release of the DD2 band from audiovisual broadcasts and the commissioning of this band for 5G mobile services, will affect the economic, social and cultural development of the country, thus ensuring the fulfilment of the growing demand of the user for traffic and the provision of services with high internet speed.

During 2022, AMA faced a very complex coordination process, due to the significant reduction of the UHF band, incompatibilities between border allotments with neighbours, as well as the high number of digital networks in operation in Albania. In order to solve these problems, we engaged in bilateral, multilateral meetings, continuous written and e-mail communications with neighbouring countries, in order to speed up and promote the agreement on the Plan (470-694 MHz). In September 2022, AMA successfully finalized the cross-border coordination process at the allotment level of the new Frequency Plan (470-694 MHz), which modifies the GE06 Plan.

As a result of the responsible and professional negotiations of AMA, as well as the good will of the neighbours, the agreement was made possible for the operation of the seventh network in Albania, fulfilling the objective of AMA for equal treatment and access for all 7 national audiovisual operators in (public/private) operation, with the aim of avoiding the deformation of the audiovisual market, the negative impact on the consumer, as well as guaranteeing media pluralism.

Albania will be the only country in the region with 7 national numerical networks, while the countries with the largest population and territorial areas such as Slovenia, Croatia, Greece, Serbia - will operate with 6 such networks.

AMA following its first experience on monitoring the coverage by AMSPs of the general elections of April 25, 2021, carried out the monitoring of the partial local elections of March 6, 2022, in the territory of the municipalities of Shkodra, Dibra, Durrësi, Vora, Rrogozhina and Lushnja.

As in previous election processes, through broadcast content, voters were given more opportunity to recognize and evaluate competitive candidates, political subjects, platforms and their proposals for the community, to follow the dynamics of the campaign on the ground, guidelines of the CEC, etc.

Based on the monitoring methodology approved by the State Election Commissioner, AMA daily reported to the CEC on the results of the monitoring of AMSPs, while also presenting a summary report for the entire period.

AMA reported to the CEC on:

- -6 AMSP cases, which did not comply with the Electoral Code requirements, by transmitting the political advertisements beyond the prescribed schedule;
- -12 AMSP cases, which failed to maintain a fair distribution of time allocated to the two major political parties, SP and DP;
- -9 AMSP cases that did not adhere to the established time allocation for the competing entity with up to 20% of the votes;
- -3 AMSP cases that exceeded the prescribed limit for airing political advertisements on behalf of a competing entity in the elections;
- -7 entity cases that failed to adhere to the stipulations of the Code during the election silence period;
- -3 AMSP cases that, in the campaign's published polls, did not submit complete identification indicators.
- -2 AMSP cases that broadcast surveys outside of the designated time frame.

In both the general elections on April 25, 2021, and the partial local elections on March 6, 2022, there was a consensus on the data provided by AMA to the CEC, with no disputes arising from either competing political subjects or AMSPs.

In 2022, the Complaints Council processed a total of 310 complaints, each of which was submitted as follows:

3% - by the media

9% - by businesses

9% - from civil society

27% - by institutions

52% - by individuals

The complaints filed included:

32% - violation of children's rights, their privacy;

38% - violation of human rights and communication ethics;

15% - outside the scope of AMA as defined by Law No. 97/2013 "On audiovisual media in the Republic of Albania", as amended;

2 % - right of reply; 13 % -

different.

In response to the Assembly of Albania's recommendation for revising the Broadcasting Code, the Audiovisual Media Authority (AMA) has established an extensive program of public consultations, including two specialized round-table discussions held in Tirana and ten general roundtable discussions in various regions across the country (Shkodra/Lezha, Kukësi, Dibra, Elbasani, Korça, Durrësi, Gjirokastra, Berati, Fieri, Vlora).

In addition to addressing complaints received by AMA, the staff also initiated reviews independently. In 2022 there were 96 thematic reviews, of which in 38 AMSP cases.

The division of recorded violations is as follows:

- -Ethical violation 29% of cases;
- -Confidential advertising 55% of cases;
- -Political advertising 5% of cases;
- -Other 11% of cases.

During 2022, AMA also submitted several appeals to AMSPs, some of which are as follows:

- -Respecting the legal requirements for the election campaign coverage by AMSPs-;
- -Appeal to AMSPs: Attention to Disinformation!
- Identifying cases of ethical violations in programs;
- -Identifying victims of juvenile sexual abuse is unacceptable;
- -Adhering to the established spoken and written standards of Albanian audiovisual broadcasting.
- -Avoiding audiovisual content that incites and justifies violence, etc.

One of AMA's operational responsibilities involves ensuring that subjects engaged in audio and/or audiovisual activities within the Republic of Albania adhere to the terms of their licenses and/or authorizations.

Regarding the inspection activities, in 2022, the Directorate of Supervision at AMA conducted 249 inspections of AMSPs' activities through its inspection groups. Out of these, 134 inspections were related to AMSPs, and 177 were field monitoring activities.

At the conclusion of the inspections and the review of relevant administrative procedures, the following measures have been taken:

Fifteen (15) decisions on sanctions with fines against the entities of AMSP, which have been found in violation of Law no. 97/2013, as amended, out of which:

- -15 fines imposed on repeat offenders among third-party service providers (cable, IPTV, OTT), with 12 fines left in force by the Council of AMA (three of the fines have been reduced), and 2 are currently within the deadline to complain;
- -Whereas 1 (one) fine is repealed by a resolution of AMA board.

While for 20 other cases it has been decided to draw attention to AMSP subjects.

Based on the institutional functions and objectives outlined in AMA's strategic action plan 2021-2023, it was observed that there were inadequacies in addressing all the necessary functions and processes essential for achieving these strategic objectives. This includes meeting the challenges posed by international obligations and technological advancements in the media sector. In accordance with the organic Law of AMA - Article 19, paragraph 17, AMA presented proposals to the Assembly in 2022 for changes in the institution's organizational structure.

The suggested structural changes were drafted after a comprehensive review of their legality, taking into consideration the AMA law, as well as the salaries and bonuses applicable to the personnel of independent constitutional institutions. These changes were approved through Decision No. 64, dated 07.07.2022 of the Board of Audiovisual Media Authority, unanimously.

Following the approval of the new structure and organization of the National Assembly of Albania, based on Decision No. 86/2022, and in meeting legal deadlines, the process of restructuring is being carried out intensively pursuant to Article 50 of the Law no. 152/2013" On the civil servant" as amended and by laws for temporary and permanent transfer of civil servants.

The comprehensive details we've discussed can be thoroughly explored in the 2022 annual report, which is illustrated with data and factography from AMA 's activities and performance during the reporting period.

We have assessed and highly appreciate our collaboration with the Albanian Parliament, including the recommendations it has provided to our institution, as well as other agreements. We are confident that these cooperative efforts will persist to enhance and promote the quality and timeliness of our professional services, ensuring the fulfilment of tasks as outlined in the current legal framework.

Thank you for your attention!



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INTRODUCTION

Pursuant to the duties and functions of AMA, as defined by the Law No. 97/2013, as amended, in the AMA 's Strategy and Action Plan 2021-2023, as well as in response to the recommendations from the European Union and the Albanian Parliament, AMA has committed itself in 2022 to serving Albanian society by regulating, supporting, and fostering a responsible and high-quality audiovisual market.

During 2022, the Audiovisual Media Authority was focused on various crucial processes. Among the top priorities were the release of the Digital Dividend band, known as the DD2 transposition aligned with the EU Directive, the revision of the Broadcasting Code, conducting Public Consultations on significant legislative acts, collaborating with partner organizations, enhancing the international image of AMA, etc.



The release of the DD2 band from audiovisual broadcasts and the commissioning of this band for 5G mobile services, will affect the economic, social and cultural development of the country, thus ensuring the fulfilment of the growing demand of the user for traffic and the provision of services with high internet speed. Pursuant to this process, AMA has engaged in a highly challenging coordination effort over the course of the year. This was necessitated by the extensive measures and responsibilities associated with this process, as well as the various stakeholders involved.

In September 2022, thanks to the role, contribution, tireless efforts, persistence and persuasion of counterparts, the AMA successfully finalized the cross-border coordination process at the allotment level, of the new Frequency Plan (470-694 MHz), which modifies the GE06 Plan.

The achievement of this objective was very important for AMA, as it paved the way for the continuation of subsequent processes within the framework of the release of the 700 MHz band (DD2) and the use of this band in the future for high-speed 5G networks.

Meanwhile, thanks to AMA's negotiations, as well as the good will of the neighbours, an agreement was made possible for the operation of the seventh network in Albania, fulfilling the AMA's objective of equal treatment and access for all 7 national audiovisual operators in operation (public/ private), with the aim of avoiding the deformation of the audiovisual market, the negative impact on the consumer, as well as guaranteeing media pluralism.

Furthermore, in 2022, AMA actively participated in cross-border coordination with countries bordering the Adriatic and Ionian seas to facilitate the reallocation of the III VHF band. This effort will empower the Albanian administration to establish three national networks for digital regional broadcasting, compared to the two national networks outlined in Plan GE06. The draft act has been prepared by all the participating states in this group, and is expected to be finalized for signing.

Since February 2022, AMA has exercised its administrative activity with full collegiate body consisting of 7 members, enabling the approval of all decisions that require a qualified majority, as well as simple majority.

Pursuant to Article 60 of the Organic Law, AMA, on its own initiative, or at the request of the concerned subjects, has launched several competition events for the issuance of the audiovisual program service license, taking into consideration the existence of free technical capacities in the digital networks of the public operator and private local broadcasting operators.

In 2022, AMA made decisions regarding license and authorization applications, granting an audiovisual transmission license to two entities and denying a license to two others (one radio and one television).

One of the most important duties of the AMA in terms of service to the public through the program offer is the thematic review of the broadcast content.

During the reporting year, 96 content reviews were realized, where in 38 cases AMA has drawn the attention of AMSPs that have not complied with the requirements of Law No. 97/2013, as amended, Broadcasting Code and other bylaws in force.

It shall be emphasised that AMSPs have responded positively to the AMA 's notices, particularly in their efforts to comply with regulations related to the broadcasting of drug advertisements (especially those that can be sold without a doctor's prescription) and refraining from airing drug-related advertisements when they are presented by program hosts or guests during various programs.

The reaction of the AMSPs regarding the broadcasting of the concealed advertisements during news editions, has been positive, advertisements for which AMA has also contacted with representatives of entrepreneurs who have promoted their goods or services, seeking to enhance cooperation with audiovisual subjects for marketing. However, this one cooperation shall be achieved in compliance with realized the legislation in force.

During this year, monitoring and evaluation work was periodically focused on important aspects of the work and activity of the audio/audiovisual media, such as:

- a. ethical violations in general;
- b. protection of children from inadequate contents;
- c. advertisements and commercial communications, the cases where they are concealed, where included in news editions, in medications and health service etc.;
- d. compliance with the written and spoken Albanian standard;
- e. on the RTSH program portfolio, in compliance with the requirements of Service Contract.

The Complaints Council at the Audiovisual Media Authority, in addition to the daily functional tasks, focused on the priorities set by AMA and has continued the intensive work for the revision of the Broadcasting Code.

In 2022, the Complaints Council examined more than 310 complaints that were submitted via postal mail, via AMA's email, social media platforms, and the Call Center structure.

The Appeals Council has addressed and suggested appropriate measures for hundreds of complaints, sent to AMA by the citizens, various institutions and organizations related to the audiovisual content issues. Most of the concerns and complaints, received through official mail, e-mail, or Call Center structure, had as their subject the violation of human rights, legal and ethical norms, violation of children's rights, violation of dignity, as well as some added complaints against social networks, portals and newspapers.

In addition, the Appeals Council has carried on expanding the communication with Appeal Review Boards at the Media Service Providers, agencies and organizations for child protection: - In particular, with the State Agency for the Rights and Protection of Children under the Ministry of Health and Social Protection, as an agency that directly follows the problems related to children, referring the cases recorded in the audiovisual media to the Appeals Council;

– with the group of MPs "Children's friends" in the Parliament, with parliamentary and ministerial structures responsible for the Strategy for Legal Education of the public (SLEP), as well as with influential figures and stakeholders in the field of audiovisual media.

A very important process of the Complaints Council has been the work on the revision of the Broadcasting Code, an obligation that stems from the Strategy of AMA but also the recommendations left by the Assembly. In this regard, AMA organized an international conference in April of this year, gathering stakeholders, representatives from counterpart authorities, academic experts, media professionals, and representatives from NGOs, among others. This event marked the initiation of the Broadcasting Code revision process.

The new broadcasting project code during the drafting process and at the end was accompanied by discussions with all interest groups and relevant actors in this field.

Following the release of the complete Draft - Broadcasting Code on the Electronic Media Authority's official website, specifically in the Public Advisory Section, AMA has maintained continuous communication. This included press releases and periodic publications highlighting the modifications and additions made in the new Project - Code of Conduct in comparison to the existing Broadcasting Code. The purpose was not only to inform about the charges, but also to encourage all stakeholders and contributors to review the draft and provide their comments or proposals.

In terms of administrative activities, AMA consistently carried out the duties and functions stipulated by the organic law. This included the examination of applications and requests for licenses/authorizations, providing opinions, reviewing various submissions to AMA, and overseeing various administrative processes within its scope of competence.

During the reporting year, the work and activity of AMA was mostly focused on the transposition of the new Directive for Audio-Visual Media Services revised in 2018, which is planned in the National Albanian Integration Plan for 2022-2024. In terms of this obligation, in June 2022, AMA forwarded to the Ministry of Infrastructure and Energy (MoIE), the preliminary draft of the draft law "On some additions and changes to Law No. 97/2013 "On the audiovisual media in the Republic of Albania" as amended, as well as the accompanying documentation.

During November 2022 meeting, where experts from DG Near and DG CNECT, the European Observatory, and representatives from AMA/MIE participated, it was decided to incorporate in the draft-law of the provisions of Directive 2018/1808, concerning the video sharing Platform (VSP) that were initially not included in the draft of the draft law. This process has persisted through close collaboration among AMA, MIE, and the European Commission. Considering the progress achieved, the Commission has decided to grant a 6-month extension to complete the ongoing legislative work and fulfill the remaining legal and procedural requirements. This extension is aimed at ensuring the transposition aligns with the necessary standards before being approved by the Albanian Parliament, with a deadline set for no later than May 31, 2023.

During the reporting period, AMA has continued to complete the legal framework through the approval of relevant by-laws that affect the activity of audiovisual media. Pursuant to the provisions of the organic legislation and within the framework of institutional transparency, as well as the need to request opinions, proposals and reactions from the interested parties, the drafting of the implementing legislation was accompanied by a process of public consultation and counselling among the interested parties.

Based on the AMA Strategy and Action Plan for the years 2021-2023, work was done to approve the analogous regulation. Since the approval of the audio regulation in 2016, no digital audio broadcasting licenses have been issued, and there has been no request or expressed interest from subjects to obtain such licenses.

The Project - act outlines the regulations, criteria, and processes for issuing and renewing analog audio broadcast licenses. It eliminates the procedures for issuing audio broadcast licenses based on a numerical network, as currently the issuance of these licenses is not applied. This act no longer includes the procedure for renewing audio transmission licenses with repeaters. Instead, considering the practices in other countries, it will be addressed and regulated through a separate act.

Also, this regulation was subject to public consultation which started on World Radio Day, with interest groups with round-tables held respectively in Tirana, Korça and Shkodra.

Referring to the AMA Strategy, the implementation of T-DAB audio broadcasting technology in advance requires the realization of a study (including the identification of interest for this service) and the analysis of a technical implementation of T-DAB frequency planning, in accordance with the GE06 agreement and multilateral agreements among the countries of the region, regarding allocations of the VHF frequency spectrum.

In regard to inspection activities, during 2022, AMA conducted 249 inspections of AMSPs' operations through its inspection groups. These inspections resulted in 15 decisions to impose fines as sanctions against AMSP subjects, while in 20 other cases, the decision was made to draw attention to their activities.

Regarding the phenomenon of piracy and implementation of the Memorandum of Cooperation between AMA – EPCA, which provides for the joint establishment of inspection groups, during 2022 were conducted 9 joint inspections at subjects that possess ISP (Internet service provider) across the country and provide television broadcasts via the Internet.

Meanwhile, another phenomenon that is being encountered in this period is the increase in the number of pirate operators who broadcast via the Internet and various sites that offer audiovisual products without the authorization of the AMA. In response to this issue, AMA has taken proactive steps by officially reporting 14 (fourteen) such cases to the Electronic and Postal Communications Authority (EPCA). These reports are aimed at taking action to shut down 86 (eighty-six) online platforms that have been in violation of Law No. 97/2013, as amended.

AMA, during 2022, has carried out technical studies with the aim of renewing the licenses of subjects that offer analog audio transmissions in different regions of the country. During this year, no competitions were opened for granting use of FM audio frequencies for analog transmissions, due to the lack of availability of free frequencies, in those regions where interest in analog audio transmissions was expressed by the relevant subjects, as well as the need for international coordination.

AMA representatives were present and gave their contributions at the meetings organized by the European Platform of Regulatory Authorities (EPRA), the European Audiovisual Observatory (OBS), the International Foundation for Electoral Systems (IFES), the Electronic Communications Agency (ECA), OSCE/ODIHR, Bulgarian Media Council (CEM), Alliance of Mediterranean News Agencies (AMAN), Council of Europe, European Regulators Group for Audiovisual Media Services (ERGA), ASPEN Institute and South East European Association.

In the framework of the cooperation in the expansion of the international relations, the President of the AMA was elected the Vice President of the Mediterranean Network of Regulatory Authorities (MNRA), after a voting process involving representatives from the 27-member countries. Albania is assuming a high-ranking managerial position for the first time on one of the most significant platforms in the field of audiovisual media broadcasting.

During 2022, a joint delegation of the two media regulators of Albania and Kosovo, namely the Audiovisual Media Authority (AMA) and the Independent Media Commission (IMC) conducted a working visit to the United States of America. Representatives of the two regulatory authorities, headed by Ms. Armela Krasniqi and Mr. Xhevat Latifi, at the U.S. Department of State, were received by Mr. Martin McDowell, Director of the Office for Central and South Eastern Europe. The delegation also held a meeting at the Federal Communication Commission with senior representatives of the American counterpart institution, the Federal Communication Commission.

During the visit to Washington, AMA and CPM visited the National Press Club where they held a meeting with Bill McCarren, Executive Director of the National Press Club and Gilbert Klein, President of the Institute of Journalism, former President of the National Press Club.

AMA continued its cooperation with various partners working in the field of media, for the realization of various projects aimed at enhancing audiovisual media reporting, enriching the professional literature, in order to enhance the relations between the employers and the employees, etc. The tradition of cooperation with the Department of Journalism and Communication at the Faculty of History and Philology at the University of Tirana has continued and the study "Trends and challenges of Albanian television media in the era of post-digitalization" was carried out.

Also, AMA continued its commitment to bring foreign literature titles into Albanian, with "Translation into Albanian of the university text "Understanding Human Communication" by Oxford University Press. AMA also supported several important studies on "The role of audiovisual media, in the formation of personality among children aged 6-14 years", "Labor market and collective contract in audiovisual media", as well as "Following/Participation in study groups of ITU, which deal with regulatory and technical issues of audio/audiovisual transmissions".

Pursuant to the Albanian National Council of Europe (RTSH) contract, during 2022, the first reviews, one in June and one in December where the main focus was the contents broadcast by the Albanian TV channels. as well as data on non-coverage with signal of some service areas in the territory of our country.

During 2022, the AMA prepared the 8th Edition of the Periodical Bulletin, which provides an overview of the dynamics in the audio/audiovisual market, including economic and financial indicators, technical and technological, proprietary, substantive, and engaged human resources. etc., in 2021. The Bulletin is a standardized and sustainable product, that provides tangible assistance in analyzing the issues and trends within a year.

AMA following its first experience, for monitoring the coverage by AMSPs of the general elections of April 25, 2021, carried out the monitoring of the partial local elections of March 6, in the territory of the municipalities of Shkodra, Dibra, Durrësi, Vora, Rrogozhina and Lushnja. Ahead of the commencement of the campaign, AMA issued an appeal to all AMSPs, reminding them of the obligations stipulated in the Electoral Code of the Republic, Law No. 97/2013, as amended, as well as other legal and bylaws in force. The announcement addressed audio/audiovisual subjects conveyed a belief in the importance of impartial and professionally conducted news reporting from various media outlets aiming at ensure a transparent and informative process that serves the best interests of the citizens. Similar to the preceding election process and the monitoring of these elections, there were no complaints raised regarding the measurements from AMSPs and from the political competing parties.



AMA's strategy and Action Plan have been approved by AMA by Decision no. 94, dated 14.10.2020.

The Action Plan sets out AMA's strategic objectives for 2021-2023, taking into account the fact that there are objectives that extend over time, as they coincide with AMA's due ongoing processes, to new developments, amendments or improvements in the legal framework. AMA's strategic goals, which will cover the threeyear period 2021-2023, are associated with specific objectives, as follows:

Ensuring and promoting diversity and pluralism:

- a. Creating facilities in providing a pluralist view of media and reflecting the values, aspirations and the Albanian society identity, through the promotion of democratic debate and inclusion.
- b. Stimulating the promotion of the qualitative audiovisual program production in Albanian, as well as ensuring the increase of the variety of audiovisual services by public and private media service providers.
- c. Pluralism protection by the AMA, through observance strengthening and regulation of broadcasting services, licensing agreements for the media service providers, and, in particular, issues of ownership and control of the media service providers.





2. ENHANCING THE QUALITY AND EFFECTIVENESS OF THE SUPERVISION AND REGULATION ROLE:

- a. Improving the applicability of broadcasting codes and rules, recognizing and coping with regulatory challenges, namely amending and drafting legislation, alongside rapid technological changes, in harmony with EU legislation, as well as the ways and forms of their implementation in practice.
- b. Reviving the AMA's initiative and ensuring comprehensive coordination with all relevant institutions to combat piracy and safeguard copyright protection.
- c. Following the supervision of the implementation of the Service Contract related to the RTSH, promoting its further development by ensuring fair competition, in accordance with the criteria provided in the law.

3. A PROACTIVE APPROACH FOR RESPONSIBLE AUDIOVISUAL BROADCASTING:

- a. Designing and implementing a range of activities that promote media education, fostering the ability of audiences to comprehend and appreciate audiovisual content, in an evolving media environment.
- b. Carrying out, organizing, supporting and promoting research, including cooperation with the public, broadcasters and other interested parties, to have an active involvement in matters of audiovisual broadcasting regulation.

4. RAISING THE CAPACITIES OF GOOD GOVERNANCE:

- a. Enhancing the transparency and accountability of the regulatory body by strengthening public trust, implementing transparent and manageable processes and procedures, and regularly publishing comprehensive reports on its activities, with a particular focus on monitoring and addressing complaints.
- b. Seeking to reduce the bureaucratic burden for the subjects licensed or authorized by AMA, while exploring more efficient methods to accomplish its goals.
- c. Raising the institution's capabilities by providing training for the current staff and facilitating the exchange of best practices with regional and European regulatory authorities, etc.
- d. Enhancing the utilization of information technology to mitigate potential risks related to cyberattacks and unauthorized access to the ICT system, while also improving efficiency and public accessibility.

2. IMPLEMENTATION OF THE RECOMMENDATIONS ISSUED IN THE PARLIAMENT RESOLUTION FOR AMA'S ANNUAL REPORT FOR 2022



I) Following the conclusion of the DD2 band release process by the end of June 2022, AMA will promptly initiate efforts to address the issue of support rates within RTSH's digital network by local operators, also taking into account the importance of the continuity of local television broadcasts in terms of public interest, as they play a vital role in fostering democracy and representing various communities within a nation's public sphere.

A primary concern raised by local and regional operators impacted by the transition to digital broadcasting is the substantial support fees within the RTSH network, prompting a request for their reconsideration.

The re-evaluation of support fees is interdependent with the 700 MHz band release process (DD2), as this process is expected to be accompanied by changes to the license terms for local/regional/national operators, including changes in service coverage, technical transmission parameters, and, consequently, financial adjustments.

In the framework of the 700 MHz band release process, in November 2021, AMA approved the new Frequency Plan in the 470-694 MHz band, which provides for changes to the GE06 Plan. The reallocation of this band foresees 7 national numerical networks, as well as some local networks. To put this plan into action, AMA initiated the coordination process with neighbouring countries in December 2021 to secure their consent.

AMA, during 2022, faced a very complex coordination process, due to the low availability of frequencies, incompatibilities between border allotments with neighbours, as well as the high number of numerical networks in operation in Albania. To address these issues, AMA actively participated in bilateral and multilateral meetings, maintaining ongoing written and email correspondence with neighbouring countries to expedite and facilitate the agreement on the Plan (470-694 MHz).

Despite our efforts, the complexity of this process made it unfeasible to complete within the prescribed deadlines of this procedure (by June 2022), leading to domino effect to delays in the subsequent processes of the 700 MHz band release (DD2).

In September 2022, thanks to the role, contribution, tireless efforts, persistence and conviction of counterparts, AMA successfully completed the cross-border coordination process at the allotment level, of the new Frequency Plan (470-694 MHz), which modifies the GE06 Plan.

The completion of the coordination process at the allotment level paved the way for the drafting of the Migration Plan (according to the Numerical Islands procedure), which was prepared by foreign experts within the EU project "On technical assistance in the field of telecommunications", received from Ministry of Infrastructure and Energy (MIE), finalized in December 2022.

Based on multilateral cross-border coordination agreements (as SEDDIF and Adriatic & Ion), where the principle of equal and qualitative distribution of frequency channels is respected, the signatory administrations enable the operation of 6 national networks.

Meanwhile, thanks to AMA's negotiations, as well as the good will of the neighbours, an agreement was made possible for the operation of the seventh network in Albania, fulfilling the AMA's objective of equal treatment and access for all 7 national audiovisual operators in operation (public/ private), with the aim of avoiding the deformation of the audiovisual market, the negative impact on the consumer, as well as guaranteeing media pluralism.

Albania will be the only country in the region, with 7 national digital networks, while countries with larger populations and territorial areas, such as Slovenia, Croatia, Greece, Serbia..., will operate with 6 such networks.

Following the procedures that will be followed by all interested parties, in order to finalize the release of the DD2 band, AMA will immediately initiate the process of revising the support fees, asking the public operator to review them, so that these fees to be proportional and non-discriminatory.

2) During the process of revising the Broadcasting Code, AMA should collaborate with all relevant stakeholders, including international organizations such as OSCE and KiE. The objective is to ensure that the new Broadcasting Code aligns as closely as possible with the evolving challenges and advancements in the field of media, with particular emphasis on safeguarding children by preventing the promotion of phenomena such as bullying, sexual abuse, physical and verbal violence, within shows and audiovisual programs.

In response to the Albanian Assembly's recommendation for the revision of the Broadcasting Code, the Audiovisual Media Authority organized a conference in Tirana on April 21, 2022. During this event, stakeholders including interest groups, representatives from homologue authorities, experts from academia and the media, as well as representatives from NGOs, initiated the process of revising the Broadcasting Code. Part of this meeting were also Dr. Wolfgang Kreissig, Chairman of the Directors of the Audiovisual Media Authorities of the German Länder and of the Licensing and Supervision Commission; Francesco Sciacchitano, legal affairs consultant at the Italian regulatory authority, AGCOM and head of working groups for international platforms of regulators; Peter Metzneller, EPRA vice-chairman and legal consultant for European affairs at the Conference of Directors of Audiovisual Media Authorities of the German states; communication experts, representatives of the national public and private media, representatives of the Albanian Committee of Helsinki and Prof. Dr. Vasilika Hysi, expert in charge of drafting the New Broadcasting Code. This was the first opening meeting, within the framework of the Review of the Broadcasting Code.

On 16 June 2022,AMA launched consultation round tables with interest groups for the review of the Broadcasting Code. The first consultative meeting, held in collaboration with UN WOMEN in Albania, involved the participation of journalists covering current affairs and news, as well as program moderators focused on social issues. During this round-table meeting, the proposed changes to the Audiovisual Media Broadcasting Code were presented, including a dedicated section addressing gender equality issues. This proposal places a strong emphasis on promoting gender equality, preventing gender discrimination, and combating sexism within audiovisual media. Notably, this marks the first time that gender equality and gender non-discrimination have been incorporated into the Broadcasting Code for Audiovisual Media in Albania.

On June 17, 2022, the Audiovisual Media Authority continued the consultations for the new Broadcasting Project - Code, with the participation of women's associations in our country. Representatives from these associations expressed their approval of the dedicated section addressing gender equality issues and stressed the importance of providing training within the audiovisual industry in this regard. Civil society gave concrete suggestions on how the Code can serve as an incentive to prevent gender discrimination in audiovisual media.

The above consultative meetings were preceded by a preparatory meeting (June 13, 2022), during which the AMA along with the expert for drafting the New Broadcasting Code, Mrs. Vasilika Hysi discussed in detail (Article by Article) the Gender Equality section, to then continue with other article-by-article consultations of the Project - Broadcasting Code with the expert, held on the dates: June 21, 22, 24, 2022. The results of these preliminary consultations as well as the suggestions of the constituent directorates of the AMA were incorporated into the second draft of the New Broadcasting Code, submitted on July 1, 2022.

The new Broadcasting Code Project contains 11 sections:
SECTION 1 (BASIC PRINCIPLES),
SECTION 2 (RIGHT TO PRIVACY AND PROTECTION OF PERSONAL RIGHTS),
SECTION 3 (BROADCAST OF INFORMATION PROGRAMS),

SECTION 4 (CHILDREN IN AUDIOVISUAL BROADCASTING, divided into the following subcategories:

Foundational principles for media serving the best interest of the child, Media serving the best interest of the child, Prohibition of child identification, Child interviewing, Advertising and children, Cultural programs, Entertainment, Education, Films and children, Cautionary indicators for safeguarding children in audiovisual content. SECTION 5 (RESPECTING THE RIGHTS OF PERSONS WITH SPECIAL NEEDS AND ENSURING ACCESS TO AUDIOVISUAL TRANSMISSIONS),

NEW SECTION (PREVENTING AND COMBATING HATE SPEECH IN AUDIOVISUAL BROADCASTS),

NEW SECTION (PROMOTING GENDER EQUALITY, PREVENTING AND FIGHTING GENDER DISCRIMINATION IN THE AUDIOVISUAL MEDIA), SECTION 8 (NEW) (ADVERTISING IN AUDIOVISUAL BROADCASTS), SECTION 9 (BOARD OF COMPLAINTS), NEW SECTION (TRANSITIONAL PROVISIONS), SECTION 11 (ENTERING INTO FORCE AND PUBLICATION).

During the month of July, the Complaints Council, as the unit responsible for following up the process at the Audiovisual Media Authority, assessed the extent and the way in which the initial suggestions from the first consultations, along with the recommendations from the constituent units of the AMA, were incorporated into the Project - Code. They subsequently undertook the task of editing the text to prepare it for public consultation.

The Complaints Council - as the unit in charge of managing the Broadcasting Code Review process - drew up the twelfth Schedule of subsequent round-table of public consultations, of which, two thematic consultations in Tirana and ten general round-tables of consultations in other regions of the country (Shkodra/Lezha, Kukës, Dibra, Elbasan, Korça, Durrës, Gjirokastër, Berat, Fier and Vlora).

Starting from the beginning of October 2022, the full Broadcast Draft - Code has been made available on the official website of the Audiovisual Media Authority - within the Public Consultation rubric. It will remain accessible until the end of the first quarter of 2023, ensuring that not only AMSPs and other stakeholders, but also the general public can access and review the document, which would allow everyone to become acquainted with its contents and provide feedback and suggestions on specific aspects.

On October 5, 2022, the Appeals Council, as part of the Audiovisual Media Authority (AMA), organized the third thematic roundtable of public consultation, in the framework of the revision of the Broadcasting Code. The next discussion focused on "Respecting children's rights and protecting the child's best interest in audiovisual broadcasts" as well as "Respecting the rights of persons with disabilities and their access to audiovisual broadcasts". Both issues are separate chapters of the existing Broadcasting Code, which during the revision have been significantly enriched. The activity was attended by representatives of AMSPs, civil society organizations focusing on the rights of children and persons with disabilities, associations operating in the field of media and human rights, academia, law firms, central and local institutions, representatives of the OSCE and the Council of Europe in Tirana. Representatives from AMSPs, organizations advocating for Persons with Disabilities, and those focused on Child Protection raised certain issues and put forward proposals for interventions. They focused on several cases, including instances where media reporting has led to the direct or indirect identification of children involved in serious events, the absence of child-oriented programming, the publication of disturbing images or inappropriate content during time slots when minors might be watching, difficulties associated with interviewing and featuring children, challenges related to terminology concerning Persons with Disabilities (PWDs), their potential segregation and/or exclusion from mainstream content, advertisements or publicity, the absence of subtitles in audiovisual broadcasts, accessibility problems for PWDs in physical media, and the positive discrimination in their audiovisual content, etc.

On 6 October 2022, as part of the Broadcasting Code Review process, the Council of Complaints within the Audiovisual Media Authority (AMA) organized the fourth thematic round table for public consultation. The discussion focused on two key topics: "Preventing and fighting hate speech", and "The right to privacy and protection of personal data." Participants of the event were representatives from AMSPs, the academic community, the Ombudsman's office, the Commissioner for the Right to Information and Protection of Personal Data, the Albanian Committee of Helsinki, the Albanian Council of Media, the Commissioner for Protection from Discrimination, the State Police, Tirana Municipality, as well as the OSCE and the Council of Europe in Tirana.

Representatives from various institutions and interest groups highlighted a range of concerning matters. They put forward their insights and approaches in relation to the chapters of the Broadcasting Code being discussed. They drew attention to situations where media reporting had violated individuals' right to privacy and personal data protection, the right to the presumption of innocence, or had involved the use of hate speech that incites hatred and social division. They emphasized the significance of the Broadcasting Code as a tool to enhance awareness and promote heightened professional and social responsibility within audiovisual media. This collective effort aims to combat disinformation, eliminate negative stereotyping, and prevent the stigmatization of specific social communities.

On October 13, 2022, the Complaints Council at the Media Authority Audiovisual (AMA), organized in Shkodra, the fifth round-table of public consulation, in the framework of the revision of the Broadcasting Code. In contrast to the four-preceding round-tables with a thematic character, held in Tirana, the round-table held in Shkodra had a generalist character. While the presentation and the ensuing discussions covered all chapters of the Broadcasting Project-Code, the primary focus was placed on specific areas, including Gender equality and safeguarding the best interests of children in audiovisual broadcasts," "Respecting the rights of individuals with disabilities and their access to audiovisual broadcasts," "Preventing and combating hate speech," and "The right to privacy and personal data protection." Representatives of AMSPs, civil society organizations, academia, educational institutions, local institutions, etc. became part of the consultation in Shkodra.

Representatives of AMSPs and interest groups focused on the publication of serious or inappropriate images in times that can be viewed by children, on the problems of interviewing and showing the identity of children, on efforts to avoid misinformation, negative stereotyping and stigmatization of certain social communities, in the problems of substantive and physical access of PWDs to audiovisual media, etc.

Extending the discussion beyond the issues of reviewing the Broadcasting Code, the attendees also mentioned several concerns of local media as a whole, including financial difficulties, the forced increase in the time of paid announcements in programming, excessive minutes of commercial communications and their ethical problems, the need for formats dedicated to national minorities and vulnerable groups, etc.

Since the publication of the comprehensive Broadcasting Project - Code on the official website of the Electronic Media Authority in the Public Consultation section, AMA has maintained a continuous presence. This has included issuing press releases about the consultation round-tables and periodically sharing updated publication that highlight the amendments and additions in the New Draft Code as compared to the existing Broadcasting Code. The aim is not only to inform the public about these changes, but also to motivate all stakeholders to review the draft and provide their feedback and/or proposals related to it.

3) AMA shall propose the necessary changes related to the improvement of the legislation on public advertising in accordance with international standards.

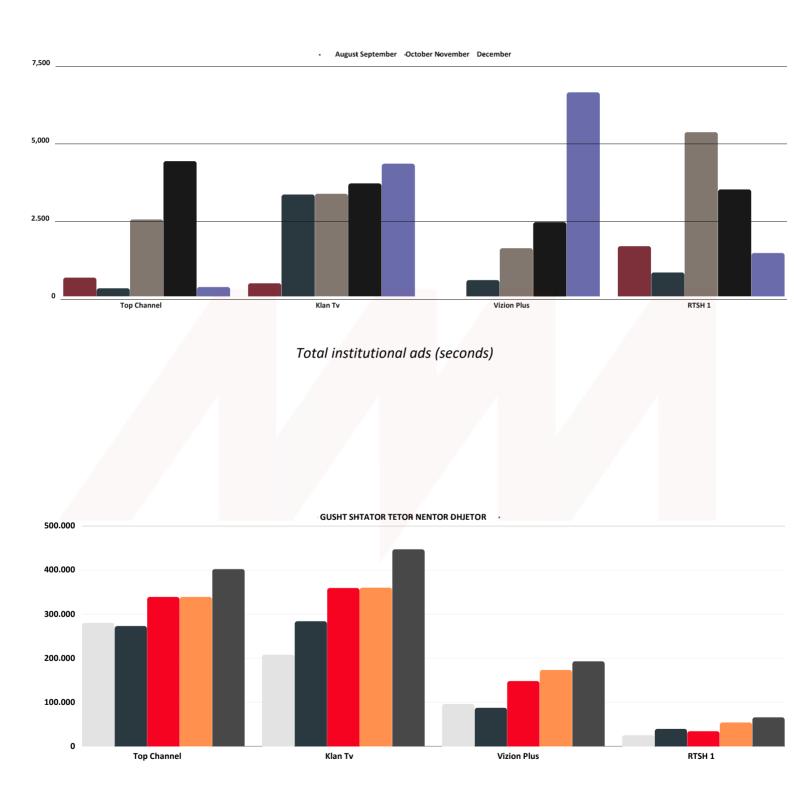
AMA acknowledges that this is a recurring recommendation from last year's resolution on the authority. AMA bases its activity on Law No. 97/2013, as amended, which is designed to regulate the operations of audio and audiovisual media and their supporting services. As it exercises the powers provided for in organic law, AMA monitors all programs broadcast by audio and audiovisual subjects.

The role of the AMA, based on the legal powers, is related to the monitoring of the content transmitted by AMSPs, including institutional advertisements.

Regarding the distribution of institutional advertisements, as we have consistently and repeatedly pointed out, Law No. 97/2013 "On audiovisual media in the Republic of Albania," as amended, does not provide regulations or criteria for the supervision or monitoring of the procedures for distributing (public) institutional advertising by AMA.

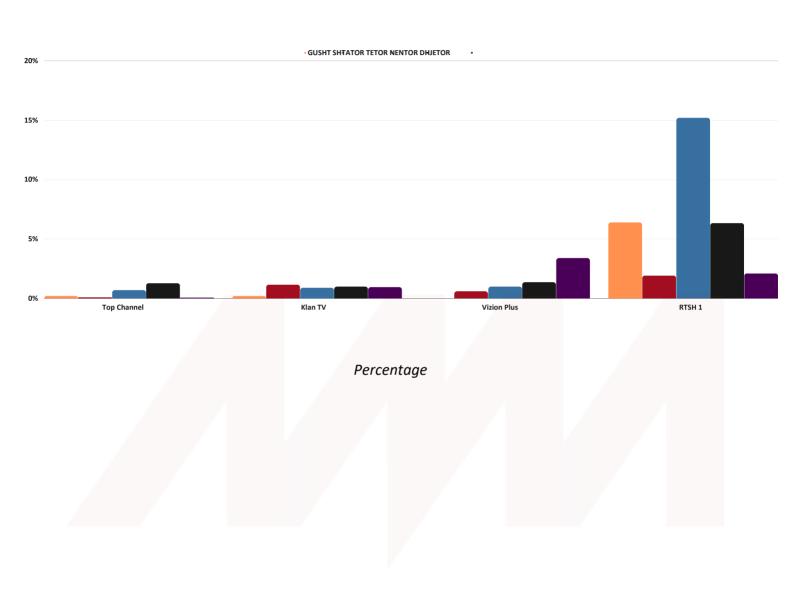
AMA monitors the volume of (public) institutional advertising in comparison to commercial advertising from private subjects for national audio/audiovisual entities. From August to December 2022, AMA has monitored the volume of institutional advertisements in relation to the advertisements of these subjects. Below, we provide the indicators for national television channels based on the respective months:

NATIONAL TELEVISIONS MONTHLY INDICATORS:



Total ads (seconds)

NATIONAL TELEVISIONS MONTHLY INDICATORS:



4) As emphasized in the European Commission's most recent Progress Report, enhancing the transparency of media funding is a key goal for advancing media freedom in the country. Therefore, one of the principals aims of AMA's efforts is to strengthen supervision concerning the matters of ownership and control AMSPs.

AMA, in its capacity as the enforcer of Organic Law No. 97/2013, as amended, monitors compliance with the requirements of its Article 62, which provides for the regulation of ownership in audio and audiovisual broadcasting. Furthermore, in alignment with the strategic action plan for the years 2021-2023, one of AMA's primary objectives is to safeguard pluralism by reinforcing the supervision and regulation of broadcasting services, with a specific focus on addressing matters related to media ownership and control.

These obligations are also broken down in the sub-legal framework in force, which stipulates that subjects seeking a license/authorization for engaging in audio/audiovisual activities must include information about the source and amount of funding allocated for the duration of the license/authorization in their applications. When reviewing these applications, AMA verifies the financial resources possessed by the applicants, along with various aspects of the economic and financial operations of these subjects. Likewise, even in cases where AMSP subjects undergo changes in their ownership structure, AMA, before making a decision, requests the entity purchasing the quotas to provide details on the source, origin, and legal justification financial resources for the amount of their purchase (referred to the contract value).

Another instrument for guaranteeing fair competition in the field of audio/audiovisual media, there is also case-by-case cooperation with the Competition Authority, formalized through a memorandum of understanding. In its implementation, AMA exchanges information and data in cases of changes in proprietary data of licensed subjects.

To fulfill its supervisory role, AMA regularly cross-checks the information that subjects report to the National Business Center, specifically pertaining to ownership shares and any alterations in these shares.

According to the legislation in force, data related to the registration of subjects is accessible to the public, transparent, and readily available. Similarly, information concerning licensed and/or authorized subjects, including the ownership percentages, is also disclosed on AMA's official website

The transparency of media service providers' ownership is also a newly introduced aspect in Directive (EU) 2018/1808, amending Directive 2010/13/EU of the European Parliament and the Council, dated March 10, 2010, "On the coordination of certain provisions provided by law, regulations, or administrative acts in the member states related to the provision of audio and video broadcasting services" (Directive on Voice and Image Media Service). This directive is anticipated to be transposed into the organic law of AMA.

Consistent with the provision of Directive 2018/1808, the draft amendments to Law No. 97/2013, as amended, propose that AMSPs must disclose and make accessible information and particulars concerning their ownership structure. This requirement is seen as an integral aspect linked to freedom of expression.

In the interest of ensuring transparency regarding media ownership and their financial operations, AMA, in the capacity of enforcer of the Law in force No. 97/2013 "On audiovisual media in the Republic of Albania," as amended, has been publishing the Periodical Bulletin since 2016. This bulletin comprises a summary of economic and financial data, technical and technological indicators, content broadcast, human resources engaged, and so on. The Bulletin presents data on the ownership of audio and/or audiovisual activities, it includes indicators on ownership structuring, the concentration of OSHMA contributors in different branches of the industry, as well as ownership participation for each media operator. The 8th edition of the Periodical Bulletin that was prepared during 2022 follows the same line.

5) AMA as an institution possessing the necessary technical expertise, shall provide its input during the legislative amendment review process in the Albanian Assembly concerning Law No. 97/2013 "On audiovisual media in the Republic of Albania," as amended. This pertains to the establishment of a regulatory framework for online media, recognizing it as a novel facet in the media industry. Furthermore, it addresses the recommendations of the Venice Commission, aiming to align these changes with international standards and principles of media freedom.

As outlined in the annual reports of AMA for the years 2019-2021, the Ministry of Justice and the Ministry of Infrastructure and Energy initiated legal actions aimed at introducing certain amendments and additions to Law No. 97/2013 "On audiovisual media in the Republic of Albania," as amended. The objective of these legal initiatives is to include electronic publication service providers within the scope of our organic law. In response, AMA, as a collegial body, issued an opinion through decision No. 169, dated November 18, 2019, expressing its opposition to the draft law "On certain amendments and additions to Law No. 97/2013, 'On audiovisual media in the Republic of Albania,' as amended."

6) AMA will collaborate with other relevant institutions to facilitate the partial transposition of the EU Directive 2010/13/EU within the year 2022. "On the coordination of certain provisions provided by law, regulations or administrative acts in the member states, concerning the provision of audiovisual media services", related to the protection of children, advertising, jurisdiction, the accessibility of the person with disabilities, etc.

Following the Council of Ministers' decision, No. 91, dated February 09, 2022, "On the approval of the National European Integration Plan 2022-2024" the partial transposition of Directive 2018/1808/EU is foreseen.

In line with our awareness of the significance of transposing Directive 2018/1808 and fulfilling our international obligations associated with our country's EU integration process, AMA took the initiative in the first six months of this year to engage with the responsible institutions to initiate the transposition process of this international act.

Furthermore, AMA, in the capacity of the regulator, has analysed the provisions of Directive (EU) 2018/1808, which amends the directive 2010/13/EU of the European Parliament and the Council and has prepared the preliminary draft of the draft law "On some additions and amendments to the Law No. 97/2013 "On audiovisual media in the Republic of Albania", as amended.

Meanwhile, the Ministry of Infrastructure and Energy benefited from a technical assistance (TAIEX Workshop) related to the experiences of EU countries in implementing Directive 2018/180. In the framework of this assistance, seminars were conducted in February and June 2022, featuring EU experts. The purpose of these seminars was to gain insights into best practices employed by EU countries, as well as the challenges they faced during the transposition of Directive 2018/1808. The materials presented during these seminars, along with the examination of practical cases from select EU countries regarding the chosen transposition methods for Directive (EU), informed the development of the initial draft of the legislation.

Following the work on the Transposition of the Directive, AMA, through document No. 2466 Prot., dated 23.06.2022, forwarded to the line Ministry, the explanatory report of the draft law on the analysis of the reasons that led to its proposal, as well as the preliminary draft of the draft law "On some additions and amendments to Law No. 97/2013 "On audiovisual media in the Republic of Albania", as amended.

The draft law, along with the explanatory report, impact assessment report, and compatibility table, was submitted for review to the relevant Ministries (Ministry of Justice, Ministry for Europe and Foreign Affairs, Ministry of Finance and Economy, Ministry of Culture, and Ministry of Health and Social Protection), and to audiovisual media service providers (AMSPs). It was published in the Register of Notification and Public Consultation, and made available to the European Commission.

The draft law has been published in the Register of Notification and

Public Consultation, for a period of 30 days. During this period, feedback has been submitted to AMA by the Ministry of Health and Welfare Social Finances and Economy Ministry for Europe and Foreign Affairs and forwarded by MIE. Feedback by stakeholders were mainly for legislative implementation and the update of definitions according to the legislation which are reflected in the draft law.

Concerning the feedback received from interested parties, AMA conveyed its position to the Ministry of Infrastructure and Energy (in its capacity as the line minister) in a written format. AMA emphasized that the comments primarily pertained to provisions related to the delivery of audio and audiovisual media services based on user requests and their incorporation into the aforementioned draft-law. At this stage, the amendments to Law No. 97/2013 are a consequence of the process of aligning local legislation with Directive 2018/1808 (EU).

Whereas, in response to comments regarding the inclusion in the draft-law of certain aspects related to gender equality, such as ensuring gender equality and combating sexism in audiovisual media, and ensuring gender equality in the selection of members for AMA and DCRTSH, AMA has informed the relevant parties that the Broadcasting Code for audiovisual media, which was approved by AMA through Decision No. 228, dated December 11, 2017, is currently undergoing a public review process. This Code contains a dedicated section focused on promoting gender equality and preventing and addressing gender discrimination in audiovisual media.

Subsequent to the online technical meeting held in November 2022 involving experts from the European Commission, the European Observatory, and representatives from AMA/MIE, it was requested that the provisions of Directive EU/2018/1808 pertaining to video sharing platforms (Video Sharing Platforms / VSPs) be incorporated into the draft law. This request was made to ensure that the Republic of Albania continues to be eligible for participation in the "Creative Europe" program.

Following this meeting, AMA and MIE prepared the suggested changes and their inclusion in the draft law, which were once again submitted for consideration in the first week of December 2022 to the European Commission.

During December 2022, the European Commission informed AMA and MIE that an additional six months' extension had been granted, allowing until May 2023 for the transposition of Directive 2010/12/EU to the required extent, including the completion of all internal legislative processes.

AMA representatives have been part of the working group "On the approval of the Intersectoral Juvenile Justice Strategy of 2022-2026, the action plan and the passport of indicators". In the framework of this commitment and concrete action plan, AMA contributed with the following measures:

- Amendments to the Broadcasting Code to ensure the highest interest of the child;
- Effective monitoring of content broadcast for children while adhering to the requirements of Law No. 97/2013 "On audiovisual media in the Republic of Albania," as amended, and the by-laws in force; Communicating with audiovisual media service providers (AMSPs) to address cases identified as legal violations and imposing sanctions for serious or repeated cases; Evaluating cases of AMSP
- violations related to the transmission of inappropriate or abusive audiovisual content involving or intended for minors.

AMA, after reviewing the draft "On the approval of the Intersectoral Juvenile Justice Strategy 2022-2026, the action plan, and the passport of indicators" drawn up by the Ministry of Justice, proposed certain changes because some of the activities outlined in the strategy's plan of measures and activities fell outside the scope of authority and competence of the regulatory authority.

Based on Law No. 97/2013 "On audiovisual media in the Republic of Albania", as amended, AMA, is the regulatory body in the field of audio and/or audiovisual broadcasting services and their support services in the territory of the Republic of Albania. Pursuant to the provisions of this law, AMA does not issue licenses/authorizations for the activity of websites/online portals and print media and does not monitor their activities.

Regarding the above, AMA suggested revising the content of several points of the plan of measures and activities, as follows:

- In point 1.1.4 "Promotion and empowerment of programs with a special focus on the virtual presence of children/youth online, creation of safe spaces and protection against online bullying" and under its points 1.1.4.1 1.1.4.5, AMA cannot contribute as a partner as online media and social networks are not included in the scope of AMA.
 - In point 1.2.1.3 "Broadcasts in audiovisual media with a friendly language on the meaning, implementation and promotion of restorative justice and mediation for
- conflict resolution", AMA cannot be a responsible institution since one of the basic principles sanctioned in Law No. 97 /2013 "On audiovisual media in the Republic of Albania", as amended, is that the audiovisual activity is free, and consequently AMSPs make their own selections of the contents of their program catalogue.

7) AMA, in collaboration with EPCA, OSHEE, and the Association of Cable and Wave Broadcasters, will collaborate to find solutions to address the issue of removal from electric power poles of cable operators.

The Audiovisual Media Authority (AMA), as the regulatory authority that monitors the activity of licensed/authorized subjects in exercising their audio/audiovisual activity, is deeply concerned about the challenges faced by operators in general and cable operators in particular. The Assembly of the Republic of Albania, in its 2022 Resolution, emphasized the need to prioritize finding solutions for the removal of transmission cables belonging to these subjects from electric poles.

Based on the above, AMA, through document No. 2555 Prot., dated July 4, 2022, with the subject "Request for meeting at the technical level," has formally requested a meeting with the relevant authorities, including EPCA, OSHEE, and RTTL. The purpose of this meeting is to collaboratively coordinate efforts to identify and implement the most effective technical solutions to address this issue.

Following the initial communication, AMA has consistently followed up with requests to these bodies to convene a technical-level meeting, through document No. 4484 Prot., dated December 15, 2022.

After several follow-up letters from AMA, the Distribution System Operator (DSO) responded through document No. 12445 Prot., dated December 27, 2022, which was formally acknowledged and protocolled by AMA through document No. 85 Prot., dated January 9, 2023, in which they indicated the willingness to engage in the development of a joint working group at the management level to address the issue at hand.

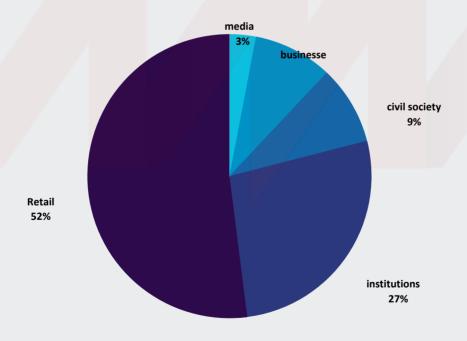
After receiving this document, AMA notified the interested parties of a meeting at the management level at the premises of AMA, in March 2023.

8) AMA should maintain its commitment to thoroughly investigating and addressing complaints from individual citizens and interest groups. The consistent growth in the number of complaints received by the Complaints Council since its establishment in 2016 is a positive sign, indicating an increasing level of trust in the authority as a function of public interest in audiovisual transmissions.

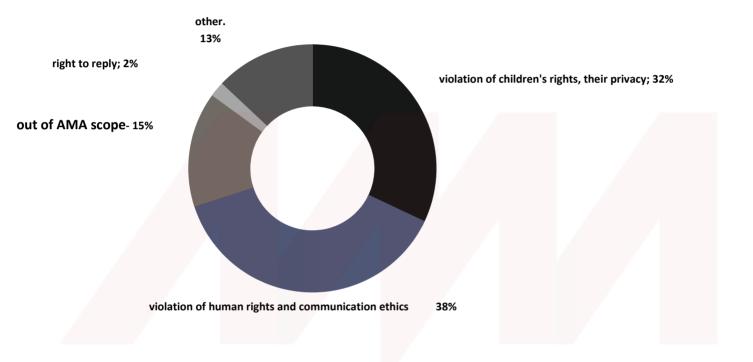
In accordance with its legal obligation and the relevant recommendation of Parliament of Albania, the Council of Complaints has continued to review the complaints delivered to the institution with regard to the AMSPs, based on the Law No.

97/2013 "On audiovisual media in the Republic of Albania", as amended, or the by-laws in force.

In total, throughout the reporting period, the Council of Complaints has reviewed over 310 complaints, each of which



The complaints filed included:



In 54.5% of cases, the CC concluded by "drawing attention",

15% of them were outside the scope of the CC/AMA, while in the other cases (20.5%) the decision-making of the CC favored the freedom of expression.

* ADMINISTRATIVE MEASURES

<u>In July 2022</u>, the AMA imposed a fine on the national operator, Top Channel, based on a proposal from the Complaints Council for the violation of Law No. 97/2013 "On Audiovisual Media in the Republic of Albania," as amended, due to anti-Semitic content found in the "Rrethi Katror" program of the show "E Diell."

The comments of the guest and the host of the show encouraged intolerance, justified violence and racial discrimination and did not respect the rules of ethics in violation of the basic principles for the activity of audiovisual broadcasting and were in violation of legal provisions, respectively:

- Article 4,"Basic principles for the activity of audiovisual broadcasting", point 2/d: "not allowing broadcasts that promote intolerance among citizens" and 2/dh: "not allowing broadcasting that encourage or justify violence",
 - Article 32, "General rules for audio and/or audiovisual media service providers", point 4 "AMSPs are prohibited from broadcasting programs with content that incites hatred based on factors such as race, gender, religion, ethnicity, nationality, or any other form of discrimination".
 - Article 33, "Obligations of AMSPs", point 1/a: "to announce and present the news broadcast in a true, impartial and objective way", point 1/b: "to ensure that the treatment of events,
 - including issues that are topics of public debate, to be fair to all subjects interested in these issues and to be presented in a truthful and impartial manner" and point 1/ç: "not violate the dignity and fundamental human rights".

<u>In December 2022</u>, the AMA Complaints Council proposed a fine against the national operator Top Channel for the show "Për'puthen", as it has repeatedly documented ethical violations, such as: insults, stigmatization, discrimination, vulgarity and uncontrolled communication, which have also ended in violence. Regarding the above, the Audiovisual Media Authority, AMA, had previously issued several warnings (drawing attention) (No. 3607, Prot., dated. 11.11.2021; No. 408, Prot., dated 20.01.2022; No. 3755/1, Prot., dated 17.11.2022).

* Calls/awareness

·"Top Channel" operator for the television format "Big Brother Vip" (November 21 and 22, 2021), was notified about AMSP obligations to respect diversity and promote people with disabilities (Law No. 97/2013, as amended, Article 33, point 1/ç).

"Top Channel" operator for the show "Shqipëria Live" (September 14, 2022) was notified about the moral and legal requirements for the protection of minors (Law No. 97/2013, as amended, Article 4, point 1/b).

- In addition to drawing attention to 9 AMSPs for violating Law No. 97/2013 "On Audiovisual Media in the Republic of Albania," as amended, for the publication of sensitive data that identified the abused minor, the AMA also made a call to the State Police not to publish circumstantial data in their press releases in order to protect the best interests of the child.
- ·RTSH operator, responsible for the show "Qatar 2022" on November 24, 2022, was called out by AMA for the use of discriminatory expressions towards the Roma/Egyptian community, despite the fact that the journalist had reacted and the guest had apologized.
- ·"Top Channel" operator, for the show "Let me talk" (June 3, 2022), was called upon to avoid inappropriate scenes and to include warning signs in the program schedules that may be viewed by children.
- ·"TV Klan" operator for the show "Stop" (November 24, 2022), was reminded of his obligations regarding the ethical norms and deontology of the journalist profession, regardless of the investigative nature of the show and the social contribution to clarifying the relevant issue.
- ·"Euronews" operator, for the show "Good morning Albanians" (December 15, 2022), was informed about the necessity of handling sensitive issues with care and responsibility, which connect the discussion of religion with that of violence, with the aim of avoiding misunderstandings and promoting unconscious of behaviors that conflict with the law.

* HEARING SESSION

ARTICLE 52, POINT 6 OF LAW 97/2013)

With Albanian Radio and Television with TSO and News 24

The Audiovisual Media Authority received a complaint alleging that in the show "Day by Day", broadcast on "RTSH1", on 18.09.2022, at 17:00, inappropriate content was broadcast. The complainant claimed that such audiovisual content was "unreasonable for broadcasting, especially due it its character and what he displayed on social networks, which contradict the ethical and moral code of society".

After reviewing the audio-visual material, the Complaints Council held a consultative conversation with the authors of the show "Ditë pas dite", broadcast on Albanian Radio Television. The Council, as a structure of the Audiovisual Media Authority, reminded the authors of the principles and obligations of AMSPs in fulfillment of the media mission, based on the fact that these that these television formats are addressed mainly young men and women and that the image conveyed to them risks becoming a model of behaviour for minors as well, I take into account the fact that the broadcast schedule and in some cases the problematic contents, where potential followers may also be minors.

Based on the arguments presented, the AMA Complaints Council urged the content creators to ensure compliance with the existing legislation, with a particular emphasis on safeguarding the best interests of children. They encouraged the creators to carefully review all audiovisual content to ensure that it aligns with the provisions of

the applicable laws.

During this period, the Complaints Council conducted four observations, considering the sensitivity of the events and topics covered by the media. In three out of four cases, the council issued "drawing attention" to the relevant operators as well as two hearings were held as part of the proceedings.

TSO filed a complaint to the AMA/CC for the refusal of the right of reply by the audiovisual operator, regarding a news broadcast on "News 24" television in the central news editions at 19:00, on 17.08.2022 and 18.08.2022, related to a tender procedure announced by TSO, which the complainant claimed was untrue, inaccurate and completely misleading.

The Complaints Council, based on Law No. 97/2013 "On audiovisual media in the Republic of Albania", as amended (Article 51), the regulation "On complaints review procedures by the Complaints Council" as well as the instruction "On handling procedures of complaints from Audiovisual Media Service Providers", requested the local private television entity "News 24" to submit arguments related to the complaint that was officially filed to AMA.

Based on the available documentation and the allegations presented by "News 24" television, the Complaints Council submitted its finding to the Transmission System Operator (OST), which rejected this finding. In terms of the law, a hearing was held.

Following the hearing and a thorough review of the positions presented, the Complaints Council determined that the parties did not provide any new facts or arguments that would change the council's previous findings.

* SELF-INITIATED OBSERVATIONS/SURVEYS

Following the sensitivity of the events/topics covered by the media, during this period, the Council of Complaints has also conducted four observations, concluding three out of four cases by drawing the attention of the respective operators.

In accordance with the Law and its operational responsibilities, AMA has carried out on-site inspections to oversee the compliance with obligations related to signal quality and delivery across various allotments for AMSPs providing TV and Radio services, respecting the right to broadcast, etc. In the period January - December 2022, 249 inspections were carried out.

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Specifically, 134 inspections for the cable subjects broadcasting rights as well as 115 on-site verifications of the quality of the signal in all allotments and the territorial expansion of areas where AMSP subjects operate.

Inspections

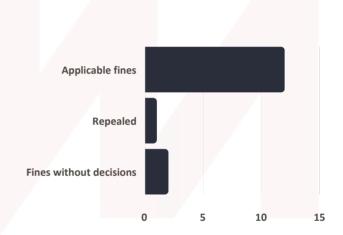
Verifications

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With regard to the right to broadcast audiovisual content, 15 fines have been imposed against AMSP entities that rebroadcast the content, of which:

- -12 fines for audiovisual transmissions without rights;
- -2 fines for inspection prohibition;
- -1 fine for exiting the authorization area.

As per above, following the administrative complaints made by the respective entities, by AMA's Board, 12 decisions on imposing fines, are still left in force, one (1) decision is repealed and 2 decisions have not been reviewed yet by AMA's Board.



During this period, 20 draining attentions were issued for broadcasting without the necessary rights at the time of inspection. Subsequently, the relevant documentation was filed during the administrative procedure.



* Self-initiated observations/surveys

Pursuant to the Memorandum of Understanding signed with the Electronic and Postal Communications Authority, the Audiovisual Media Authority has undertaken 9 joint inspections in different subjects for ISPs, not authorized by AMA.

Meanwhile, it is worth noting that a new phenomenon that is being encountered during this period, is the increase in the number of pirate operators that broadcast via the Internet various sites that offer audiovisual products without AMA's authorization. Regarding this phenomenon, AMA has addressed 14 official practices to EPCA, so that measures can be taken to shut down 86 online sites that have violated the Law No. 97/2013, as amended.



9) AMA shall continue to demand concrete and swift steps be taken in this regard by solving the issue of the lack of the sign language interpreters/translators in broadcasting, emphasizing that the solution to this issue is an obligation that guarantees the right to information and is enough sensitive to the "Community with sensory disabilities".

In April 2022, with regard to the provision of interpretation services for persons who cannot listen to audiovisual broadcasts, a correspondence has been forwarded to the Ministry of Health and Social Affairs (No. 1764/1, dated 27.04.2022), in which the respective department is informed on the following:

"The Audiovisual Media Authority has been in continuous correspondence since 2017 not only through paperwork with the national licensed audiovisual operators, encouraging them to fulfill the legal obligation to provide interpretation services or "sign language", pursuant to the provisions of Law No. 97/2013 "On Audiovisual Media in the Republic of Albania, as amended, for "communities with sensory disabilities".

Currently, only the public operator, RTSH, turns out to provide the interpretation service for the Deaf in "sign language". Correspondence with other national licensed operators, has evidenced the lack of interpreters, who would offer the "sign language" service. The audiovisual operator "TV Klan" has addressed a request for cooperation (November 2020) to the Albanian National Association of the Deaf, but the Association, in response to the request, informed the audiovisual operator that "there are no specialists that could be available for this everyday service".

Under these conditions, pursuant to the Decision of the Council of Ministers, No. 1074, dated 23.12.2015, according to which "The Ministry responsible for education issues undertakes policy for opening a higher education program (bachelor/master) for the preparation of Albanian sign language interpreters/translators, as well as of the scientific personnel in this field" (item 15, chapter II); and Ministry responsible for the disability issues, in cooperation with people's organizations and for persons with hearing disabilities, identify every two years the need for interpreters/translators and instructors that teach the Albanian sign language" (item 16, chapter II), the Audiovisual Media Authority, through document No. 1232 Prot., dated 11.03.2021 suggested to the respective ministries (the Ministry of Education, Sports and Youth and the Ministry of Health and Social Protection) that they incite and take concrete measures for the realization of interpreting services for the Deaf in audiovisual broadcasts, through the training of sign language interpreters/translators.

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While the ongoing process is expected to continue, discussions with various stakeholder groups during consultative meetings held in Tirana and districts have revealed an acceptable and cost-effective alternative solution for the transitional period until certified sign language interpreters are made available. This alternative involves the use of subtitling. The approach has also been shared with AMSPs, which, at least during discussion, have shown their willingness to put the practice into use.

10) AMA shall work on increasing the transparency, accountability and efficiency as a regulator, through the implementation of processes and procedures that are open and controllable, as well as alleviating the bureaucratic burden for the subjects that the Authority certifies/authorizes.

AMA, as the media market regulator, is working on drafting or changing the sub-legal framework, aiming to support and facilitate the activity of subjects in the audio/audiovisual field. During these processes, the issues encountered during the implementation of the regulatory framework in force, have been taken into consideration. Specifically, during the revision of the regulations with regard to the procedures and criteria for granting licenses and/or authorizations or other acts, in any case, the comments and proposals of the interest groups are taken into consideration.

The approval and revision of the secondary legislation was followed by the alleviation and the removal of administrative barriers, especially in licensing processes and authorization, applications for license/authorization renewals, reducing at most the terms of the administrative proceedings in compliance with the Organic Law and the Code of Administrative Procedures.

The Audiovisual Media Authority, as an independent public institution, in addition its activity, defined in Law No. 97/2013 "On the Audiovisual Media in the Republic of Albania" as amended, ensures that it is transparent to the public, applying the provisions derived from Law No. 119/2014 "On the right to information", as amended.

In addition, the Audiovisual Media Authority publishes the "Register of requests and responses', which reflects all requests for information that have been forwarded to the institution as well as the information provided in response to them. This register is updated every 3 months and is published on AMA's website.

During 2022, to the Audiovisual Media Authority were forwarded approximately 54 requests for information, which were answered within the deadline provided by Law (10 working days), marking in turn a positive record for AMA.

At the service of the public and the improvement of administrative procedures, digital forms for complaints/applications are also part of transparency, enabling the simplification of procedures for providing services to the public. The increase in transparency and accountability of the regulator affects the strengthening of credibility of citizens.

Alleviating the bureaucratic burden, through communication with the public or subjects that AMA licenses/authorizes, is one of the main aims of AMA. This, thanks to AMA's, info@ama.gov.al, answers of which are forwarded according to the deadlines defined by Law 119/2014 "On the right to information", as amended. In addition, since social networks such as Facebook and Instagram are accessible by many citizens, AMA has its official addresses, which have increased the interactivity with the citizens and is seen as an effective way to achieve the goals in a swift and less bureaucratic way.

The premises of the Audiovisual Media Authority are open for meetings with citizens who have complaints/questions or for subjects who are unclear during the process of completing the documents, have difficulties in the application stages or questions about the license acquisition/renewal process. AMA's directorates, headed mainly by the director, hold face-to-face meetings in the waiting hall by putting the necessary information at the service of subjects or citizens, avoiding the bureaucratic process that can be created through written communication. Furthermore, following the communication and transparency among the subjects/citizens and the authority on the official AMA's website, in addition to the official email, the e-mails of each director and the phone numbers are also published, to alleviate and address the issues in the respective department.

Starting from the institutional functions and objectives of the 2021-2023 of AMA, concluding insufficiency in required processes for the implementation of this strategic barrel, including and dealing with the challenges encountered in the international field and technological developments in the field of m the organic law of AMA article 19 point 17, the authority proposed it to the organizational structure of the institution.

The proposed structural changes were designed in full assessment of legality, specifically the Law of AMA, that of salaries and bonuses of structures of independent constitutional institutions and were approved in unanimity by Decision No. 64, dated 07.07.2022 by the Authority Board of Audiovisual Media.

Upon the approval of AMA's new structure and organization, by the Decision No. 86/2022 of the Assembly of Albania and in compliance with the legal deadlines, the restructuring process is underway, in support of Article 50 of Law No.

152/2013 "On the Civil Servant", as amended and by-laws on the temporary and permanent transfer of civil servants.

11) AMA shall continue to play a proactive role, in cooperation with actors and relevant factors, to make it possible to strengthen and protect the labour and social rights of journalists as an issue that has a direct impact on the freedom of the media and repeated requests in the EC's progress reports.

During 2022, "Working relations of the audiovisual journalists and presentation of contemporary models" project, funded by AMA as well, was implemented.

Issues derived from monitoring and contacts with interest groups in several cities of the country, such as Korça, Durrës, Fier, Elbasan and Tirana, were part of discussions that have been held with the community of journalists working for local and national media. In the meetings were mentioned cases of engagement in the newsroom without a contract, or cases where the social security contributions have not been fully and regularly paid by the employer as well as the application of the concrete contract models from an EU member state such as Italy as well as a model from a country in our region, such as Kosovo, are taken as a reference.

Part of the project was the publication "A draft of the collective contract and two models for journalists, technical and support staff of audiovisual media" (ISBN edition) covering aspects of the working relations situation in our country, as well as presented the models of collective contracts in Italy and Kosovo.

12) It shall carefully analyse the international reports which are related to the freedom of the media in Albania and cope with the issues that are related to the activity of the Audiovisual Media Authority (AMA). (AMA).

AMA remains committed to acknowledging and critically evaluating each report or analytical study of international institutions and organizations that focus on the freedom of the media and the functionality of the Albanian media system, specifically those aspects that are directly or indirectly related to objectives and tasks of AMA, in improving performance and decision-making for the audio/audiovisual market in our country.

AMA shall be more proactive in cases of verbal and physical abuse in the line of duty, of journalists as well as in any case where moral or physical integrity of journalists is violated.

The Audiovisual Media Authority in March 2022, conveyed with much concern the case of threatened abuse of a journalist and the cameraman who was accompanying her, from the editorial office of the "Fiks Fare" show, by two employees of one poultry establishment in Durrës. The media team was on the ground, investigating the issues and sensitiveness of public opinion.

AMA issued a press release titled "Intimidation of on-duty journalists, dangerous act for freedom of speech and democracy", where among others, described the exercise of physical and psychological violence, as well as the seizure and damage to the cameraman's work equipment, as "a flagrant case against the freedom of speech, which harms the media's activity for transparency. AMA condemns such acts from anyone and demands the respect of journalists' rights to information to serve the common good".

14) AMA shall closely and continuously monitor the activity of RTSH with regard to the fulfillment of its obligations as national public television and as an institution that is funded by the Albanian public taxes.

In June and December, AMA periodically, monitors and reviews the content of the program portfolio of the Public Broadcaster's own channels, but also the signal coverage level of RTSH broadcasts across the country.

In this context, AMA is currently carrying out a monitoring and review, whose findings will be presented within the first half of January 2023 to the RTSH governing council as well as to the Committee for Education and Means of Public Information in the Parliament of Albania. Meanwhile, the findings of the monitoring will be handled in detail in the following annual report.

The monitoring and review are based on the requirements of Law 97/2013 "On the audiovisual media in the Republic of Albania", as amended, specifically, Articles 18 and 19, where AMA's objectives and functions are reflected; Article 33, on the obligations of AMSPs; chapter 12, which regulates the activity of RTSH, which includes Articles 90 - 126, etc., as well as refers to the content of the Public Broadcasting Service Contract, approved by the Audiovisual Media Authority, AMA, upon Decision No. 18, dated 02.03.2017.

AMA has officially received from RTSH the draft service contract (protocoled in institution with No. 3467/2, dated 12.12.2022), which went through a detailed review phase during December 2022 and in January 2023 was forwarded with comments of the institution attached for discussion to RTSH.



3. RECOMMENDATIONS ISSUED IN THE EU PROGRESS REPORT AND OTHER INTERNATIONAL OBLIGATIONS TO AMA

Some of the EU progress report recommendations for Albania, for the year 2021:

-Albania is called upon to take steps to make the audiovisual regulatory authority fully functional, in order to guarantee independence and legitimacy

Pursuant to the provisions of Article 6 of Law No. 97/2013, dated 04.03.2013 "On the Audiovisual Media in the Republic of Albania", as amended, AMA is the regulatory authority in the field of audio and audiovisual broadcasting services and other supporting services in the territory of the Republic of Albania.

The law defines the status, powers, organization and functions of AMA, as an independent body that acts as a regulatory authority in the field of audio and audiovisual broadcasting services and other support services in the territory of the Republic of Albania.

Moreover, the law guarantees the independence of AMA, starting with the determination of AMA status, the way of proposing and electing the members and the President of AMA. Cases of incompatibility and conflicts of interest of the members and the presidency of AMA, to continue with the independent way of financing, the way of organization, operation and decision-making of AMA.

Based on Article 8 of the Law, AMA consists of seven members elected by the Assembly: The President, the vice-president and five members: of which three members supported by the parliamentary majority, three members supported by the parliamentary opposition and the seventh member, who is the chairman of AMA is also elected by the Assembly.

AMA's members are elected by the Assembly of Albania for a five-year term, with the right to re-election only once.

With regard to the financial independence (resources of AMA funding), are defined in Article 24 of the Organic Law, specifically:

- a) income from payments for issuance and renewal of licenses and/or authorizations;
- b) income from annual payments of licenses and/or authorizations:
- c) income from administrative processing of application requirements;
- d) income from fees for broadcasting services defined in the tax laws, the role of the tax agent;
- e) financing from the State Budget;
- f) other legal sources.

In addition, the Law provides that "... Furthermore, the Law stipulates that AMA, in order to cover its operational costs, has the authority to establish fees for licenses and authorizations of audio and audio-visual broadcasting service providers, along with other services, through a specific decision, as well as administrative processing fees".

AMA is a self-financing institution and based on Article 25 point 5 of Law No. 97/2013, as amended "... Any surplus from the fees and payments collected, which exceeds the operational expenses of AMA for a given financial year, is retained in AMA's accounts and becomes part of the expenditure plan for the following year....".

In addition, based on Article 15 of the Law, the structure and organizational chart of AMA are proposed by the institution itself and approved by the Assembly of the RA.

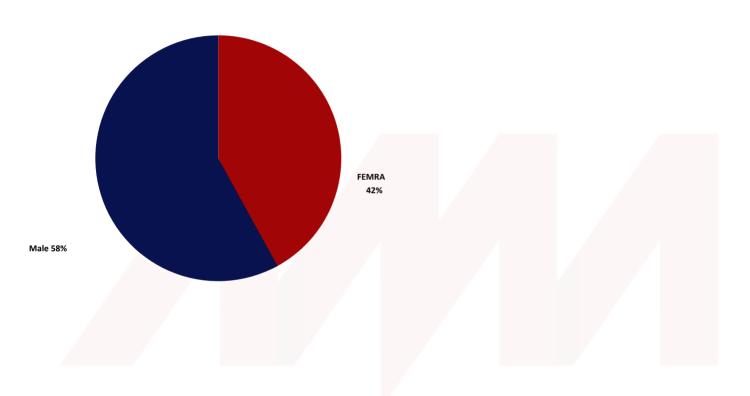
- Albania is encouraged to take measures to support the media's self-regulation. Albania is called upon to provide a zero-tolerance policy for intimidation and attacks on journalists. The general legislative environment is favourable to the exercise of freedom of expression. Regarding the commitment of AMA, concerning the cases of violence against journalists, we inform you that AMA reacts publicly by strongly condemning the exercise of verbal and physical violence with the intention to scare and intimidate the journalists while on duty. Through this announcement, AMA urges the Law enforcement authorities to fully clarify the events that occurred, standing by the side of fellow journalists who are committed and professionally responsible for informing the public.

Also, in the framework of protection of journalists' labor rights in the field of audiovisual media, most recently, AMA, in fulfillment of the objectives, functions and powers that the law acknowledges, has financially supported the project entitled "Labor market and collective contract in audiovisual media". With this project, the Authority has taken the first step for the implementation of the European Commission's Recommendation dated 16.9.2021 "On guaranteeing the protection, safety and empowerment of journalists and other media professionals in the European Union.

Point 19 of this Recommendation covers the importance of the journalists' role during political gatherings, protests and demonstrations. It refers to the safety of journalists and other media professionals, who are able to operate safely and without restrictions during such events.

AMA is actively up-dated and well-informed about all the recommendations from the European Commission concerning the protection and safety of journalists, a topic of extensive discussion among regulatory bodies in EU member states. In addition to acknowledging these legal acts, AMA is committed to providing staff training upon the implementation of these acts and putting best practices into effect.

Furthermore, AMA strongly promotes working with journalists' associations or other groups in planning engagement directly related to the safety of journalists. An interesting fact that AMA underlines regarding the empowerment of female journalists or of female media professionals, is the gender ratio monitored by AMA. Based on the information from the country's 2021 general elections, 42% of media professionals are women, such as journalists, reporters, and 58% are men.





4. DATA RELATED TO AMA'S ACTIVITY ON CONDUCTING INSPECTION OR ADMINISTRATIVE INVESTIGATION, DECISIONS ON SANCTIONS WITH FINES IN THE LAST YEARS

One of the functional tasks of AMA is the verification of compliance with the terms of the license and/or authorization from subjects that perform audio and/or audiovisual activities in the Republic of Albania. Based on Article 78 of Law No. 97/2013, as amended, AMA has the right to exercise control of programmatic, financial, technical and organization of the holder of a license and/or authorization. AMA has also the power to impose sanctions under Article No. 133, "Fines" on the subjects that act in violation of the legal provisions. Fines may be imposed by the inspectors or by AMA itself on their own initiative or upon complaints of concerned subjects.

During 2022, 15 fines were imposed by AMA, all imposed by the Supervision Directorate.

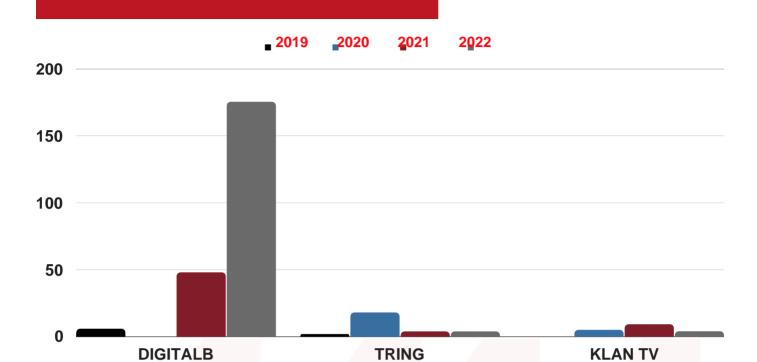


Regarding the respect of broadcasting rights, during 2019, AMA has carried out a significant number of inspections of cable subjects on-site. During 2020 and 2021, the number of inspections has been decreasing. This was also caused by the COVID-19 pandemic as well as by the decreasing demands of subjects for intervention on our side. Whereas, in 2022, the number of inspections for AMSP subjects has doubled compared to the previous year.

With regards to the complaints from the subjects that have the right to broadcast, they are mainly related to the violation of the rights from cable/IPTV and OTT operators authorized by AMA. In addition, there were complaints from these operators in relation to ISP subjects not authorized by AMA for the violation of the right to broadcast.

AMA has realized all operators' complaints/requests for intervention on the violation of the right to broadcast by the cable subjects, IPTV, OTT and various ISPs, by providing answers to all complaining subjects, as well as by taking appropriate measures in case of violations.

The information presented in a comparative form for the period 2019-2022, as below:



In relation to the inspection activity, AMA's Supervision Directorate, during 2022, through its inspection groups, has performed 249 AMSPs' activity inspections. Of these, 134 are AMSP's inspections and 177 are on-site monitoring.

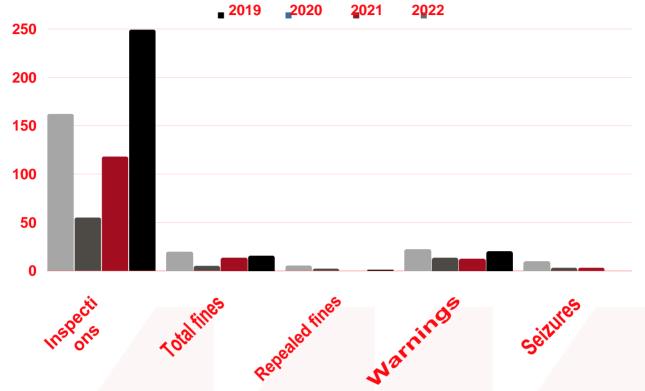
Following the end of the inspection and review of the relevant administrative procedures, the following measures were taken:

Ø 15 (fifteen) decisions on imposing fines against AMSP subjects, which have been found to be in violation of Law No. 97/2013, as amended, of which:

-15 (fifteen) fines were imposed against subjects that repeat the service of third parties (cable, iptv, ott), of which 12 (twelve) fines are upheld by AMA's Board (three of the fines have been reduced), 2 (two) are still under consideration by the AMA's Board and 1 (one) fine has been repealed) upon the decision of AMA's Board;

-Regarding 20 other cases, it was decided to draw the attention of AMSP subjects.

The information compared to information of the previous four years, as below:



Also, it is worth noting a new phenomenon in audiovisual broadcasting that is being carried out via Internet. This is a sophisticated form of piracy, which is becoming more and more common in the recent years.

Regarding this phenomenon, AMA in December 2021 has signed a Memorandum of Cooperation with the EPCA institution. Inter alia, this Memorandum foresees the joint establishment of inspection groups. In this context, during 2022, 9 joint inspections were carried out at subjects that have ISP (Internet service provider) across the country and that carried out television broadcasts via the Internet.

It is worth noting that the phenomenon of television piracy that is carried out via the Internet is a phenomenon that is both disturbing and complicated to identify, because in most cases the audiovisual product that is broadcast in an abusive form derives from servers located in different countries of the world and are not installed within the territory of the Republic of Albania. For this reason, it is very difficult to identify them.

In 2023, AMA has planned a series of staff training sessions to ensure that employees are well-informed about the latest technologies and innovations in the field. We believe that these training initiatives will not only improve employee performance but also lay the groundwork for potential technological investments in the coming years. The aim is to address this issue more effectively with the hope that the necessary technological advancements will be made to mitigate the challenges in the future.

Meanwhile, another phenomenon that is being encountered in this period is the increase in the number of pirate operators who broadcast via the Internet and various sites that offer audiovisual products without the authorization of the AMA. In response to this issue, AMA has taken proactive steps by officially reporting 14 (fourteen) such cases to the Electronic and Postal Communications Authority (EPCA). These reports are aimed at taking action to shut down 86 (eighty-six) online platforms that have been in violation of Law No. 97/2013, as amended.

With regard to the monitoring activity, the Supervision Directorate, during 2022, focused on the monitoring of programs on their subject matter, on the compliance with the legal provisions for broadcasting advertisements and identifying the volume of advertisements on national televisions, as well as on the monitoring of free programs on the numeric terrestrial platforms. Moreover, special focus was put on monitoring the compliance with the right of broadcasting feature films and sports events, on various paid platforms/programs. In 2022, 1,132 hours of monitoring were carried out with regard to feature films broadcast rights.

Opening in early 2022

+ Fine decisions in 2022	21440000	ALL
+ Default interest generated in 2022	0	ALL
- Obligations settled by decisions of fine penalties and arrears accrued	5950666	ALL
- Decisions on annulled fine penalties /reduced measures/executive title extinguished by the bailiff	2000000	ALL

The amount of obligations arising from 16 fines in

in 2022 it is ALL 21,440,000.

The reduction of the measure in the amount of ALL 2,000,000 for "Decisions on annulled fine penalties /reduced measures/executive title extinguished by the bailiff" results from:

ALL

-Upon the decision of AMA No. 4, dated 07.01.2022, the amount of fine No. 14, dated 10.11.2021, has been reduced by ALL 1,000,000; Upon the Decision of AMA No. 114, dated 12.10.2022, the fine imposed No. 8, dated 29.08.2022 has been reduced to the amount of ALL 1,000,000.



5 AMA'S GOVERNANCE



5.1 DECISION ON LICENCES/AUTHORISATIONS

Since February 2022, AMA has exercised its administrative activity with full collegiate body consisting of 7 members, enabling the approval of all decisions that require a qualified majority, as well as simple majority.

In addition to performing functions in the capacity of a collegial body, during the reporting period, other aspects of AMA's administrative activity, have an important place, such as the institution's representation in court proceedings where AMA is a party, conducting various audits and inspections to subjects that perform audiovisual, cooperation and consulting activities with other state bodies.

Pursuant to Article 60 of the Organic Law, AMA, on its own initiative, or at the request of the concerned subjects, has launched several competition events for the issuance of the audiovisual program service license, taking into consideration the existence of free technical capacities in the digital networks of the public operator and private local broadcasting operators.

Specifically, pursuant to Law No. 97/2013 "On audiovisual media in the Republic of Albania", as amended, the regulation "On criteria and procedures of granting the audiovisual program service license", approved by AMA's decision No. 02, dated 16.01.2020, as well as decision No. 82, dated 15.07.2022 "On opening the competition event for the issuance of local service licenses of audiovisual program", AMA announced the competition of candidacies for:

- 1. Issuance of 1 (one) regional general audiovisual program service license in Tirana, Durrës, Elbasan and Fier (Tirana, Elbasan and Fier allotments);
- 2. Issuance of 1 (one) local service license of the informative thematic audiovisual program in Tirana and Durrës regions (Tirana allotment).

Following the announcement "On the opening of the competition for the issuance of 2 (two) licenses of audiovisual program service", published on the official website of AMA, as well as on "Panorama" (on August 29-31, 2022); "Tema" (August 30, 31 and 01 September 2022) and "Dita" newspapers (on 29-31 August 2022) distributed nationally, filed an application:

- 1. "Inter Active Media" ltd, for obtaining a general audiovisual program regional service license, in Tirana, Elbasan and Fier allotments. At the end of the application review procedure, AMA by Decision No. 125, dated 30.11.2022, decided to grant the license to the "Inter Active Media" ltd., under NUIS: M0230308M and administrator: Panajot Braja, for providing the general audiovisual program service "IN TV", in the Tirana, Elbasan and Fier allotments, for a period of 8 (eight) years.
- 2. City News Albania HD" company, for obtaining a local service license for informative thematic audiovisual program in Tirana Allotment "City News Albania HD". At the end of the application review procedure, AMA by Decision No. 124, dated 30.11.2022, decided to issue the license to the "City News Albania" ltd., under NUIS: M22113005L and administrator: Etleva Skonja, for providing the informative thematic audiovisual program service "City News Albania HD", in Tirana allotment (Districts of Tirana-Durrës), for a period of 8 (eight) years.

• We hereby inform you that during 2020, AMA, pursuant to Article 59 of the Special Law and Decision No. 141, dated 10.12.2020 of AMA "On opening the competition for the issuance of private analog audio broadcasting licenses", has launched the competition for the issuance of a private analogue audio broadcasting license in (Gjirokastra region).

Following the announcement of AMA, the "Radio Channel 7" Ltd., filed application No. 489, Prot., dated 25.01.2021, for obtaining a local analog audio broadcasting license, which was not reviewed by AMA, due to the lack of the necessary legal quorum. Upon the completion of the collegiate body in 2022, AMA by Decision No. 68, dated 07.07.2022, decided to reject the application of the "Channel 7" ltd., for obtaining an analog audio broadcasting license on "Radio Channel 7", in Gjirokastra Region.

• Following the competition launched by AMA, by Decision No. 9, dated 02.02.2021, for issuance of 1 (one) local service license of informative thematic audiovisual program in Tirana allotment (Tirana and Durrës Districts), the "Evro Media" Ltd., filed an application which was not reviewed by AMA, due to the lack of the necessary legal quorum. Upon the completion of the collegiate body in 2022, the AMA by Decision No. 97, dated 07.07.2022, decided to reject the application and not grant the license to the "Evro Media" ltd., for the service of the informative thematic audiovisual program, in Tirana allotment.

Similarly, AMA following the request of the concerned party, by Decision No. 123, dated 30.11.2022, opened the competition for the issuance of 1 (one) local license of audiovisual program service in Lezha region. With regard to the competition, the "Star News RTV" Ltd., filed an application which is currently under review.

• Regarding applications for authorization, applications which are reviewed based on request, for 2022, it turns out that 17 subjects have manifest interest of which, 1 subject/subject is provided with authorization for the repetition of audiovisual service of third parties based on cable network, 2 subjects have been authorized to provide the network-based service cable, 1 subject has been authorized to provide the service according to the request of the user, 1 subject has been provided with authorization for the provision of service on IPTV and 1 subject has been provided with 12 authorizations for the provision of online audiovisual program service supported over the IP network (OTT). During this year, 4 existing subjects authorized to repeat the audiovisual service of third parties, based on the cable network, have requested the expansion of the service delivery area.

5.1 CHANGES IN OWNERSHIP

Pursuant to law no. Pursuant to Law No. 97/2013 "On audiovisual media in the Republic of Albania", as amended, the licensed/authorized subjects have the obligation to notify AMA within 30 days regarding changes occurred in the request for license and/or authorization, for the transfer of rights or for changes in the ownership structure, within the same trading subject.

One of the conditions of license/authorization of AMSP subjects is the obligation to notify AMA of changes in license and authorization data. Based on Article 133 of Law No. 97/2013 "On the audiovisual media in the Republic of Albania", as amended, the non-notification of the changes that occurred in the licensed/authorized subject's data constitutes an administrative misdemeanor punishable with a fine from ALL 120,000 to ALL 2,000,000. This legal obligation has the purpose of both informing and familiarizing the regulatory authority with each change of the data that the licensed/authorized subject has submitted to the request for obtaining the license/authorization, such as: changes in ownership, one of the most important, subject name, changes in program structure, etc.

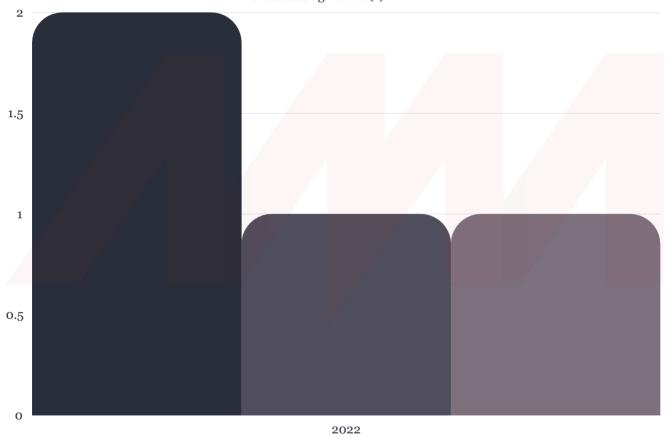
On the other hand, AMA, mainly on periodic basis, verifies on the official website of the National Business Centre (NBC), the status, the activity object and other data on licensed/authorized entities by AMA. Following the verifications carried out, the AMA has initiated, case by case, the administrative proceedings against AMSPs requesting information and legal documentation on changes in data for license/authorization.

During the reporting period, AMA has initiated administrative investigation for 9 subjects, of which 3 changes have been approved by AMA while 6 changes are in progress.

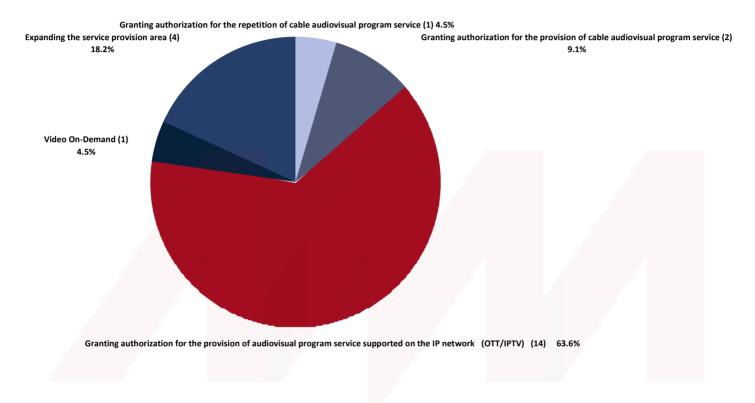
Meanwhile, 9 subjects have notified themselves about the changes that occurred in the ownership structure, which were approved by AMA.

During 2022, for license/authorization applications, AMA has decided:

- -Granting digital audio-visual broadcasting license for 2 subjects;
- Non-granting of licenses for 2 subjects, 1 radio and 1 television;
 - Granting digital audio-visual broadcasting license (2) Non-granting of audio-• visual broadcasting license (1) Non-granting of audio broadcasting license (1)



-Granting authorization to 17 subjects, of which 1 subject for repetition of cable program service, to 2 subjects providing the service of audiovisual program of a general character supported by the cable network, to 14 subjects providing audiovisual program service supported by the IP network (OTT/IPTV), 1 subject (VOD) and area expansion of service provision for 4 AMSP subjects;



- -Renewal of authorization for 26 subjects (repeaters/providers of cable networks/Internet IPTV and OTT);
- -License renewal for 11 audio subjects;
- -The removal of the license for television broadcasts for 3 subjects and 1 radio station, non-granting of license to 1 (TV) subject and 2 (RADIO) subjects, non-renewal of license/authorization for 3 subjects and establishing the invalidity of the license/authorization for 10 subjects;
- -Approval of data changes that occurred in the request for obtaining license/authorization for 12 subjects including here also the transfer of authorization rights (5 subjects) and the transfer of license rights (5 subjects).



5.2 Progress of lawsuits

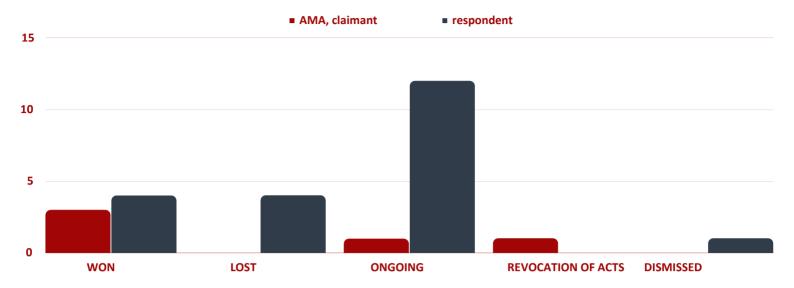
The right to investigate the judicial power, related to the administrative decisions of AMA, by the parties affected by these administrative acts, is an instrument of law, which has made AMA a party in various lawsuits.

Mainly, administrative acts, the legality and foundation of which are the subject of judicial review, are related to administrative penalties against audio and/or audiovisual entities, decisions on revocation/invalidity of the license, etc.

AMA, being a public legal entity, has taken measures to address financial obligations owed by Audiovisual Media Service Providers (AMSPs) who have not voluntarily settled their debts. This includes involving judicial authorities to compel these audio/audiovisual subjects to fulfill their financial obligations to AMA or the State Budget. Additionally, AMA has initiated legal proceedings by approaching competent courts in the capacity of the requesting party, such as filing requests for the issuance of execution orders.

AMA, during 2022, has been involved in 26 court proceedings in the Administrative Court of First Instance, in Tirana, of which:

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a) 5 lawsuits in the capacity of the claimant:
- Won (3);
-Lost (0);
-Revocation of acts (1):
-In process (1);
b) 21 lawsuits in the capacity of the respondent party
- Won (4);
-Lost (4);
-In process (12);
-Cases dismissed (1).
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In addition to the trial court proceedings, AMA has continued with the followup of court proceedings, which are in the trial process in The Administrative Court of Appeal and the Supreme Court, cases carried over from previous years.

As in previous years and during the reporting period, the execution of AMA decisions transformed into executive titles, pursuant to Article 132 of the Organic Law, has continued to be carried out through the private bailiff service. For 2022, AMA has entered into service contracts for the execution of 3 executive titles, while during this period the procedures for the execution of titles pursuant to the contracts concluded in previous years have continued.

During 2022, 8 debtor entities have settled their obligations to AMA, out of which:

- -2 were financial liabilities to AMA;
- -6 were liabilities for sanctions with fines.

Also, AMA has signed agreements with 2 AMSP subjects, on payments in instalment of obligations for 4 fines imposed.

A concise overview of cases at trial, at the three levels of the judicial system, is given in Annex no. 1, attached.





AMA AS A REGULATORY AUTHORITY FOR A RESPONSIBLE AUDIOVISUAL MARKET



6.1 Thematic review of broadcast content

During 2022, the AMA proceeded with the thematic reviews of the broadcast content, where it periodically focused on these main aspects:

a. ethical violations in general; b. protection of children from inappropriate content; c. advertisements and commercial communications, the cases where they are concealed, where included in news editions, in medications and health service etc.; d.compliance with the written and spoken Albanian standard; e.on the RTSH program portofolio, in compliance with the requirements of

Service Contract.

During the reporting year, 96 content reviews were realized, where in 38 cases AMA has drawn the attention of AMSPs that have not complied with the requirements of Law No. 97/2013, as amended, Broadcasting Code and other bylaws in force.

Annual data

are summarized in the following table:

Warnings to AMSPs during 2022

No.	Category of violation	AMSP	TV show
1	Ethical violation. Inappropriate attitudes. (The requirements stipulated in paragraph 1.1 and 1.12, section 1 of the Broadcasting Code have not been duly observed.)	RTSH	Zeri i Popullit
2	Ethical violation. Inappropriate attitudes. (The requirements stipulated in paragraph 1.1, 1.3 and 1.12, section 1 of the Broadcasting Code have not been are observed.)	TCH	Per' puthen
3	Confidential advertising (The requirements of Article 42 of Law no. 97/2013 have not been duly observed)	TCH	In the main news editions
4	Ethical violation. Inappropriate attitudes. (The requirements of Article 4/2 and Article 35/1 of the law mr. 97/2013 have not been duly observed)	KLAN	Love story 2
5	Subjective and partial attitude content. (The requirements of Article 4/1 ç and Article 33/1a,b of Law no. 97/2013 have not been duly observed)	EuroNews	Albania Now
6	Subjective and partial attitude content ((The requirements of Article 4/1.c and Article 33/1a,b of 118111 No. 97/2013 have not been duly observed	MCN	Te paekspozuarit
7	Ethical violation. Inappropriate attitudes. (The requirements of Article 33 of Law No. 97/2013 and paragraph 1.3 c of the Broadcasting Code have not been duly observed)	RTV Ora	Why not
8	Ethical violation. Inappropriate attitudes (The requirements of Article 4 and 33 of Law No. 97 2013 and paragraph 3.1 of the Broadcasting Code have not been duly observed)	Report TV	Pa gjurme
9	Ethical violation. Inappropriate attitudes. (The requirements of Article 4 and 33 of Law No. 97/2013 and paragraph 1.3 and 1.6 of the Broadcasting Code have not been duly observed	ABC News	Style Star
10	Confidential advertising (The requirements of Article 42 of Law no. 97/2013 have not been duly observed)	TCH	Ftese ne 5

11	Confidential advertising (The requirements of Article 42 of Law no. 97/2013 have not been duly observed)	Klan	Rudina
12	Confidential advertising (The requirements of Article 42 of Law no. 97/2013 have not been duly observed)	Ora News	Vila 24
13	Confidential advertising (The requirements of Article 42 of Law no. 97/2013 have not been duly observed)	ТСН	Pushime on Top
14	Confidential advertising (The requirements of Article 42 of Law no. 97/2013 have not been duly observed)	ABC NEWS	In the main news editions
15	Confidential advertising (The requirements of Article 42 of Law no. 97/2013 have not been duly observed)	Syri TV	In the main news editions
16	Ethical violation. Inappropriate attitudes The requirements of Article 4/2 and Article 35/1 of the Law No. 97/2013 have not been duly observed	News 24	Me zemer te hapur
17	Ethical violation. Inappropriate attitudes	TCH	Per' puthen
18	Ethical violation. Inappropriate attitudes	ТСН	Kepi i tundimeve
19	Confidential advertising (The requirements of Article 42 of Law no. 97/2013 have not been duly observed)	RTSH	Si ne familje
20	Ethical violation. Inappropriate attitudes Non-compliance with Article 4 (paragraphs/b.c), Article 33 (Paragraphs c.d): but also in the Broadcasting Code section 1 (paragraph1,3. 5,12) and section 5 paragraph 5.31. 5.34)	ТСН	Ftese ne 5
21	Ethical violation. Inappropriate attitudes Non-compliance with Article 33, but also with the Broadcasting Code, paragraph 1.3 and 1.6.	TV ORA	D-Night
22	Confidential advertising (The requirements of Article 42 of Law no. 97/2013 have not been duly observed)	TV ORA	Why Not
23	Confidential advertising (The requirements of Article 42 of Law no. 97/2013 have not been duly observed)	NEWS 24	In the main news editions
24	Broadcasting of political advertisements (The requirement of Article 41 pf Law No. 97/2013 have not been duly observed)	SYRI TV	Ne bllokun e reklamave

25	Broadcasting of political advertisements (The requirement of Article 41 of Law No. 97/2013 have not been duly observed)	FAX NEWS	Ne bllokun e reklamave
26	Improper advertisement for drugs (Article 19, paragraph 10 of the regulation "On audio and or audiovisual commercial communications, the forms, conditions and daily time allowed for broadcasting advertisements" have not been duly observed	ТСН	Top Arena
27	Confidential advertising (The requirements of Article 42 of Law no. 97/2013 have not been duly observed)	RTSH 1	Si ne familje

Based on the phenomenon identified in the process of monitoring the contents broadcast by the AMSPs, AMA has periodically appealed through notices published on the official website or by directly addressing the subjects, for compliance with the requirements and legal standards in force. The table below presents measures taken in 2022.

	Category of violation	AMSP	TV show
1	Compliance with the legal requirements for the election campaign coverage by AMSPs	http://am.gov.al/ respektimi- i-kerkesave-ligjore-per- mbulimin- fushates- zgjedhore-nga-oshma-te/	10.02.2022
2	Appeal to AMSPs: Attention to Disinformation!	http://am.gov.al/apel-per- oshma-te-kujdes- dezinformimin/	28.02.2022
3	Avoidance of disinformation in the broadcast contents	http://am.gov.al/njoftimi- per-median-7/	04.03.2022
4	Intimidation of on-duty journalists, dangerous act for freedom of speech and democracy	http://am.gov.al/kanosja-e- gazetareve-ne-detyre-akt-i- rrezikshem-per-lirine-e- fjales-dhe-demokracine/	23.03.2022
5	Identifying cases of ethical violations in TV programs	http://am.gov.al/njoftimi- per-median-8/	25.03.2022
6	Identifying victims of juvenile sexual abuse is unacceptable	http://am.gov.al/identifikimi- i-viktimave-te-abuzimeve- seksuale-me-te-mitur-eshte- i-papranueshem/	25.04.2022
7	Child protection from harmful audiovisual content remains a priority	http://am.gov.al/mbrojtja-e- femijeve-nga-permbajtjet-e- demshme-audiovizive- mbetet-prioritet/	02.05.2022
8	Compliance with the standard in the introduction of monetary values	http://am.gov.al/ njoftimi-i- ama-s-per-respektinim-e- standardit-ne-prezantitnin- e-vlerave-monetare/	18.05.2022

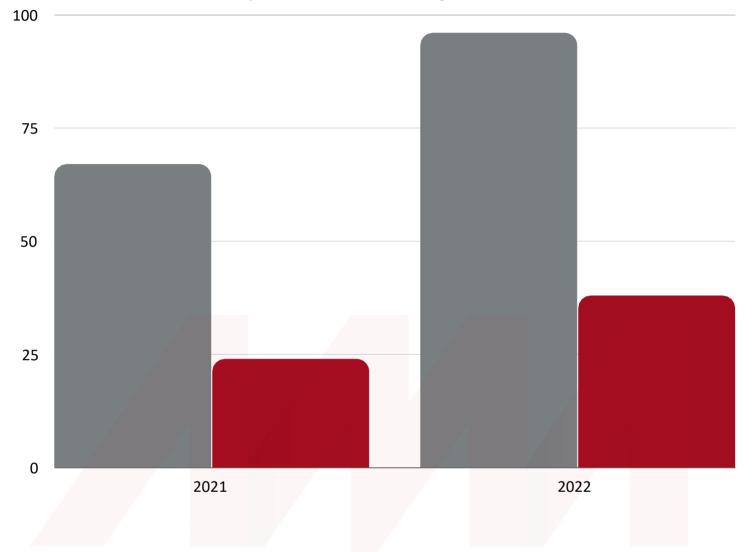
9	On the hatred speech: violation of personality rights	http://am.gov.al/njoftimi- per-media-7/	27.05.2022
10	Confidential advertising in audiovisual broadcasting are prohibited	http://am.gov.al/reklamat-e- fshehta-ne-transinetimet- audiovizive-jane-te- ndaluara/	07.06.2022
11	Adhering to the established spoken and written standards of Albanian audiovisual broadcasting.	http://am.gov.al/respektimi- i-standardit-te-shqipes-se- folur-dhe-te-shkruar-ne- transmetimet-audiovizive/	23.06.2022
12	Treatment of sexual abuse cases of minors	http://am.gov.al/njoftimi- per-shtyp-4/	23.07.2022
13	AMPSs' professional responsibility to national security	http://am.gov.al/-oshma-te- pergjegjesi-profesionale-ne- raport-me-sigurine- kombetare/	20.09.2022
14	Avoiding audiovisual content that incites and justifies violence	http://am.gov.al/evitimi-i- permbajtjeve-audiovizive- qe-nxisin-dhe-justifikojne- dhunen/	01.10.2022

		During 2021	During 2022
1	Thematic reviews	67	96
2	Warnings to AMPSs	24	38



thematic reviews mainly

■ drawing attention to the 100 AMSPs



The division of recorded violations, 2022

Туре	Number	Percentage
Ethical violation	11 cases	29%
Confidential advertising	21 cases	55%
Political advertisement	2 cases	5%
Other	4 cases	11%
Total	38 cases	3.



The reviews and attention drawn to this matter have had a positive impact on the performance of AMSPs, particularly regarding their responsible handling of drug advertisements (without a doctor's prescription). They have been observed to adhere to the legal requirement of including mandatory patient notifications, as per the provisions of the Regulation "On the publicity of medications," referenced in Order No. 25 of the Ministry of Health and Social Protection, dated 17.01.2019. Furthermore, audiovisual newsrooms have demonstrated responsibility by refraining from broadcasting drug advertisements when program hosts or guests in various programs engage in such promotion. In the last months of 2022, there were no reported instances of non-compliance with the requirements outlined in the AMA-approved regulation dated 19.03.2018, "On audio and/or audiovisual communications of a commercial nature, the conditions and daily time allowed for broadcasting advertisements." In particular, Article 19, point 10, stipulates that: "During television broadcasts, it is forbidden for the producers of the program and its participants to advertise drugs."

The reaction of the AMSPs regarding the broadcasting of the concealed advertisements during news editions, has been positive, advertisements for which AMA has also contacted with representatives of entrepreneurs who have promoted their goods or services, seeking to enhance cooperation with audiovisual subjects for marketing. However, this one cooperation shall be achieved in compliance with realized the legislation in force.

In response to the concerns raised about hidden advertisements related to tourist activities, particularly during the summer season, AMSPs have remained vigilant in identifying and disclosing the promotional aspects of such content, aligning their actions with legal requirements.

However, the above aspects, as well as those related to the protection of children from inappropriate contents, placement of the warning signs on the programs dedicated to the adults, remain the focus of periodic reviews, in identifying cases where standards have been violated.

6.2 Content Monitoring

In the period from January to December 2022, AMA Monitoring and Archive Studio registered a total of 48 recording units for the monitoring of digital broadcasts. These units cover a wide range of audio and audiovisual subjects, including Digitalb Satellite, Digitalb Terrestrial, Tring Satellite, Tring Terrestrial, Tibo, and Vodafone.

In statistical terms, the following were registered in total during the year:

• in total, 420,000 (48*365*24) hours were recorded in digital broadcasts audiovisual broadcasts and about 34,500 (4*12*30*24) hours of audio broadcasts.

Compared to previous years, the recording hours are as follow:

Year	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
Recording hours for televisions	70,000	142,000	178,000	299,500	410,000	420,000	420.000
Recording hours for radio	5,000	5,650	15,700	26,200	30,000	34,500	35,000



In addition to the recordings of audio and audiovisual broadcasts, which are part of the Audiovisual Media Authority Archive, the Monitoring Studio focuses on the monitoring of:

A. News edition:

- News editions, in national audio and audiovisual entities:

About 2,600 informative programs were monitored (1,500 (4*365)) programs of national audiovisual subjects and 1,100 (3*365) programs of national audio subjects).

B. Advertisements:

- Monitoring of advertisements in national audiovisual subjects:

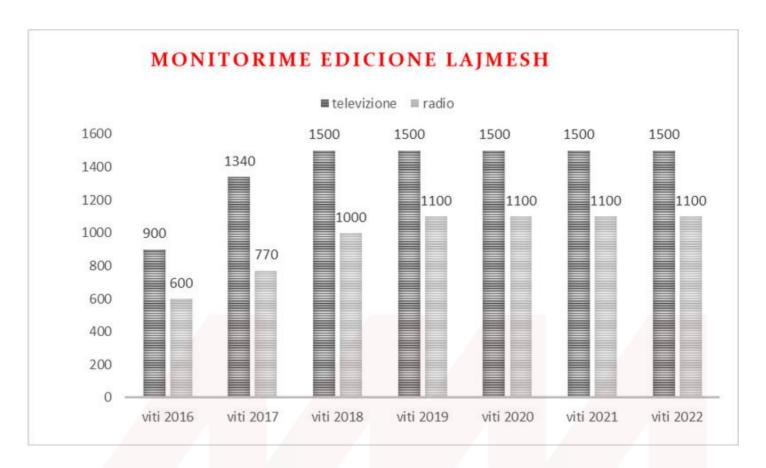
there are about 25,500 hours of monitored programs

Regarding the monitoring of the main informative programs of the national AMSPs, AMA evaluates one edition per day, as the carrier of the editorial line. The quantitative data of time proportionality, in the main informative programs, are regularly published every month on the official website of the Institution, in a special column.

Compared to the previous years, the data is as follows:

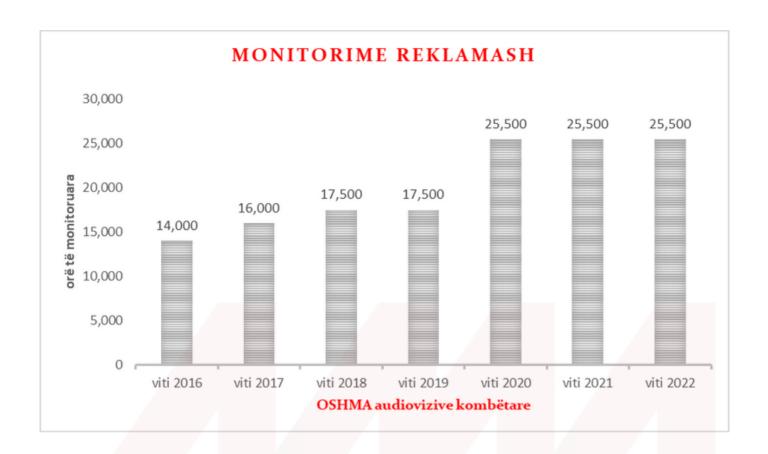
a. Monitoring news editions

	Media service provider category	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
1	Televisions	900	1,340	1,500	1,500	1,500	1,500	1,500
2	Radio	600	770	1,000	1,100	1,100	1,100	1,100



b. Advertisment monitoring

	Media service provider category	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
1	National audiovisual entities	14,000	16,000	17,500	17,500	25,500	25,500	25,500

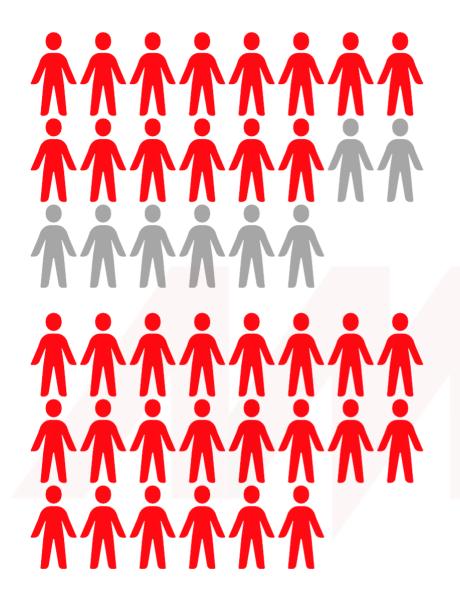


c. Review of complaints from the public

During the year 2022, requests/complaints from different subjects were delivered to the Monitoring and Archive Studio for follow-up. While during 2021 there were 14 applicants.

Throughout the year 2022 based on continuous complaints from various TV operators regarding piracy, the Monitoring and Archives Studio has continuously monitored the TIBO platform, regarding the implementation of the list of broadcast channels (65 finding reports in total).





2021

14 claims.

22 claims/complaints

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d. Monitoring of the partial local elections of March6, 2022



AMA following her first experience, for coverage monitoring by AMSPs of the general elections on 25 April 2021, also, carried out the monitoring of the local partial elections on 6 March, in the territory of the municipalities of Shkodra, Dibra, Durrësi, Vora, Rrogozhina and Lushnja. Before the launch of the campaign, the authority appealed to all AMSPs, recalling the obligations deriving frm the Electoral Code of Republic, Law 97/2013 as amended as well as other legal acts and by-laws in force.

In the announcement that was addressed to the audio/audiovisual subjects, the trust was expressed for balanced coverage from the newsrooms and by professional standards, to encourage a transparent process and as useful as possible for the citizens. As in previous election processes, through broadcast content, voters are provided with more opportunities to get to know and evaluate the competing candidates, political subjects, their platforms and proposals for the community, as well as to follow the dynamics of the campaign on the ground, the instructions of the CEC, etc.

During the electoral campaigns for all 6 municipalities, based on the President's decree of the Republic, no. 13438, dated 20.01.2022, as well as based on monitoring methodology approved by the State Elections Commissioner, AMA reported every day to the CEC on monitoring results of AMSP, while it also presented a summary report for the whole period.

AMA reported to the CEC on:

-the cases of 6 AMSPs, which did not comply with the requirements of the Electoral Code, broadcasting political advertisements outside the defined schedule;

The cases of 12 AMSPs that in informative programs did not maintain balance during the time that was assigned to the main SP and DP parties;

- the cases of 9 AMSPs that did not comply with the time set for the competitive subject with up to 20% of the votes;
- the cases of 3 AMSPs that in the surveys published during the campaign did not fully present the identifying indicators;
- the cases of 7 subjects that did not comply with the requirements of the Code for the electoral silence period;
- the cases of 3 AMSPs that in the surveys published during the campaign did not fully present the identifying indicators;
- the cases of 2 AMSPs that broadcast surveys outside the defined time.

With regard to the general elections on April 25, 2021, as well as to those local partial elections on March 6, 2022, no dispute raised from the competing political subjects or AMSPs regarding the data that AMA presented to the CEC.

7 COUNCIL OF COMPLAINTS



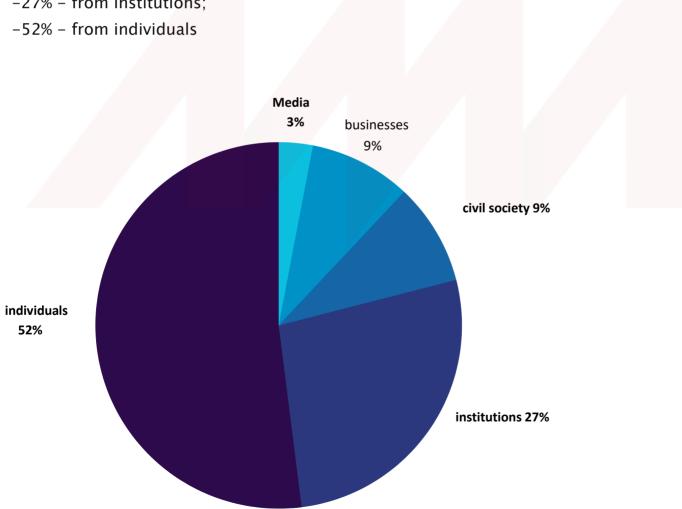
7.1 ADMINISTRATION OF COMPLAINTS OF THE CITIZENS OR THE DIFFERENT GROUPS OF INTEREST WITH REGARD TO **AUDIOVISUAL MEDIA SERVICES PROVIDERS**

In accordance with its legal obligation and the relevant recommendation of Parliament of Albania, the Council of Complaints has continued to review the complaints delivered to the institution with regard to the AMSPs, based on the Law No.

97/2013 "On audiovisual media in the Republic of Albania", as amended, or the bylaws in force.

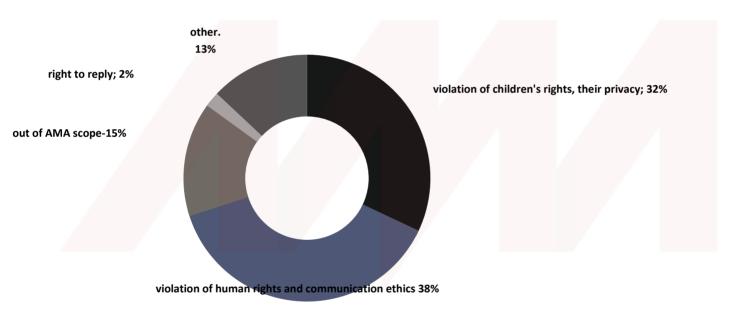
In total, throughout the reporting period, the Council of Complaints has reviewed over 310 complaints, sent respectively:

- -3% from the media;
- -9% from businesses:
- -9% from civil society;
- -27% from institutions:



The complaints filed included:

- -32% violation of children's rights, their privacy;
- -38% violation of human rights and communication ethics
- -15% outside the scope of AMA as defined by Law No. 97/2013 "On audiovisual media in the Republic of Albania", as amended;
- -2% right of reply;
- -13% other.



In 54.5% of cases, the CC concluded by "drawing attention", 15% of them were outside the scope of the CC/AMA, while in the other cases (20.5%) the decision-making of the CC favored the freedom of expression.



7.2 ADMINISTRATIVE MEASURES

At the proposal of the Council of Complaints, the Audiovisual Media Authority imposed two fines on national audiovisual subjects for violation of Law No. 97/2013 "On Audiovisual Media in the Republic of Albania"

- 1. 1. The first fine was imposed for anti-Semitic content. In the show, the comments of the guest and the host of the show encouraged intolerance, justified violence and racial discrimination and did not comply with the rules of ethics in violation of the basic principles for the audiovisual broadcasting activity.
- 2. The second fine was imposed on a show that was found to have committed repeated violations such as: insults, stigmatization, discrimination, vulgarity and uncontrolled of communication. In parallel with these violations, in one of the episodes of the show, insults and discrimination ended in violence.

In July 2022, AMA, at the proposal of the CC, imposed a fine against the national operator of a national audiovisual subject for violating the Law No. 97/2013 "On Audiovisual Media in the Republic of Albania", as amended for anti-Semitic content in the "Rrethi Katror" program, of the "E Diell" show. comments of the guest and the host of the show incited intolerance, justified violence and racial discrimination and did not comply with the rules of ethics in violation of the basic principles for the audiovisual broadcasting activity and were in violation of legal provisions, respectively:

- Article 4, "Basic principles for the audiovisual broadcasting activity", point 2/d: "prohibition of broadcasts that promote intolerance among citizens" and 2/dh: "prohibition of broadcasts that incite or justify violence",
- Article 32, "General rules for audio and/or audiovisual media service providers", point 4 "AMSPs do not broadcast programs with content that incites hatred on racial, gender, religious, ethnic, national and any other form of discrimination".
- Article 33, "Obligations of AMSPs", point 1/a: to announce and present the news broadcast in a true, impartial and objective way", point 1/b: " to ensure that the coverage of the events, including issues, which are the subject of public debate, is fair to all subjects interested in these issues and is presented in a truthful and impartial manner" and point 1/ç: "to not violate the dignity and basic human rights".

In December 2022, the Complaints Council at the AMA proposed a fine against a national audiovisual subject, as there had been repeated ethical violations in the show, such as: insults, stigmatization, discrimination, vulgarity and uncontrolled communication, which have also ended in violence, for which the Audiovisual Media Authority, AMA has reacted earlier by drawing attention (No. 3607, Prot., dated 11.11.2021; No. 408, Prot., dated 20.01.2022; No. 3755/1, Prot., dated 17.11.2022).

7.3 CALLS/SENSIBILIZATION

- May 2022 A national audiovisual subject was brought to the attention of AMSP's obligations (Law No. 97/2013, as amended, Article 33, point 1/c) to respect diversity and promote persons with disabilities.
- June 2022 A national audiovisual subject was called upon to avoid inappropriate scenes and to place warning signs during the hours that can be viewed by children.
- July 2022 At the same time, attention was drawn to 9 AMSPs (national and local/regional audiovisual subjects) for violation of Law No. 97/2013 "On Audiovisual Media in the Republic of Albania", as amended for the publication of sensitive data that identified the abused minor. Similarly, the State Police was called upon to not publish circumstantial data in press releases, in the best interest of the child.
- September 2022 The moral and legal requirements for the protection of minors (Law No. 97/2013, as amended, Article 4, point 1/b), were brought to the attention of a national audiovisual subject
- November 2022 A national audiovisual subject was called upon increased sensitivity to discriminatory expressions against the Roma/Egyptian community despite the fact that the journalist had counter reacted and the guest had apologized.
- November 2022 A national audiovisual subject was reminded of its obligations regarding the ethical norms and deontology of the journalist profession, despite the investigative character of the show and the social contribution to clarifying the respective issue.
- December 15, 2022 The necessity of handling sensitive issues carefully, which connect the discussion about religion with that about violence, with the aim of avoiding misunderstandings and promoting, even unconsciously, behaviours that are against the law was brought to the attention of a local/regional audiovisual subject.



7.4 HEARING SESSION

ARTICLE 52, POINT 6 OF LAW 97/2013)

With the Public Operator

The Audiovisual Media Authority received a complaint claiming that in the show "Day by Day", broadcast on "RTSH1", on 18.09.2022, at 17:00, inappropriate content was broadcast. The complainant claimed that such audio-visual content was "inappropriate to be broadcast, especially the person and for what he shows on social networks, which contradict the ethical and moral code of the society".

Following the audiovisual material reviewing, the Council of Complaints conducted a consultative dialog with the authors of the show. The Council emphasized to the authors the importance of adhering to the principles and obligations of Audiovisual Media Service Providers (AMSPs) to fulfil the media mission, based also on the fact that these TV formats are mainly targeted at a youth audience, and that the portrayal conveyed to them is likely to serve as a model of behaviour for minors, taking into account the broadcast time and, in certain instances inappropriate content, where potential viewers may be minors.

Based on the above rationale, the Council of Complaints urged the authors to align with legal requirements, placing a primary emphasis on the protection of the children's best interest. Furthermore, the Council encouraged the authors to review any audiovisual content in the framework of the adhering to the currently enforced legal provisions.

- Between a public company and an audiovisual local/regional subject

A publicly owned company filed a complaint at AMA/CC for the denial of their right of reply by a local or regional audiovisual subject regarding a news broadcast in main news program concerning a tender procedure initiated by the company, which the complainant claimed it was untrue, inaccurate, and entirely misleading.

The Council of Complaints, based on the Law No.9/2013 "On the Audiovisual Media in the Republic of Albania", amended (Article 51), of the regulation "On the procedures for reviewing complaints from the Council of Complaints", and the Instruction "On the Procedures for handling complaints from the Audiovisual Media Service Providers", asked the local/regional audiovisual subject to submit claims related to the complaint, which were formally submitted to the AMA.

Based on the available documentation and claims submitted by the subject, the Council of Complaints issued its statement to the public company. However, the public company, rejected this statement. With reference to the law, a hearing session was held.

Following the hearing session and reviewing of the stances presented, the Council of Complaints determined that the parties did not provide additional facts and arguments in relation to the earlier stances. Consequently, the Council upheld its initial findings, in favour of the local/regional audiovisual subject.

7.5 SELF-INITIATED SURVEYS/OBSERVATIONS

During this period, the Council of Complaints has carried out four observations, prompted by the sensitive nature of events/topics covered by the media. In three out of four instances, the Council advised the respective operators for more caution.

7.6 BROADCASTING CODE REVIEW IN COOPERATION WITH STAKEHOLDERS AND INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS AS THE OSCE AND THE COE

In response to the recommendation of the Albanian Parliament to review the Broadcasting Code, the Authority of Audiovisual Media held a conference in Tirana, on 21 April 2022. During this event, stakeholders, academic and media experts, representatives from NGOs, etc., initiated the process of reviewing the Broadcasting Code. Part of this meeting was also Dr. Wolfgang Kreissig, Chairperson of the Directors of the Audiovisual Media Authorities of the German Lands, as well as of the Licensing and Supervision Commission; Francesco Sciacchitano, legal affairs consultant at the Italian regulatory authority, AGCOM and head of working groups for international platforms of regulators; Peter Metzneller, EPRA Deputy Chairperson and legal consultant for European affairs at the Conference of Directors of Audiovisual Media Authorities of the German Lands; communication experts, representatives of the national public and private media, representatives of the Albanian Committee of Helsinki, and Professor Dr. Vasilika Hysi, expert in charge of drafting the new This was the first Opening meeting within the framework of the Broadcasting Code. Broadcasting Code Review.

On 16 June 2022, the Audiovisual Media Authority launched consultation meetings with stakeholders on reviewing the Broadcasting Code. The initial consultation meeting was held in cooperation with UN WOMEN in Albania, with the participation of field journalists covering the latest news and concern affairs, along with moderators covering socially-oriented programs. During this meeting, the amendments made to the Broadcasting Draft Code for Audiovisual Media were presented, including the special section on gender equality issues. The focus of this proposal is on promoting gender equality, preventing gender discrimination and fight against sexism in audiovisual media. Gender equality and fight against gender discrimination are included for the first time in the Broadcasting Code for Audiovisual Media in Albania.

On 17June 2022, the second meeting of the Audiovisual Media Authority was held, followed by the draft consultation tables - the new Broadcasting Code, with the participation of women's associations in our Representatives of women's associations expressed their approval for the inclusion of a chapter dedicated to gender equality issues, and highlighted the need of training within the audiovisual market in relation to this matter. Civil society offered specific suggestions on how the code could serve as an incentive to prevent gender discrimination in audiovisual media.

The above consultation meetings were preceded by a preparatory meeting (13 June 2022), during which AMA together with the New Broadcasting Code drafting expert, Mrs. Mrs. Vasilika Hysi discussed in detail (article by article) the Section of Gender Equality, to follow up later with other consultations, article by article for the new Broadcasting Code draft with the expert, held on the dates: 21, 22, 24 June 2022. The results of these preliminary consultations in combination with the suggestions provided by AMA directorates were incorporated in the second draft of the new Broadcasting Code, submitted on 1 July 2022.

The new Broadcasting Code Project contains 11 sections: SECTION 1 (BASIC PRINCIPLES).

SECTION 2 (RIGHT TO PRIVACY AND PERSONAL RIGHTS PROTECTION),

SECTION 3 (BROADCAST OF INFORMATION PROGRAMS),

Section 4 (CHILDREN IN AUDIOVISUAL BROADCASTING with subsections: Principles

Basic Principles for the Media to Serve the Best Interest of Children; Media in the Service of the Best Interest of the Children; Prohibition of Children Identification; Conducting Interviews with Children; Advertisements and Children; Cultural, Entertainment, and Educational Programs; Films and Children; Child Protection Warning Signs in Audiovisual Programs;

SECTION 5 (RESPECT FOR THE RIGHTS OF PERSONS WITH SPECIAL NEEDS AND ACCESS TO AUDIOVISUAL BROADCASTING),

NEW SECTION (PREVENTION AND FIGHT AGAINST HATE SPEECH IN AUDIOVISUAL BROADCASTS)

NEW SECTION (PROMOTION OF GENDER EQUALITY, PREVENTION AND FIGHT AGAINST GENDER DISCRIMINATION IN THE AUDIOVISUAL MEDIA),

SECTION 8 (NEW) (ADVERTISEMENTS IN AUDIOVISUAL

BROADCASTS), SECTION 9 (COUNCIL OF COMPLAINTS),

NEW SECTION (TRANSITIONAL PROVISIONS),

SECTION 11 (ENFORCEMENT AND PUBLICATION). Consultation tables with stakeholders on the New Broadcasting Code will continue.



In July, the Council of Complaints, the unit responsible for overseeing the process at the Audiovisual Media Authority, assessed the extent and manner in which the suggestions from the initial consultations and the contributions of AMA constituent units were integrated into the Draft Code. Subsequently, it undertook the necessary editing to prepare the text for public review.

The Council of Complaints - the unit responsible for supervising the process of the Broadcasting Code Review - drafted a schedule for twelve upcoming public consultations. This schedule includes two special topics consultation sessions in Tirana and ten general consultations in various regions across the country, including Shkodra/Lezha, Kukës, Dibra, Elbasan, Korça, Durrës, Gjirokastra, Berat, Fier, and Vlora.

In early October 2022, the full Draft Broadcasting Code was made available on the official website of the Audiovisual Media Authority - specifically under the "Public consultation" section.

-This information will remain accessible until the conclusion of the first quarter of 2023, to ensure that not only the AMSPs and other stakeholders but also the broader public can access the document. This allows them to not only become acquainted with its contents but also to provide feedback, comments, and suggestions regarding various aspects of the code.

On 5 October 2022, the Council of Complaints, part of the Audiovisual Media Authority (AMA), organized the third thematic round table of public consultation within the context of the Broadcasting Code The primary topics under discussion were "Guaranteeing Children's Rights and Safeguarding the Best Interests of Children in Audiovisual Programming", and "Guaranteeing the Rights of Persons with Disabilities and Their Accessibility to Audiovisual Content." These subjects represent distinct sections within the existing Broadcasting Code, which have been substantially expanded during the Representatives from the AMSPs, civil society organizations dedicated to children's review process. rights and the rights of people with disabilities, media and human rights associations, the academic community, legal experts, central and local government agencies, and the presence of the OSCE and the Council of Europe in Tirana were all participants in this event. Representatives from the AMSPs, organizations of Persons with Disabilities, and those dedicated to Child Protection raised various concerns and put forward proposals for potential amendments. They emphasized issues such as the media's role in revealing the identities of children involved in grave events, the absence of child-specific programming, the broadcast of explicit or inappropriate content during hours when minors are likely to be viewing, challenges related to interviewing and presenting children, terminology problems associated with Persons with Disabilities, their marginalization or exclusion from mainstream content, advertising and promotional materials, the absence of subtitles in audiovisual broadcasts, challenges related to physical accessibility for Persons with Disabilities, and their positive discrimination in audiovisual content, etc.

On 6 October 2022, as part of the Broadcasting Code Review, the Council of Complaints within the Audiovisual Media Authority (AMA) organized the fourth thematic table of public consultation. The topics discussed were "Preventing and Fighting Hate Speech" and "Protecting the Right to Privacy and Personal Data." Attendees included representatives from AMSPs, academia, the Ombudsman, the Commissioner for the Right to Information and Personal Data Protection, the Albanian Committee of Helsinki, the Albanian Council of the Media, the Commissioner for Protection from Discrimination, the State Police, the Municipality of Tirana, the OSCE, and the Council of Europe in Tirana session, participants from various institutions and stakeholders highlighted several concerning issues and proposed their approaches and perspectives on the chapters of the Broadcasting Code under discussion. They drew attention to instances where media reporting violated the right to privacy, personal data protection, and the right of presumption of innocence, as well as the use of hate speech and the incitement of hatred and social discord. The importance of the Broadcasting Code in promoting greater professional and social responsibility among audiovisual media to fight against disinformation, negative stereotyping, and the stigmatization of specific social communities was emphasized.

On 13 October 2022, the Council of Complaints at the Audiovisual Media Authority (AMA) organized the fifth public consultation round table in Shkodra as part of the Broadcasting Code Review. Unlike the previous four thematic round tables held in Tirana, this session had a more general focus. While the presentation and ensuing discussions covered all chapters of the Draft Code, particular attention was given to "Gender Equality and the Protection of Children's Best Interests in Audiovisual Content," "Respecting the Rights of Persons with Disabilities and Their Access to Audiovisual Content", "Preventing and Fighting against Hate Speech", and "Protecting the Right to Privacy and Personal Data." Participants in Shkodra included representatives from AMSPs, civil society organizations, academia, educational institutions, local authorities, etc. Their discussions revolved around issues such as the publication of explicit or inappropriate content during times when children might be watching, the issues of interviewing and showing children on TV, efforts to fight misinformation and negative stereotyping of certain social communities, and the substantive and physical accessibility of Persons with Disabilities to audiovisual media. In addition to matters related to the Broadcasting Code Review, the participants also raised broader concerns affecting local media, including financial difficulties, the growing reliance on paid advertisements in programming, excessive commercial communication airtime, and the associated ethical concerns. They also emphasized the need for content formats dedicated to national minorities and vulnerable groups etc.

Since the publication of the Full Broadcasting Draft Code on the official website of the Audiovisual Media Authority - within the Public Consultation rubric - the AMA has maintained continuous engagement. This has involved issuing press releases related to the consultative round tables and periodically publishing updates. These updates have documented the interventions and additions made to the New Draft Code, in comparison to the existing Broadcasting Code. The purpose of these communications is not only to inform about the amendments, but also to motivate all actors and factors to consult the draft and provide their comments and suggestions for consideration.

The public consultation round tables related to the Broadcasting Code continued until the end of January 2023, and they were held in the districts of Kukës, Dibra, Elbasan, Korça, Durrës, Berat, These efforts have not only demonstrated a high level of interest and Giirokastra, Fier and Vlora. dedication but have also fostered an interactive approach, allowing for the collection of opinions and proposals from participants both during the meetings, and also through written feedback. At this stage, the Draft Code has been submitted for a qualified opinion to our international partners, who have played an integral role throughout this entire process. These partners include the Council of Europe and the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe. Following their input and subsequent approval by the AMA Board, the New Broadcasting Code will be launched through an extensive information campaign, planned to be conducted both in the media and in the field.

7.7 GUARANTEEING THE RIGHT TO INFORMATION FOR THE "COMMUNITY WITH SPECIAL SENSORY NEEDS"

In the context of efforts to provide interpretation services for the Deaf in audiovisual broadcasts in April 2022, CC/AMA had a correspondence with the Ministry of Health and Social Affairs (no. 1764/1 on 27.04.2022), in which the relevant department is informed of the following:

"Since 2017, the Audiovisual Media Authority has been in continuous communication, not only in writing, with audiovisual operators with a national license, urging them to fulfil their legal obligation to provide interpretation services or "sign language", in accordance with the provisions of law no. 97/2013 "On audiovisual media in the Republic of Albania", amended, for "communities with special sensory needs".

Currently, only the public operator, RTSH, appears to apply interpreting services for the Deaf in "sign language". Communication with other operators with a national license has highlighted the lack of interpreters who would offer the "sign language" service. The audiovisual operator "Tv Klan" addressed a request (November 2020) for the cooperation of the Albanian National Association of the Deaf, but the Association itself, in response to the request, informed the audiovisual operator that "it does not have specialists who can be available for this daily service".

Under these conditions, pursuant to the Decision of the Council of Ministers, no. , dated 23.12.2015, according to which

"The Ministry responsible for education issues undertakes policies for the opening of a higher education program (bachelor/master) for the preparation of Albanian sign language interpreters/translators, as well as scientific personnel in this field" (point 15, chapter II);

"The ministry responsible for disability-related issues, in cooperation with organizations of persons and for persons with hearing disabilities, conducts assessments every two years to determine the needs for interpreters/translators and instructors of learning Albanian sign language" (point 16, chapter II), Audiovisual Media Authority, by document no. dated 11.03.2021, suggested to the relevant ministries (Ministry of Education, Sports, and Youth, and Ministry of Health and Social Protection) to encourage and take concrete measures to provide interpretation services for individuals with hearing impairments in audiovisual broadcasts through the training of sign language interpreters/translators.

In September 2022, the Council of Complaints at the Audiovisual Media Authority, as part of its own initiative to raise awareness among both institutions and Audiovisual Media Service Providers regarding the need to offer interpretation services for Persons with Hearing Disability, engaged in email correspondence with the Employment Directorate within the National Agency for Employment and Skills 29.09.2022).

Upon being informed by the media about the certification of the first interpreters through the collaboration between NAES and the Albanian National Association of Deaf People, the Council of Complaints requested official information regarding:

- Number of graduated interpreters
- Follow-up plans in this direction and the number of candidates in the process. The
- number of interpreters employed or in the process of being employed

Regarding the requested information, NAES replied via email on October 2, 2022, with the "Currently, 5 interpreters have been certified. However, as they are following response: individuals with hearing impairments themselves, their employment within institutions or AMSPs is not feasible. At the end of October, a training course for an additional 15 interpreters started, and the duration of this course is expected to be approximately a year and a half.

In the framework of research and information gathering on the issue, CC/AMA was informed about the start of a project funded by the EU, with a total value of 2.3 million Euros, introduced on 27 September 2022, at the Institute For Deaf Students, by the EU Commission and the Ministry of Education and Sports, which aims to improve the quality and access of children to primary education in Albania, including the support of two institutes for deaf and blind students, in order to transform them those in national resource centres. 135,000 children in Albania are expected to benefit from the project, including over 130 students who attend institutes for deaf and blind students as well as their teachers.

As the process continues and is thought to take time, discussions with various interest groups during the consultative round tables in Tirana and the districts have revealed that an acceptable and cost-effective alternative solution during the transitional period, until certified interpreters are available, is the provision of subtitling. The approach has also been shared with AMSPs, which, at least during discussion, have shown their willingness to put the practice into use.

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AMA IN COMPLIANCE WITH LAW ENFORCEMENT



8.1 Legal references on which the activity of the institution is based

AMA) derives its administrative and regulatory authority from Law No. 97/2013, "On Audiovisual Media in the Republic of Albania," as amended, and from secondary legislation (regulations, decisions, and instructions) that are enacted based on and for the implementation of the specific organic law. AMA's activities are conducted in adherence to the Constitution, relevant laws, and by-laws that govern media and audiovisual media.

The legal framework, on which the administrative activity of AMA is based, has not undergone additions or changes during the reporting period. During this period, through secondary legislation, the legal framework was completed with regulatory acts aimed at creating a regulatory environment facilitates that the development of the audiovisual broadcasting sector.

8.2 Fulfilment of by-laws necessary to perform the activity of the media service providers

In the capacity of the regulatory authority overseeing audio and audiovisual services, the AMA possesses the authority and competence to develop bylaws in accordance with the organic law. In this regard, work has been carried out throughout 2022 in the drafting or amendment of secondary legislation with the aim of enhancing AMA's activity within the legal framework and facilitating the activities of audio and audiovisual operators.

In accordance with the provisions of the organic legislation and in pursuit of institutional transparency, as well as the necessity to gather feedback, proposals, and comments from relevant stakeholders, the development of the bylaw has been accompanied by an inclusive process of public consultation and discussion.

In compliance with Law No. 97/2013, "On Audiovisual Media in the Republic of Albania," as amended, AMA approved the following by-laws in 2022:

 "On Procedures and Criteria for Granting Analog Audio Broadcasting Licenses", no. 187, dated 18.07.2016, as amended. As part of the consultation process, AMA organized consultation round tables in the cities of Korça and Shkodra, involving representatives from all districts of Albania. This act was incorporated into the AMA meeting on 22 December 2022, and is expected to be officially approved at the first AMA meeting of 2023.

With the approval of this act, the 2016 regulation will be repealed.

Below is an explanation for the necessity of amending this regulatory act:

The Audiovisual Media Authority (AMA) through decision no. 153, dated 18.07.2016, initially approved the "Regulation on Procedures and Criteria for the Granting of Analog Audio Broadcasting Licenses" 232, dated 03.11.2016 192. dated 06.10.2017 and no. subsequently made amendments and additions to it. During the implementation of this act, several issues arose, both on procedural and material aspects

AMA members requested its revision, which is included in the AMA Strategy and Action Plan for the years 2021-2023, as approved by AMA Decision No. 94, dated 14.10.2020.

The draft-act outlines the rules, criteria, and procedures for the granting and renewal of analog audio broadcasting licenses, while also removing the regulations governing the granting of audio broadcasting licenses based on the digital network, as the granting of such licenses is not currently in practice.

This act has removed the procedure for renewing licenses for audio broadcasting using repeaters, based on the experiences in other countries, and it will be addressed in a separate act.

Since the approval of the audio regulation in 2016, no digital audio broadcasting license has been issued, and there has been no request or expressed interest from subjects to obtain this type of license.

In the current regulation, the criteria for both analog and digital subjects are unified, while the nature of their service changes In analog broadcasts, one program is offered based on one network, while in digital broadcasts, more than 1 program is offered, on one network.

Also, referring to the above-mentioned AMA Strategy, the implementation of T-DAB audio transmission technology in advance requires the realization of a study (including the identification of interest for this service) and the analysis of a technical implementation of T-DAB frequency planning, in accordance with the GE06 agreement and multilateral agreements between the countries of the region, regarding the allocations of the VHF frequency spectrum.

The fundamental law AMA does not define a specific deadline for the start of the provision of digital audio services, therefore we estimate that the procedures and criteria for issuing a digital audio broadcasting license should be regulated by a separate and special by-law act

The draft act has undergone changes regarding:

Procedure for submission of applications and documentation part of the application;

- Review of applications and decisionmaking (revising the scoring criteria, adding the lottery procedure, etc.);
- Full regulation of the process of analog audio licenses renewal, etc.

8.3 Broadcasting Code

The Legal Department of Licensing assisted the Council of Complaints in drafting the Broadcasting Code, which is currently under review by the AMA.

The consultative meetings were preceded by a preparatory meeting (13 June 2022) of representatives of the Legal Department and the Council of Complaints of the AMA, together with the expert for the drafting of the New Broadcasting Code, Mrs. Hysi, where the Gender Equality Section was discussed in detail (article by article) before the public consultation, to continue with other article by article consultations of the entire new draft of the Broadcasting Code with the expert, held on: 21, 22, 24 June 2022. The results of these preliminary consultations as well as the suggestions of the AMA directorates/constituent units were incorporated into the second draft of the New Broadcasting Code, submitted on 1 July 2022.

On 16 June 2022,AMA launched consultation round tables with interest groups for the review of the Broadcasting Code. The first consultative meeting was held in cooperation with UN WOMEN in Albania, with the participation of field journalists covering news and current affairs , as well as moderators of social programs.

During this round table, the amendments made to the Broadcasting Draft-Code for Audiovisual Media were presented. including the special section on gender equality issues. The focus of this proposal is related to the promotion of gender equality, the prevention of gender discrimination and the fight against sexism in audiovisual media. Gender equality and gender non-discrimination are included for the first time in the Broadcasting Code for Audiovisual Media in Albania.

On 17 June 2022, the second meeting took place, the Audiovisual Media Authority followed the consultation round tables for the new Broadcasting Draft-Code, with the participation of women's associations in our country. The representatives of women's associations appreciated the inclusion of the special chapter on gender equality issues and emphasized the need of the audiovisual market in relation to training for this phenomenon. Civil society gave concrete suggestions on how the Code can serve as an incentive to prevent gender discrimination in audiovisual media.

During July 2022, the Council of Complaints, as the unit responsible for following up the process at the Audiovisual Media Authority, verified the degree and manner of reflection in the Draft - Code of the proposals, resulting from the first consultations as well as the proposals of the AMA constituent units and undertook the editing of the text to make it ready for public consultation.

In the period July - December 2022, AMA, in implementation of the Strategic Plan for 2021-2023, continued the process of revising the Broadcasting Code (approved by decision no. 228, dated 228, Dated 11.12.2017).

While in the first half of 2022 the problems encountered over the years were identified, an expert was engaged in the drafting of the Broadcasting Code, an opening international consultation was organized at the conference "Dealing with Broadcasting Code", the revised Draft of the Broadcasting Code was submitted, and the first two consultative round tables were held - with the participation of field journalists who cover the news (in collaboration with UN WOMEN) and with the participation of women's associations - where the changes made to the Broadcasting Code were presented with a focus on gender equality issues, in the second half of 2022, the following steps were followed:

The expert presented the second draft of the New Broadcasting Code to the Audiovisual Media Authority, which incorporated the feedback received during the initial six months of consultations.

- The AMA Council of Complaints assessed the extent to which the Draft - Code incorporated the suggestions from the first round of consultations and the recommendations of AMA's constituent directorates. The Council also edited the text to prepare it for public consultation.

The Council of Complaints - the unit managing the Review process of the Broadcasting Code - established the schedule for the upcoming twelve public consultations. This schedule includes two thematic consultation round tables in Tirana and ten general consultation round tables in various districts across the country, including Shkodra/Lezha, Kukës, Dibra, Elbasan, Korça, Durrës, Gjirokastra, Berat, Fier, and Vlora.

- Starting from the beginning of October 2022, the full Broadcast Draft - Code has been made available on the official website of the Audiovisual Media Authority - within the Public Consultation rubric. It will remain accessible until the end of the first quarter of 2023, ensuring that not only AMSPs and other stakeholders, but also the general public can access and review the document, which would allow everyone to become acquainted with its contents and provide feedback and suggestions on specific aspects.

On 5 October 2022, the Council of Complaints, as part of the Audiovisual Media Authority (AMA), organized the third thematic public consultation round table within the scope of reviewing the Broadcasting Code. This discussion centered on these topics: "Safeguarding children's rights and promoting their best interests in audiovisual broadcasts", and "Ensuring the rights of persons with disabilities and their access to audiovisual broadcasts."

Both issues represent distinct sections of the current Broadcasting Code, which underwent significant enrichment during the review process. Representatives of AMSPs, civil society organizations dedicated to children's and rights of persons with disabilities, associations operating in the field of media and human rights, academia, legal firms, central and local institutions as well as the OSCE presence in Tirana and the Council of Europe took part in this activity. Representatives from the AMSPs, organizations of Persons with Disabilities, and those dedicated to Child Protection raised various concerns and put forward proposals for potential amendments. They emphasized instances where media reporting led to the direct or indirect identification of children involved in serious events, the lack of childcentered programs, the airing inappropriate or disturbing images during times when minors could be viewing, challenges related to interviewing and showing the identity of children, issues regarding terminology related to Persons with Disabilities, their exclusion segregation in mainstream content, advertisements, or promotional material, the subtitles absence of in audiovisual broadcasts, difficulties in physical media access for Persons with Disabilities, and their positive discrimination in audiovisual content, etc.

• On 6 October 2022, as part of the Broadcasting Code Review process, the Council of Complaints within the Media Authority (AMA) Audiovisual organized the fourth thematic round table for public consultation. The discussion focused on two key topics: "Preventing and fighting hate speech", and "The right to privacy and protection of personal data." **Participants** of the event were representatives from AMSPs, the academic community, the Ombudsman's office, the Commissioner for the Right to Information and Protection of Personal Data, Albanian Committee of Helsinki, the Albanian Council of Media. the Commissioner for Protection from Discrimination, the State Police, Tirana Municipality, as well as the OSCE and the Council of Europe in Tirana. representatives of institutions and interest groups highlighted a series of concerning issues, proposing their approaches and perspectives regarding the chapters of the Code under discussion, Broadcasting bringing to attention cases where reporting in the media has violated the right to privacy and personal data protection, the right to the presumption of innocence or has used hate speech, inciting hatred and social discord. They underscored the significance of the Broadcasting Code in promoting heightened awareness and fostering professional greater and social responsibility within the audiovisual media sector to fight disinformation and prevent negative stereotyping the and stigmatization of specific social communities.

On 13 October 2022, the Council of Complaints at the Audiovisual Media Authority (AMA), organized in Shkodra, the fifth public consultation round table, in the framework of the Broadcasting Code Review. Unlike the four previous thematic round tables held in Tirana, the one in Shkodra had a more general nature. Even though the presentation and ensuing discussions covered all aspects of the Draft Code, the primary emphasis was directed towards "Gender equality and protecting the best interest of children in audiovisual broadcasts." "Respecting the rights of individuals with disabilities and their accessibility to audiovisual content," "Preventing fighting hate speech," and "Ensuring the right to privacy and protection of personal data."

Representatives of AMSPs, civil society organizations, the academic educational institutions, local institutions, etc. became part of the consultation. Representatives of AMSPs and interest groups focused on the publication of serious or inappropriate images in times that can be viewed by children, on the problems of interviewing and showing the identity of children, on efforts to avoid misinformation, negative stereotyping and stigmatization of certain social communities, in the problems of substantive and physical access of PWDs to audiovisual media, etc.

Extending the discussion beyond the issues of reviewing the Broadcasting Code, the attendees also mentioned several concerns of local media as a whole, including financial difficulties, the forced increase in the time of paid announcements in programming, excessive minutes of commercial communications and their ethical problems, the need for formats dedicated to national minorities and vulnerable groups, etc.

Since the publication of the complete Broadcast Draft - Code on the official website of the Audiovisual Media Authority - in the Public Consultation rubric - the AMA has continued throughout the entire time, both with press releases regarding the consultative round tables, and with publications from time to time, which show the interventions and additions in the New Draft Code compared to the existing Broadcasting Code, not only to inform about the amendments, but also to encourage all actors and factors to consult this draft and make their proposals.

8.4 The need to amend the legal framework that regulates the institution activity

As previously reported, the Albanian Audiovisual Media Authority (AMA) operates according to law no. 97/2013, dated "On audiovisual media in the Republic of Albania", amended. Law no. 97/2013, dated 04.03.2013, which is in accordance with Directive 2010/13/EC on Audiovisual Media Services, regulates the activity of audio-visual media and their support services, based on the principle of technology neutrality in the territory of Republic of Albania.

During the reporting period, AMA has continued to complete the legal framework through the approval of relevant by-laws that affect the activity of audiovisual media. Pursuant to the provisions of the organic legislation and within the framework of institutional transparency, as well as the need to request from the stakeholder's opinions, proposals and reactions, the drafting of the implementing legislation was accompanied by a process of meetings and public consultation among the interested parties. Regarding the new Directive on Audio-visual Media Services revised in 2018, which is planned in the Albanian National Integration Plan for 2022-2024, Albania applied for a TAIEX Workshop on the EU experience in implementing the amended Directive of audio-visual media 2018/1808/EU.

Subsequently, within the framework of this assistance, with the aim of being acquainted with the best practices of the EU countries, as well as the problems encountered in these countries during the transposition of the directive 2018/1808, in February and June 2022, seminars were held with EU experts. The materials presented in the seminars that were held, familiarization with the practical cases of some EU countries on the method chosen for the transposition of the Directive (EU) served during the drafting of the preliminary draft law.

In June 2022, AMA forwarded to the Ministry of Infrastructure and Energy (MIE), the preliminary draft of the draft law "On some additions and amendments to the law no. 97/2013 "On Audiovisual Media in the Republic of Albania", as amended", as well as the accompanying documentation of the draft law.

Subsequently, MIE and AMA sent the draft law "On some additions and amendments to the law no. 97/2013 "On Audiovisual Media in the Republic of Albania", the explanatory report on the analysis of the reasons that led to its proposal, the compatibility table, as well as the impact assessment report, for consideration by the relevant Ministries, the Ministry of Justice, the Ministry for Europe and Foreign Affairs, the Ministry of Finance and Economy, the Ministry of Culture, the Ministry of Health and Social Protection), which have brought comments on the implementation of the legislative technique and the updating of the definitions according to the legislation in force, which are reflected in the draft law.

Likewise, these documents have been published in the Register of Public Notification and Consultation, for a period of 30 days, on the official website of AMA (www.ama.gov.al), and have been sent to the Audiovisual Media Service Provider (AMSPs) for consideration.

Subsequent to this, the American Chamber of Commerce has provided feedback concerning the regulations for offering audio and audiovisual media services upon user request and their integration into the aforementioned draft law. Likewise, comments from the Women Empowerment Network in Albania and Mrs. Sabina Kodra, which pertain to aspects of gender equality, notably ensuring gender equality and fighting sexism in the audiovisual media, as well as guaranteeing gender equality in the selection of AMA members and the Governing Council of the Albanian Radio and Television (KDRTSH), have been received

The AMA has communicated its stance on these comments to the Ministry of Infrastructure and Energy (as the line ministry) in written form, highlighting that regarding the provisions related to audio and audiovisual media services offered upon user request (comments from the American Chamber of Commerce) and their inclusion to the aforementioned draft-law, in this stage, the amendments to law no. 97/2013 have been made in alignment with the process of aligning domestic legislation with directive 2018/1808 (EU).

Whereas, regarding the comments about the inclusion in the draft law of some aspects of gender equality, specifically the guarantee of gender equality and the fight against sexism in the audiovisual media, the guarantee of gender equality in the election of members of the AMA and the KDRTSH, these will be taken into consideration during the adoption process of the Broadcasting Code, which is in the process of public review and contains a special section, dedicated to the promotion of gender equality, prevention and fight against gender discrimination in audiovisual media.

Meanwhile, following the technical meeting held online, in November 2022, with experts from the services of the European Commission, the European Observatory, as well as with representatives of AMA and MIE, it was requested to include in the draft law the provisions of Directive 2018/1808, regarding video sharing platforms (Video Sharing Platforms/VSPs), which were initially not included in the draft law. This task also comes as a request that the Republic of Albania continue to be supported by "Creative Europe".

Following this meeting, AMA and MIE prepared the suggested amendments and their inclusion in the draft law, which were forwarded again to the European Commission for consideration in the first week of December 2022. Following this communication, AMA and MIE have been notified by the Commission on the granting of a time extension of 6 months, in order to finalize the ongoing legislative work and complete the steps of the transposition process at the required level.

Following the incorporation of modifications pertaining to video sharing platforms in this initiative, the revised documents were made available again in the Register of Public Notification and Consultation from

12 -26 December 2022. Furthermore, the comments on legislative techniques and the content received from the Ministry of Justice on 23 December 2022, and 23 January 2023 were taken into account and were reflected in the revised version. In addition, during this period, the "Regulatory Impact Assessment (RIA)" document underwent revisions based on feedback received from the Prime Minister in November 2022

8.5 Monitoring of the frequency spectrum use

The main focus, even during 2022, regarding the supervision of

the use of the frequency spectrum of has been the field monitoring related to the laying of (partially) digital infrastructure from national audiovisual private operators, coverage identification with audio-visual digital signal of the territory of the country as well as the verification of local/regional operator support in national digital networks.

From the monitoring carried out in it all regions of the country, it turns out that RTSH and national digital private operators do not cover with digital signal certain areas of the country, as follows

1. ALBANIAN PUBLIC OPERATOR, RTSH

BERAT DISTRICT

The neighbourhoods behind Berat Castle
Administrative unit of Roshnik
Administrative unit of Sinjë
Administrative unit of Potom
Administrative unit of Çepan
About 5% of the population of this district do not receive the service coverage.

KORÇA DISTRICT

Administrative unit of Voskopoja
Administrative unit of Dardha
Cerrava (center)
Administrative unit of Mokërr (partially)
Administrative unit of Gora
Administrative unit of Barmash About 6% of the population of this district do not receive the service coverage.

TIRANË – DURRËS DISTRICTS

Administrative unit of Shengjergj
Administrative unit of Baldushk (partially)
Administrative unit of Kruja
Administrative unit of Cudhi
About 2% of the population of this district do not receive the service coverage

ELBASAN DISTRICT

Administrative unit (Fushë - Xibrakë)
Administrative unit of Kukës (partially)
Administrative unit of Lunik (Kostenje, Dranovice, Orenje Strebleva).
About 1% of the population of this district do not receive the service coverage.

VLORE DISTRICT

VLORA DISTRICT

Administrative unit of Borsh (partially)
Administrative unit of Himare (partially)
The villages of the Vlora river

(Drashovicë, Kote, Brataj, Tërbac,

Velçë, Vranisht, Kuç). About 3% of the population of this district do not receive service coverage.

SHKODRA DISTRICT

Administrative unit of Ana e Malit Administrative unit of Vau i Dejes

(partially)
Administrative unit of Kelmend

About 4% of the population of this district do not receive service coverage.

GJIROKASTRA DISTRICT

Administrative unit of Picar
Administrative unit of Zagori
Administrative unit of Kurvelesh
Administrative unit of Krahës
Administrative unit of Qesarat
Administrative unit of Dropull i sipërm
Administrative unit of Pogon
About 19% of the population of this district do not receive service coverage.

DIBRA DISTRICT

Administrative unit of Maqellare (partially)
Administrative unit of Slovak, Kala e Dodës
City of Bulqiza (partially)
Administrative unit of Shupenze,

Zercan and Ostren.

About 6% of the population of this district do not receive service coverage

KUKËS DISTRICT

Administrative unit of Lek Bibaj. About 2% of the population of this district do not receive the service coverage

2. "MEDIA VIZION" Company

BERAT DISTRICT

- Kuçova Administrative Unit
- Polican Administrative Unit
- Administrative unit of Çorovoda About 19% of the population of this district do not receive service coverage

KORÇA DISTRICT

- Voskopoja Administrative Unit
- Dardha Administrative Unit
- Cërrava Administrative Unit
- Mokër Administrative Unit.

About 4% of the population of this district do not receive service coverage.

TIRANA DISTRICT

- Zall Bastar Administrative Unit
- Shëngjergj Administrative Unit
- Administrative unit of Baldushk (partially)
- Krraba Administrative Unit
- Ndrog Administrative Unit.

About 2% of the population of this district do not receive service coverage.

DURRËS DISTRICT

- Kruja Administrative Unit
- Cudhi Administrative Unit.

About 4% of the population of this district do not receive service coverage.

SHKODRA DISTRICT

- Administrative unit of Malësia e Madhe
- Puka Administrative Unit
- Vau i Dejës Administrative Unit
- Fushë Arrëz Administrative Unit
- Administrative unit of Ana-Malit About 8% of the population of this district do not receive service coverage.

KUKËS DISTRICT

- Bajram Curri Administrative Unit
- Has Administrative Unit.

About 12% of the population of this district do not receive service coverage

PESHKOPI DISTRICT

- Peshkopi Administrative Unit
- Bulgiza Administrative Unit
- Klos Administrative Unit
- Magellara Administrative Unit
- Burrel Administrative Unit.

About 41% of the population of this district do not receive service coverage.

LEZHA DISTRICT

- Administrative unit of Rrëshen About 4% of the population of this district do not receive service coverage.

ELBASAN DISTRICT

- Përrenjas Administrative Unit
- Librazhd Administrative Unit
- Qukës Administrative Unit
- Pegin Administrative Unit
- Administrative unit of Gramsh About 8% of the population of this district do not receive service coverage.

GJIROKASTRA DISTRICT

- Tepelena Administrative Unit
- Përmet Administrative Unit
- Këlcyra Administrative Unit
- Krahës Administrative Unit
- Picar Administrative Unit
- Zagorie Administrative Unit
- Kurvelesh Administrative Unit
- Qesarat Administrative Unit
- Dropull Administrative Unit
- Pogon Administrative Unit.
 About 40% of the population of this district

do not receive service coverage

VLORA DISTRICT

- Delvina Administrative Unit
- Dhërmi Administrative Unit
- Borsh Administrative Unit
- Konispol Administrative Unit
- Vlora river villages (Drashovice, Kote, Brataj, Tërbac, Velca, Vranisht, Kuc, etc.). About 7% of the population of this district do not receive service coverage.

3. SUBJECT TV "KLAN"

KORÇA DISTRICT

- Voskopoja Administrative Unit
- Dardha Administrative Unit
- Cërrava Administrative Unit
- Administrative unit of Mokra

About 4% of the population of this district do not receive service coverage.

TIRANA DISTRICT

- Zall Bastar Administrative Unit
- Shëngjergj Administrative Unit
- Administrative unit of Baldushk (partially)
- Krraba Administrative Unit
- Ndrog Administrative Unit.

About 2% of the population of this district do not receive service coverage.

DURRËS DISTRICT

- Kruja Administrative Unit
- Cudhi Administrative Unit.

About 4% of the population of this district do not receive service coverage.

SHKODRA DISTRICT

- Administrative unit of Malësia e Madhe
- Puka Administrative Unit
- Fushë Arrëz Administrative Unit
- Administrative unit of Ana e Malit About 8% of the population of this district do not receive service coverage.

GJIROKASTRA DISTRICT

- Krahës Administrative Unit
- Picar Administrative Unit
- Zagorie Administrative Unit
- Kurvelesh Administrative Unit
- Qesarat Administrative Unit
- Dropull Administrative Unit
- Pogon Administrative Unit.

About 25% of the population of this district do not receive service coverage

VLORA DISTRICT

- Borsh Administrative Unit
- Administrative unit of Konispol
- Vlora river villages (Drashovice, Kote, Brataj, Tërbac, Velca, Vranisht, Kuc, etc.). About 3% of the population of this district do not receive service coverage.

4. SUBJECT TV "TOP -CHANNEL", "DIGIT-ALB" AND "ADTN"

BERAT DISTRICT

- Kuçova Administrative Unit
- Administrative unit of Poliçan ("DIGITALB" AND "ADTN")
- Administrative unit of Çorovoda About 4% of the population of this district do not receive service coverage.

KORÇA DISTRICT

- Erseka Administrative Unit
- Leskovik Administrative Unit
- Voskopoja Administrative Unit
- Dardha Administrative Unit
- Cërrava Administrative Unit
- Mokër Administrative Unit.

About 6% of the population of this district do not receive service coverage.

FIER DISTRICT

- Partially Divjaka Municipality. About 0.3% of the district population is not provided with digital signal coverage.

TIRANA DISTRICT

- Kavaja Municipality
- Zall Bastar Administrative Unit
- Shëngjergj Administrative Unit
- Administrative unit of Baldushk (partially)
- Krraba Administrative Unit
- Ndrog Administrative Unit
- Partially Vora Municipality.

About 6% of the population of this district do not receive service coverage.

DURRËS DISTRICT

- Kruja Administrative Unit
- Cudhi Administrative Unit.

About 4% of the population of this district do not receive service coverage.

SHKODRA DISTRICT

- Administrative unit of Malësia e Madhe
- Vau i Dejës Administrative Unit
- Fushë Arrëz Administrative Unit
- Ana- Malit Administrative Unit. *About 8%* of the population of this district do not receive service coverage.

KUKËS DISTRICT

- Bajram Curri Administrative Unit
- Kukës Municipality
- Has Administrative Unit.

About 75% of the district population is not provided with digital signal coverage.

DIBRA DISTRICT

- Bulgiza Administrative Unit
- Peshkopi Administrative Unit ("DIGIT-ALB" AND "ADTN")
- Klos Administrative Unit
- Magellara Administrative Unit
- Burrel Administrative Unit.

About 41% of the district population is not provided with digital signal coverage.

LEZHA DISTRICT

- Administrative unit of Rrëshen *About 4% of* the population of this district do not receive service coverage.

ELBASAN DISTRICT

- Përrenjas Administrative Unit
- Librazhd Administrative Unit ("DIGITALB" AND "ADTN")
- Qukës Administrative Unit
- Peqin Administrative Unit
- Administrative unit of Gramsh About 8% of the population of this district do not receive service coverage.

GJIROKASTRA DISTRICT

- Tepelena Administrative Unit
- Përmet Administrative Unit
- Këlcyra Administrative Unit
- Krahës Administrative Unit
- Picar Administrative Unit
- Zagorie Administrative Unit
- Kurvelesh Administrative Unit
- Qesarat Administrative Unit
- Dropull Administrative Unit
- Pogon Administrative Unit.

About 40 % of the district population is not provided with digital signal coverage.

VLORA DISTRICT

- Borsh Administrative Unit
- Selenica Administrative Unit
- Administrative unit of Himara ("DIGITALB" AND "ADTN")
- Dhërmi Administrative Unit ("DIGITALB" AND "ADTN")
- Konispol Administrative Unit.
- Delvina Administrative Unit ("DIGITALB" AND "ADTN").
- Vlora river villages (Drashovica, Kota, Brataj, Tërbaç, Velca, Vranisht, Kuç etc.).

About 0.3% of the district population is not provided with digital signal coverage.

The percentage of the population that is not provided with digital audiovisual service at the national level, is presented in the following table for each operator.

		covered by digital audio-visual service
1	RTSH	2.8%
2	TV KLAN	3%
3	TOP CHANNEL	11%
4	DIGITALB	11%
5	MEDIA VIZION	7.5%
6	ADTN	11%

We would like to inform that for the areas not covered by audiovisual service by the national digital terrestrial networks, it is possible to provide audiovisual service through cable, satellite, IPTV, OTT and Internet TV platforms, according to the legal/bylaw provisions in force.

Meanwhile, within the framework of the EU project "On technical assistance in the field of telecommunications" benefited by MIE, related to the release of the DD2 band, AMA, in fulfilment of the requirements of foreign consultants on some ambiguities on the number of broadcast stations of national public and private audiovisual operators, was engaged in carrying out the inventory of digital networks throughout the Republic of Albania, an initiative taken for the first time by the AMA and carried out successfully.

Furthermore, in 2022, as part of the Authority's functional duties, the utilization of the audio spectrum was monitored. This monitoring encompassed both systems, centralized and on-site monitoring, with a specific focus on assessing the utilization of the FM band and addressing complaints submitted to the AMA regarding interference issues.





9.1 Release of Digital Dividend Band

After the successful completion of the digitization process of audiovisual transmissions, another process, just as important and at the same time challenging for the regulator, is the process of releasing the Digital Dividend band, known as the DD2 band. The release of the DD2 band from audiovisual transmissions and the use of this band for 5G mobile services will affect the economic, social and cultural development of the country, ensuring the fulfilment of the growing user demand for traffic and the provision of high-speed internet services.

On 26 November 2021 AMA approved the new Digital Frequency Plan (470-694 MHz), a Plan drawn up with foreign consultants, within the framework of technical assistance from ITU in cooperation with the Hungarian regulator, benefited by the Ministry of Infrastructure and Energy (MIE). This Plan envisages 7 national digital networks as well as several local networks

After the approval of the Plan, AMA initiated the cross-border coordination process, with the aim of obtaining agreement from the neighbouring countries, on the modification of the GE06 Plan, in accordance with the provisions of the Geneva Agreement 2006, ratified by Law No. 9851, dated 26.12.2007 "On the ratification of the final acts of the regional radiocommunications conference for the planning of the digital terrestrial broadcasting service (RRC-06)".

During 2022, AMA dealt with a very complex coordination process, due to incompatibilities between border allotments with neighbours, as well as the high number of digital networks in operation in Albania. In order to solve these problems, we engaged in bilateral and multilateral meetings, continuous written and e-mail communications with neighbouring countries, to accelerate and promote agreement on the Plan (470-694 MHz). Despite our efforts, due to the complexity of this process, we found it impossible to finalize this procedure within the deadlines, which brought a domino effect to delays in the further processes of releasing the 700 MHz band (DD2).

In September 2022, thanks to the role, contribution, tireless efforts, persistence and persuasion of counterparts, the AMA successfully finalized the cross-border coordination process at the allotment level, of the new Frequency Plan (470-694 MHz), which modifies the GE06 Plan. The achievement of this objective was very important for AMA, as it paved the way for the continuation of subsequent processes within the framework of the release of the 700 MHz band (DD2) and the use of this band in the future for high-speed 5G networks.

Based on the multilateral cross-border coordination agreements (such as SEDDIF and Adriatic & Ionian), where the principle of equal and qualitative distribution of frequency channels is respected, the signatory administrations enable the operation of 6 national networks.

Meanwhile, thanks to AMA's negotiations, as well as the good will of the neighbours, an agreement was made possible for the operation of the seventh network in Albania, fulfilling the AMA's objective of equal treatment and access for all 7 national audiovisual operators in operation (public/ private), with the aim of avoiding the deformation of the audiovisual market, the negative impact on the consumer, as well as guaranteeing media pluralism.

Albania will be the only country in the region, with 7 national digital networks, while countries with larger populations and territorial areas, such as Slovenia, Croatia, Greece, Serbia..., will operate with 6 such networks

Due to the significant reduction of the UHF band, to enable the operation of 7 digital terrestrial networks, the AMA is engaged in the harmonization of technical parameters in border allotments with these countries, another challenge of the regulator, which will be reflected in the updating of licenses of national operators, specifically "Technical conditions", a subsequent process.

Meanwhile, regarding reaching the agreement on the operation of the network/layer 8 (provided for local broadcasts), AMA has not been able to get Serbia's agreement on the added channels not according to the GE-06 Plan. Currently, only the ALB right-of-use channels in Plan GE-06 can be used to enable the operation of local/regional networks.

Also, in the framework of the release process of the 700 MHz band (DD2), in January 2022, the EU project "On technical assistance in the field of telecommunications", which was finalized in December 2022, won by MIE. This project was based on two main components: the transposition of the new Electronic Communications Code and the release of the 700 MHz band (DD2).

In implementation of component 2, AMA throughout 2022, cooperated closely with foreign experts, contributing with comments and suggestions on the documents:

- -Frequency Migration Strategy;
- -Estimation of Migration Costs;
- -Recommendations on licenses.

We emphasize that the release of the 700 MHz band (DD2) is a complex process, which includes several decision-making in the legal, financial, and technical framework, which places responsibility not only on AMA but on a number of actors (such as MIE, MFE, MFAE, MJ, Competition Authority, AKEP, national public and private audiovisual operators), who all together must have the good will to promote and accelerate the achievement of the objective. For this purpose, by order no. 113, dated 20.07.2022 of the Prime Minister, the inter-institutional working group for the release of the digital dividend two band (DD2) has been established, which will be responsible for the coordination of activities related to the release of this band, as well as for the proposal of all necessary decision-making to the competent bodies for its completion. The works of this group are expected to be developed during 2023.



9.2 Financial Compensation in the Framework of Digitalisation Process

During 2022, AMA, in accordance with the provisions of Law No. 34/2017, "On the release of Digital-Dividend frequencies," as amended, decision No. 38, dated 07.03.2019 "On defining local/regional analogue audiovisual subjects eligible for financial compensation scheme under Law No. 34/2017, as amended", and further amended by decision no. 69, dated 19.05.2021, continued the process of providing financial compensation to former local/regional analogue operators who had been operating on RTSH's digital network or other licensed digital networks.

The progress of the financial compensation, (a fund of 1,000,000 euros), for the period July 2019 - 31 December 2022, was accomplished at a total amount of 607,446 euros, distributed as follows:

No.	Trade name/local television	Berat	Korçe	Fier	Tirana	Shkoder	Vlora	Elbasan	Gjirokaster	Diber	Total/entity
1	"Tv Scan"			12,916	16,647			5,303			34,866
2	"Report TV"	7,316	10,987	15,717	20,257						54,277
3	"TV Lobi		3,785								3,785
4	"TV Berati"	7,315									7,315
5	"TV UTV Education"		10,987		20,257			13,904			45,149
6	"CLUB TV"		10,987		20,257			8,838			40,082
7	"TV Apollon"						11,969				24,884
S	TV "A2"				20,257						20,257
9	"TV SOT 7"		10,987								10,987
10	"News 24 TV"			12,916	16,647		6,086				35,649
11	"Fax News"				15,451						15,451
12	"TV Ora News"			12,916	21,212		4,565				38,692
13	"TV Channel One"			12,916	23,717			1,768			38,401
14	"TV BBF"				16,647						16,647
15	"TV Shijak:"				12,779						12,779
16	"Tv Syri"				20,257						20,257
17	TV "4+"			2,464							2,464
18	"Kopliku" TV					10,506					10,506
19	TV BS					10,506					10,506
20	"Channel 7" Tv								1,741		1,741
21	"Channel 1" Tv					10,506					10,506
22	"ABC News" Tv			18,517	21,636			22,506			62,659
23	"Euro Balkans News" Tv				12,876						12,876
24	"Premium Channel" Tv				20,257		11,969				32,226
25	"Alpo" Tv								3,686		3,686
26	"Antena Nord" Tv					6.161					6.161
27	"Star plus" TV					8,014					8,014
28	"ONE TV Vlora"						9,129				9,129
29	"TV Klaudiana"							13,904			13,904
30	"TV Mati"									3,588	3,588
	Total in euro/allotment	14,631	474,735	101.276	267,519	45,693	18,284	73,293	5,427	3,588	607,446

9.3 The contract between AMA – RTSH

During 2022, AMA carried out two reviews, one in June and one in December, where the focus was on the content broadcast by RTSH channels, as well as the data on the lack of signal coverage of some service areas in the territory of our country.

Reviews by AMA were conducted based on the requirements of Law No. 97/2013, "On audiovisual media in the Republic of Albania", as amended, specifically, Articles 18 and 19, which reflect the objectives and functions of AMA; Article 33, on the obligations of AMSPs; chapter 12, which regulates the activity of RTSH, which includes articles 90 - 126, etc.; as well as refers to the existing content of the Public Broadcasting Service Contract, approved by the Audiovisual Media Authority, AMA, with decision no. 18, dated 02.03.2017.

The main findings of the review that was carried out at the end of 2022 were:

- Assessment for the daily coverage by RTSH 1 and RTSH SPORT channels of the World Football Championship in
 Qatar, as a fulfillment of the obligation from the Public Broadcasting Service Contract for the live broadcast of
 cultural, social, sports activities, or other events with interest to the general public. The space dedicated to this
 activity, through the live broadcast of matches, special shows with information, analysis, interviews, curiosities,
 or other attractive formats, was identified as diverse and quality content.
- AMA has been informed by RTSH leaders about the current efforts being made in the process of finding sign language experts and looks forward to returning to fulfilling the obligations that the Public Broadcaster has, according to the Contract, to activate the standard of accompanying programs certain with this technique.
- For AMA, the channel RTSH KUVENDI, in addition to broadcasting or rebroadcasting parliamentary sessions or the work of permanent committees, should also include informative and explanatory content carried out through conversations, interviews, or professional analyses with experts in the field, on draft laws that are in the process of discussion and that are important for the citizen and the community. This approach will have more impact on encouraging and enlivening the public consultation on legal acts, before they are discussed and voted on in the plenary session by the Members of Parliament. We also recall a recommendation of the Committee for Education and Public Information Media, (meeting dated 26.06.2020), that RTSH PARLIAMENT "must have more space, by being more active and come to the aid of Members of Parliament and the Assembly, and it should broadcast not only the sessions but also documentaries, interviews, reports, bringing here a parallelism with neighbouring countries"

- RTSH FËMIJË channel , regarding the content of the programs it currently broadcasts, generally fulfils the requirements that were foreseen in the RTSH Public Broadcasting Service Contract. However, as in prior monitoring assessments, we must emphasize the necessity of expanding the range of programs designed for children, encompassing entertainment, cultural, and educational content, even for a broader age spectrum, specifically age groups 10 -14 years old and 15 18 years old. By doing so, the RTSH FËMIJË channel can continually enrich and enhance its program structure, offering a diverse selection of high-quality content dedicated to children with programs which have well-defined formats and characteristics, emphasizing active participation by children on the screen.
- AMA repeats the suggestion for the RTSH SHKOLLË channel, which can be enriched with cultural shows and
 entertainment sections, especially at the weekend, as well as with a more appropriate programming of broadcasts
 on school vacation days. The variety of "after school" programs will make the channel even more attractive for
 children, fulfilling their demands and wishes, according to different age groups.
- Efforts must continue on the part of RTSH programs to fully meet the requirements of Law No. 76/2014, on some additions and amendments to Law No. 9636, dated 6.11.2006, "On health protection from tobacco products", as amended. Article 1 of this law states that RTSH "broadcasts monthly educational programs on health protection from tobacco products, in accordance with the law on audiovisual media in the Republic of Albania. These educational programs have a total duration of 90 minutes and are broadcast from 08.00 to 22.00. One of these programs, with a duration of 30 minutes, must be broadcast from 17.00 to 22.00".

Regarding the compliance with the Service Contract in relation to the digital signal coverage of the public operator, please refer to paragraph 9.4 of this report.

9.4 Planning and Administration of Frequency spectrum

The planning and administration of the audio/audiovisual frequency spectrum is carried out in accordance with the provisions of Law No. 97/2013 "On audiovisual media in the Republic of Albania", amended, as well as national and international by-laws and regulatory acts.

The highly effective management of the audio/audiovisual spectrum creates opportunities to license new operators in the market, ensures the avoidance of harmful interferences inside and outside the country and guarantees high quality service to end users.

9.4.1 Frequency planning for audiovisual services

Based on national and international legal acts and by-laws, the frequency band defined for DTT digital terrestrial transmissions is the UHF and VHF band. Based on the National Digital Plan (NDP), the UHF band is currently in use by audiovisual operators, enabling digital transmissions throughout the country.

RTSH - the Albanian public operator - possesses frequencies for two digital networks and 5 national private digital operators possess frequencies for one digital network. Meanwhile, a local network has been licensed, which covers the allotment service of Elbasan. Also, in PKN are provided some free frequencies for the licensing of local/regional operators. The Digital Frequency Plan is presented as follows:

Digital Frequency Plan for 2 national public networks of RTSH (approved by AMA by decision no. 27, dated 01.02.2013)

	AL-	AL-	AL-	AL-	AL-	AL-	AL-	AL-	AL-	AL-	AL-
National											
Private	001D	002D	003D	004D	005D	006D	007D	008D	009D	010D	011D
Networks	Shkoder	Kukes	Diber	Lezhe	Tirana	Elbasan	Fier	Berat	Korçe	Gjirokaster	Vlora
in Albania											
RTSH											
(MUX-1)	28	26	38	43	34	23	27	25	43	26	23
RTSH											
(MUX-2)	41	32	24	23	21	33	31	30	45	37	39

Digital Frequency Plan for 5 national private networks in the UHF band in the Republic of Albania

National	AL-	AL-	AL-	AL-	AL-	AL-	AL-	AL-	AL-	AL-	AL-
Private	001D	002D	003D	004D	005D	006D	007D	008D	009D	010D	011D
Networks	Shkoder	Kukes	Diber	Lezhe	Tirana	Elbasan	Fier	Berat	Korçe	Gjirokaster	Vlora
KLAN	34	50	55	33	41	42	35	32	51	44	46
(MUX-3)	31	30	33	33	.1	12	33	32	31		10
DIGITALB	59	40	30	46	53	48	28	36	55	29	57
(MUX-4)	37	10	30	10	33	10	20	30	33	2)	37
TOP	45	42	25	29	59	49	22	54	57	50	43
CHANNEL	.5	.2	20			.,		3.	5,	30	1.5
(MUX-5)											
MEDIA	22	36	54		57	46	29	24	21	48	53
VIZION	22	30	31		37	10	27	21	21	10	
(MUX-6)											
ADTN	51	52	60		39	40	45	47	27	35	51
(MUX-7)	31	32	00	•••••	37	70	73	77	21	33	<i>J</i> 1

The company "Era Digital" sh.p.k., by AMA's decision no. 186, dated 19.12.2019, has been granted a local license for digital audiovisual broadcasting for the district of Elbasan. The Ch37 frequency channel has been defined in use.

Free frequency channels in VHF and UHF band

	AL-	AL-	AL-	AL-	AL-	AL-	AL-	AL-	AL-	AL-	AL-	AL-
												012D
	001D	002D	003D	004D	005D	006D	007D	008D	009D	010D	011D	Sub.
	Shkoder	Kukes	Diber	Lezhe	Tirana	Elbasan	Fier	Berat	Korçe	Gjirokaster	Vlora	Tirana
	9	9	8	9	10	7	10	5	6	8	8	6
Free		56				56		52	28	38		26
channels in						58			59	56		44
VHF												
Free										58		50
channels in										60		60
UHF												

Referring to the table above, there are 6 free frequency blocks in band III VHF for digital terrestrial audiovisual service (DTT) which enable a national digital network. Meanwhile regarding the digital terrestrial audio service (T-DAB) there are 6 free channels, specifically Ch11A, Ch11B, Ch11D, Ch12A, Ch12B and Ch12C, which enable two national digital networks.

As for the UHF band, the number of free channels is reduced, given the release of the 694-790 MHz band known as the DD2 band. Specifically, remain the following: 1 frequency in the District of Korça (Ch28), 1 frequency in the District of Gjirokastra (Ch38) and 2 frequencies in the sub-allotment of Tirana (Ch 26 and Ch44).

Based on the Digital Frequency Plan, it results that about 30.9% the frequency channels, defined by AMA, for the 5 national private UHF networks, belong to the DD2 band.

Meanwhile, in the framework of the 700 band (DD2) release process, by AMA's the decision, no. 96, dated 26.11.2021, the new Digital Frequency Plan for digital terrestrial broadcasting has been approved (which does not include DD2 band), which envisages 7 national digital networks as well as some local/regional networks as follows:

National Private Networks	AL001D	AL002D	AL003D	AL004D	AL005D	AL006D	AL007D	AL008D	AL009D	AL010D	AL011D	Total channels
MUX 1 (RTSII)	33	33	42	33	33	42	31	36	27	37	31	6
MUX 2(RTSH)	34	34	40	34	34	40	39	41	28	38	39	6
MUX 3 (KLAN)	28	28	30	28	28	30	29	30	45	29	23	5
MUX 4 (DIGITALB)	21	36	38	21	21	48	21	48	48	48	28	5
MUX 5 (TOP CHANNEL)	22	22	24	22	22	24	27	47	24	26	27	5
MUX 6 (MEDIA VIZION)	44		32	45	45	46	43	43	43	44	43	5
MUX7 (ADTN)	23	23	25	23	23	25	35	32	21	35	35	5
Local	29	26	27	29	-	37	-	34	-	42		

After successful completion of cross-border coordination at the allotment level of the new Numerical Frequency Plan (470-694 MHz), in September 2022, the Plan, as amended, approved by the AMA in February 2023 is according to the table below:

National Private Networks	AL001D	AL002D	AL003D	AL004D	AL005D	AL006D	AL007D	AL008D	AL009D	AL010D	AL011D	AL012D	Total chan nels
MUX 1 (RTSII)	33	42	42	33	33	42	28	36	27	37	28	na	6
MUX 2 (RTSH)	34	40	40	34	34	40	27	22	28	38	27	na	6
MUX 3 (KLAN)	28	30	30	28	41	30	41	29	45	29	23	na	6
MUX 4 (DIGITALB)	21	36	38	21	21	48	31	48	48	48	31	na	5
MUX 5 (TOP CHANNEL)	22	32	24	22	39	24	39	47	47	26	39	na	6
MUX 6 (MEDIA VIZION)	45	45	29	45	37	46	43	43	43	44	43	na	6
MUX7 (ADTN)	23	23	25	23	23	25	35	32	21	35	35	na	5
Local	41	26	27*	na	na	na	na	34*	na	42*	na	26	
												44	

^{*} for layer 8 (local), the opening of the competition for granting the use of frequency channels will be opened only if the cross-border coordination and their registration in the ITU are finalized, as well as the absence of internal interference after the implementation of the migration process of national operators (public/ private).

9.4.2 Audiovisual band frequency coordination

Following the approval of the Digital Frequency Plan (not including the 700 band), AMA has initiated the coordination procedure of the UHF band with neighbouring countries, by sending an official letter requesting cross-border coordination, in order to obtain approval from the relevant administrations, for the changes proposed of the GE-06 Plan.

During February and March 2022, AMA has engaged in several bilateral meetings with countries in the region such as Montenegro, Northern Macedonia, Greece, Croatia, Italy to reach an agreement on the Albanian Frequency Plan.

In order to encourage, accelerate the finalization of this coordination procedure, sharing experiences and discussions on the use of UHF and VHF band, regulatory challenges, considerations for the future with reference to frequency coordination issues, AMA has organized two regional meetings (February 2022 and August 2022), in one of which two memorandums of understanding were signed with Montenegro and North Macedonia, with the aim of committing the parties to release the 700 MHz band (DD2) from audiovisual transmissions as soon as possible.

Also, with the same spirit of cooperation, AMA has intensively pursued negotiations with neighbours through written communications and bilateral and multilateral online meetings, to resolve the issues encountered for the use of common channels in critical allotments and to benefit from the use of 7 networks digital audiovisual, which are a national treasure.

The agreement of all neighbours on the new Digital Plan (470-694 MHz) was finalized in September 2022, paving the way for further procedures such as the drafting of the Migration Strategy, the registration of frequency channels in the ITU, the implementation of changes relevant in the national digital networks, as well as the signing, by the Albanian side, of multilateral agreements for the use of the UHF band, such as SEDDIF and Adriatic and Ionian.

In the framework of the coordination process of VHF III band for digital audio/audiovisual broadcasting (in DVB-T2 and T-DAB technology) with the countries that are washed by Adriatic and Ionian sea waters (Italy, Croatia, Slovenia, Montenegro, Bosnia -Herzegovina, Greece and Albania), initiated by the Italian administration, there have been organized even during 2022 several meetings, in order to reallocate and use this band efficiently, proportionately and with no harmful interference.

This process, started in October 2019, is nearing completion. After many discussions and proposals between the participating administrations, it has been adopted, in principle, the new draft frequency plan for the reallocation of VHF III band, a procedure which is still in coordination with the countries that are washed by Adriatic and Ionian sea waters, as well as the border countries of each administration of this group. Based on the GE-06 Plan, Albania can build a national network enabling digital terrestrial audiovisual broadcasting (DTT) and two national networks enabling digital terrestrial audio broadcasting (T-DAB).

Meanwhile, the new draft frequency plan for the reallocation of the VHF III band by the Adriatic and Ionian group, in contrast to the GE-06 Plan, enables, for the Albanian administration, in addition to the above, the third national network for T-DAB digital audio broadcasting, exclusively. As for the third network, in negotiations with the Italian administration on the use of the channel Ch 10C, AMA has enabled the use of this channel exclusively by both administrations, with the condition of respecting the technical parameters of the transmission, benefiting from a proportional and efficient allocation of band III VHF.

Referring to the coordination procedure with neighbouring countries, which are not part of the Adriatic and Ionian group, Albania has coordinated with the administrations of Serbia, Northern Macedonia and Kosovo, to obtain their consent. In this framework, Albania has received approval from the Serbian administration, for the proposed changes to the GE06 Plan, for the use of frequency channels in DTT and T-DAB services. Meanwhile, the North Macedonian party has agreed on the frequency channels of the T-DAB service.

The coordination process with the North Macedonian party continues as far as the agreement on DTT service frequencies is concerned. During 2022, AMA engaged in continuous communications with the North Macedonian side to resolve incompatibilities on the use of DTT systems, proposing solutions, technical analysis on the joint use of similar channels in border allotments. Despite constant insistence, we have not received concrete answers from this administration. In the meetings of the "Adriatic and Ionian" III VHF band coordination group, AMA continuously reported on the disagreement of the administration of North Macedonia on the III VHF band reallocation draft plan, and the impossibility of solving this problem.

In the last meeting, in December 2022, the administration of Italy expressed its readiness to provide its technical assistance on the resolution of the ALB-MCD incompatibility, in order for Albania to be a signatory of the "Adriatic and Ionian" multilateral agreement, for enabling the operation of digital audio/audiovisual networks in band III VHF.

During 2023, the signing of this Agreement is expected from all the countries near the Adriatic and Ionian seas.

Digital radio broadcasts open a new window in the development of this media market, increasing the quality of broadcasting, program capacities, media pluralism, competition in the market.

9.4.3 Frequency planning for audio services

For the planning and administration of the audio spectrum FM 87.5-108 MHz, AMA, has periodically evaluated the free capacities of audio frequencies, as well as updated the Frequency Use Plan for these services. The availability of free frequencies, of the FM audio band, remains another challenge for the regulatory authority, given that in the regions where there is more demand for this service such as Tirana, Durrës, Lezhë, Fier and Vlora, are identified shortages in finite sources, while there are available resources needed for other districts of the country.

AMA, during 2022, has carried out technical studies with the aim of renewing the licenses of subjects that offer analog audio transmissions in different regions of the country. During this year, no competitions were opened for granting use of FM audio frequencies for analog transmissions, due to the lack of availability of free frequencies, in those regions where interest in analog audio transmissions was expressed by the relevant subjects, as well as the need for international coordination.

Regarding its tasks, AMA has also conducted studies on the requests submitted by audio entities to change the broadcasting technical characteristics. Studies consist on performing technical calculations on the signal coverage of the service area and avoiding various interferences inside and outside the country.

9.5 Addressing interference caused by audio/audiovisual operators

In the framework of the improvement in interferences identification, coming from neighbouring countries and those caused by broadcasting points in the territory of Albania, as well as taking measures to avoid them, even during 2022, AMA has had a special focus on monitoring FM audio spectrum, throughout the country. Monitoring aims to identify and resolve quickly interferences caused by signals emitted by broadcasters in neighbouring countries. In this framework, AMA manages the centralized FM audio spectrum monitoring system, in 12 broadcasting stations.

As we have informed before, this system monitors the FM audio spectrum online, namely in the cities of Kukës, Shkodra, Lezha, Durrës, Fier, Vlora, Berat, Gjirokastra, Korça, Pogradec, Librazhd and Saranda. In addition to the immediate identification of interferences, the system enables: a) Immediate identification of cases when market operators change frequencies; b) Immediate identification of illegal use of the audio spectrum; c) Checking the real state of broadcasting of licensed audio subjects (whether they are broadcasting or not); d) Control of the technical parameters of the transmission of audio entities. In other cities, audio spectrum monitoring is performed periodically through the Mobile Frequency Monitoring Centre (MFMC).

Interferences produced by FM broadcasting in air navigation band

During 2022, AMA has administered the complaint of "Albcontrol" sh.a for harmful interference in the ground-air communication frequencies 122.5 Mhz and 123.5 Mhz in the Rinas airport area.

AMA experts, after being acquainted with this issue, organized a joint monitoring with AKEP experts, as well as representatives from Albcontrol in the area near Rinas airport, as well as in several points around the perimeter of the runway where planes land. At the end of the measurements, the presence of interfering signals was not identified.

Interferences produced by the neighbouring countries in FM band (VHF)

With reference to internal interference, during 2022, AMA administered the complaint of the electronic communications entrepreneur "Vodafone Albania" sh.a., on the cause of harmful interference in the uplink GSM 900, uplink GSM 1800 and uplink LTE 800 bands by audiovisual transmitters, in Gjirokastra district.

To resolve the complaint of the entrepreneur Vodafone Albania sh.a., a joint monitoring group with AMA, AKEP and the mobile operator representatives was established.

After the necessary verifications in the field, the source of the interference was identified and immediate measures were taken to eliminate it.

Meanwhile, in terms of interference towards neighbouring countries, due to the operation of MFCN systems in the 694-790 MHz band, Croatia, Montenegro, North Macedonia and Italy identify very high signal levels in their respective territories emitted by our national audiovisual transmitters. For this purpose, in the multilateral meetings held within the framework of frequency coordination, they have continuously requested the release as soon as possible of the 700 MHz band from audiovisual transmissions, since otherwise there will be harmful interference, which will hinder the operation of 5G mobile transmissions.

In the framework of the 700 MHz band release from audiovisual transmissions in Albania, in January 2023, AMA administered the final documents, forwarded by MIE on the EU project "On technical assistance in the field of telecommunications", such as the Migration Strategy, the Evaluation of the costs of migration and recommendations on licenses.

Appreciating the complexity of this process, AMA will continue to cooperate with national audiovisual operators and neighbours to successfully finalize the release of the 700 MHz band from digital audiovisual broadcasting in RSH. For this purpose, AMA will consider and evaluate possible technical scenarios on a transitory migration, before the migration to the frequency channels according to the Plan (470-694 MHz), to mitigate as much as possible the negative impact that any delay of this process may bring to the neighbours.

AMA ACTING IN COMPLIANCE WITH TRANSPARENCY AND INCREASING INSTITUCIONAL REPUTATION

10.1 Internal structure of the institution

Throughout 2022, the Audiovisual Media Authority continued to pursue its goals as outlined in the 20212023 strategic action plans, based on the functional responsibilities of its constituent units.

The management of human resources by the Audiovisual Media Authority has been an important requirement in enhancing productivity and transparency in its services, fostering a dynamic environment for the administration that worked every day towards achieving its ongoing objectives.

The development of human and organizational resources is based on the human resources policies manual, a document designed specifically to elevate and improve the technical and administrative capabilities of the AMA staff with the inclusion of all the legislation necessary for the civil servant and (employees with employment contracts); in addition, it incorporates work practices based on administrative experience.

Based on the institutional functions and objectives of the AMA's 20212023 strategic action plan, finding insufficiency in covering all the functions and processes required for the completion of these strategic objectives, including facing the challenges encountered by the obligations of the international acts and technological developments in the field of media, based on the organic law of AMA, article 19 point 17, AMA proposed to the Assembly of Albania changes in the organizational structure of the institution.

The proposed structural changes were drawn up in full assessment of legality, specifically the law of AMA, that of the salaries and rewards of the structures of independent constitutional institutions and were approved by decision no 64, dated 07.07.2022 of the Board of Audiovisual Media Authority, unanimously.

By Decision No. 86/2022 of the Assembly of Albania the structure and organization of AMA was approved. In fulfillment of the legal deadlines, during December 2022, the restructuring process was carried out in support of Article 50 of Law no. 152/2013 "On civil servants", as amended, and by-laws for the temporary and permanent transfer of civil servants.

Following the procedures for the selection of AMA members, the Assembly of the Republic of Albania, on 17.02.2022, elected 6 members of AMA. The first meeting of appointing AMA members took place on 17 March 2022. By Decision No. With decision no. 13, dated 17.03.2022 "On the election of the Deputy-Chairperson of the AMA" Mrs. Desada Metaj has been elected Vice-President of AMA.

During 2022, the meetings of AMA members have continued in normal basis and in special cases were held through hybrid platforms. In Total during this reporting year, there were held 25 meetings.

Based on the Memorandum of Understanding on "Cooperation and inter-institutional interaction between AMA and the Polytechnic University of Tirana" with the aim of increasing human and technical capacities in the field of audiovisual media and creating support spaces in the training activity, internships of students at AMA, 7 (seven) students of the Department of Electronics and Telecommunications, University of Tirana, were trained for a period of 1 month with the full support of the AMA staff.

The Audiovisual Media Authority, as part of the national work practices program, also joined the VII Call of the National Work Practices Program in 2022. Based on decision No. 395, dated 29.04.2015, of the Council of Ministers "On the approval of the National Program of Work Practices in the State Administration and other Public Institutions", amended, point 12/a of the methodology and action plan approved by the Ministry of Education, Sports and Youth, AMA included in its activity the internship of two students who successfully completed it at the organizational structures of AMA, benefiting from a qualifying experience for the further development of professional, academic and personal skills, while also receiving certification by the Ministry of Education, Sport and Youth.

10.2 Transparency program

The Audiovisual Media Authority, as an independent public institution, in addition to its activity, defined in Law No. 97/2013 "On audiovisual media in the Republic of Albania" as amended, must ensure to be transparent to the public, implementing the provisions deriving from Law No. 119/2014 "On the Right to Information", as amended.

The transparency program, revised, is divided into several subcategories for the publication of information by the public authority, which included the legal framework of the activity of AMA within the Law No. 119/2014 "On the Right to Information", as amended, control and monitoring mechanisms operating on AMA, AMA's budget and financial data information, information on procurement procedures/ competitive concession/public-private partnership procedures, services provided by AMA, procedures / mechanisms for giving opinions regarding the process of drafting by-laws, etc.

The information made public in this program, aims to make the transparency of AMA's work activity, through its detailed reflection on the official websitewww.ama.gov.al. In the content of the transparency program, the publication scheme is evidenced, which reflects the menus where the document is addressed on the official website with the relevant link. In addition, every document made public is updated in form and content.

AMA's official website is built such that it provides information to the public without request, in easily understandable formats. The sections of the official website also reflect information that is characterized by restrictions on the identification of personal data due to the preservation of the privacy of individuals/entities, which is also supervised by the officer for the protection of Personal Data designated by the institution as a responsible person.

AMA has followed the standard of soliciting opinions, suggestions and proposals from stakeholders, rigorously implementing the processes of consultation and public consultation, from which it improves the drafts presented on the AMA official website.

Also, the Audiovisual Media Authority publishes the "Register of Requests and Responses", which reflects all requests for information that have been submitted to the institution and the information provided in their response. This register is updated every 3 months and published on AMA's website. During 2022, the Audiovisual Media Authority received about 54 information requests, the answers of which were provided within the deadline provided by law (10 working days), thus setting a positive review for AMA.

At the service of the public and the improvement of administrative procedures, part of the transparency are also the digital forms for complaints / applications, enabling the simplification of the procedures for the provision of services to the public. The increase in transparency and accountability of the regulator affects the strengthening of the credibility of citizens.

One of the primary objectives of AMA is to reduce bureaucratic hurdles by establishing communication with the public and the subjects that the authority licenses/authorizes, and thanks to AMA email, info@ama.gov.al, the responses are provided according to the deadlines set by Law No. 119/2014 "On the Right to Information", as amended. Furthermore, since the social networks Facebook and Instagram are accessible by many citizens, AMA has its official addresses, which has increased interaction with citizens and has proven to be an efficient way to achieve goals in a faster and less bureaucratic way.

AMA has published a database with information about audio and audiovisual operators in the Republic of Albania, which is located in the AMSPs section of its website. It includes the data of all AMSPs that AMA has authorized/licensed, summarized in a format that is more easily accessible by citizens or stakeholders.

The premises of the Audiovisual Media Authority are open for meetings with citizens who have complaints/inquiries or for subjects who have uncertainties in the process of completing documents, face difficulties in the application stages or have questions about the process of obtaining/renewing the license. The Directorates of AMA, led mainly by the director, hold face-to-face meetings in the reception hall, putting the necessary information at the service of subjects or citizens, avoiding the bureaucratic process that can be created through written communication. Also, following the communication and transparency between the subjects/citizens and the authority, on the official website of the AMA, in addition to the official e-mail, the e-mails of each director and the phone numbers are published to facilitate and address the problems in the relevant department.

10.3 AMA's activities

During 2022, the AMA continued its activities with stakeholders regarding important issues affecting audiovisual media. In the framework of the process of releasing the 700 MHz band with the countries of the region, the Review of the Broadcasting Code as well as other important issues, AMA has held a series of meetings such as:

 The release of the 700 MHz band, AMA coordination agenda with the countries of the region, opened by the meeting with the Montenegrin counterparts

The President of the Audiovisual Media Authority, Mrs. Armela Krasniqi and the AMA delegation held a meeting with the counterparts of the Agency for Electronic Communications and Postal Services of Montenegro. Mrs. Krasniqi was received by the Executive Director Darko Grgurovic, with whom they highlighted the need for frequency coordination within the process of releasing the 700 MHz band and advancing this agenda as quickly as possible. The parties agreed in principle and set milestones for the continuation of cooperation in this direction by drawing up a detailed plan on how to reach the final agreement, which is expected to be signed in the shortest possible time. In the framework of this process, for its frequency plan Albania has received the approval of Bosnia and Herzegovina and is following the agenda of coordination meetings with all neighbouring countries in the region with the aim to finalize this process as soon as possible.

 The Release of 700 Mhz frequency band, AMA has expressed its agreement in principle with Northern Macedonia

The President of the Audiovisual Media Authority, Mrs. Armela Krasniqi, together with a delegation from AMA, has started a tour of meetings in neighbouring countries to coordinate the work for the release of the 700 MHz frequency band.

During her visit to Northern Macedonia, Mrs. Krasniqi also met with counterparts of the Agency for Audio and Audiovisual Media Services (ASHMA), the Director Mr. Zoran Trajcevski and the Deputy Director Mr. Selver Ajdiniku, with whom Mrs. Krasniqi discussed the obligations deriving from the EU Directive 2018/1808 as well as the harmonization of current regulations with the best European practices.

The Parties committed to deepen and strengthen their cooperation and exchange experiences on common issues affecting both authorities.

 Meeting with the representatives of the Regulatory Agency of Electronic Communications and Postal Services (RATEL) Serbia.

Following the regional meetings, the AMA delegation was on an official visit to the Serbian state to discuss with counterparts the coordination of the frequency plan and the harmonization of technical parameters. The discussions were aimed at highlighting the challenges on the release of the 700 MHz band (as well as other issues). Bilateral meetings and continuous written communications with neighbouring countries continued to accelerate and promote agreement on the Plan (470-694 MHz).

• Release of the 700 MHz frequency band, AMA meeting in Greece

Following the agenda of meetings in neighbouring countries with Albania to coordinate the process for the release of the 700-frequency band, AMA President Mrs. Armela Krasniqi and the accompanying Albanian delegation held a meeting at the Ministry of Digital Governance in neighbouring Greece. In this meeting Mrs. Krasniqi was welcomed by the Secretary General of Telecommunications and Postal Services, Dr. Athanasios Staveris Polykalas. The President of AMA shared the experience and discussions she had with counterparts in other countries in the region about the challenges and opportunities for the release of this band.

The representatives of the two institutions agreed to continue this bilateral round of discussions and seek solutions for the technical coordination in order to advance this process, which requires the cooperation of all neighbouring countries.

Business meeting between regional regulators for the EU Directive and the 700 MHz Frequency Band

The Audiovisual Media Authority held a business meeting on the procedure of implementation of the AVMS Directive and the release of the 700 Frequency Band. This round table was attended by leaders of the authorities from Kosovo, Montenegro, Northern Macedonia and Serbia. The implementation of the Directive is a process in which Albania is engaged in the framework of European Integration, such as the need to improve the national legal framework as well as by-laws in the field of audio/audiovisual media, the harmonization of the "acquis communitaire" legislation in the audiovisual field. The transposition of the Directive 2018/1808 is scheduled in the National Plan for European Integration (PKIE) 2022-2024. The interlocutors shared the opinion that the main challenge faced by regulatory authorities in transposing the Directive is related to "video sharing platforms". Participants from countries in the region praised this AMA initiative - as especially fruitful not only in terms of exchange of experiences, but also in strengthening and consolidating cooperation between neighbours.

The release of the 700 frequency band: Krasniqi conducts a meeting with the Croatian Regulatory Authority for Network Industry (HAKOM) in Croatia

Albania follows the meetings agenda in order to coordinate the Release of the 700 Frequency Band (known as DD2). The President of the Audiovisual Media Authority, Mrs. Armela Krasniqi, and the AMA delegation went on to Croatian for an official visit in order to discuss with their Croatian counterparts regarding the coordination of the frequency plan and the harmonization of technical parameters. The parties discussed topics on which the two countries are facing issues that need to be resolved following the coordination of the UHF band frequencies and the III-VHF band. The Croatian party agreed in principle with the frequency plan of Albania and will continue working with the AMA administration to harmonize the technical parameters in order to avoid the future interference. Croatia was one of the last countries in the region that had not given its consent to the Albanian frequency plan.

• Regional meeting: "Use of the UHF and VHF band, regulatory challenges, considerations for the future with reference to frequency coordination issues"

The Audiovisual Media Authority, within the 470-694 MHz band coordination process, with the aim of releasing the 700 MHz band from audiovisual transmissions and making it available for 5G mobile networks, organized in Durrës, on 30 August 2022, the regional round table with the topic: "Use of the UHF and VHF band, regulatory challenges, considerations for the future with reference to frequency coordination issues". The participation of representatives from the respective homologous regulators of neighboring countries such as Slovenia, Croatia, Montenegro, Serbia, Kosovo and North Macedonia marked high interest and appreciation in terms of professional technical discussions on expectations and continuity of work in achieving the sole purpose of the most efficient use of the audio/audiovisual spectrum. This meeting also came as a sign of gratitude for the continuous, intensive and fruitful cooperation with the counterparts of the neighbouring countries, to coordinate and agree on the changes of the GE06 Plan of Albania.

New Frequency Plan, AMA with EU experts and national operators

The release of the 700MHz frequency band, known as DD2, requires the commitment of all institutional and private stakeholders involved in this process in order to finalize it within the deadlines recommended in national and international legal acts. A week of intensive working discussions has started in the premises of AMA between national operators (public and private) with the group of EU experts, benefited from the Albanian party in the framework of technical assistance for the release of DD2 from audiovisual broadcasts. The group of experts continued with the official visit near the audio-visual transmission points, in order to have a more realistic and clear picture for every recommendation it will offer in this process.

World Radio Day / AMA public consultation on the New Draft Radio Regulations!

On this occasion, the Audiovisual Media Authority organized a meeting with audio service providers in the premises of the New Library of the city of Korçë. AMA paid and is currently paying attention to monitoring the performance of radios through the facilitation of licensing / re-licensing procedures; has supported the radio newsrooms in coping with the COVID-19 situation, reducing the financial obligation according to the level of the signal coverage area. In this meeting, there was a discussion on the Radio Draft-Regulation that the AMA has in the process of public consultation with the aim of sharing opinions and proposals with the editors to facilitate procedures, transparency and to guarantee free competition in the market. Representatives from private and public radio in Korça, Tirana, Elbasan, Vlora, Lushnja and Berat took part in this meeting.

· AMA in the public consultation process of the Radio Draft - Regulations

The Audiovisual Media Authority held its second round table discussion regarding the AMA Draft Regulation on analogue audio broadcasts, which is in the public consultation phase. The meeting held in Shkodra, follows the first round table held in the city of Korca with the audio service providers. The public consultation process, undertaken by Audiovisual Media Authority, aimed at direct communication with the representatives of the radio editorial offices, the exchange of opinions and proposals between the parties, in order to create simplified procedures, transparency and free competition, where the opinions and the concrete proposals on the discussed Draft - Regulation, are considered by AMA as an important contribution to the drafting of a final project, always in favour of the quality and variety of radiophonic services. Representatives from private and public radio stations of Shkodra, Tirana, Lezha, Kukës and Dibra district participated in the discussion round table: "On the procedures and criteria for granting the analog audio broadcasting license".

Review of the Broadcasting Code as a need for the development of the audiovisual market 22-04-2022

The Audiovisual Media Authority, AMA, started the process of reviewing the Broadcasting Code at a conference in Tirana, where representatives of homologous authorities, experts from the academic world and the media, representatives of stakeholders, from NGOs, etc., were present

Mrs. Mrs. Krasniqi mentioned the importance of the Broadcasting Code and the need to review this document, which has been approved since 2017, but which requires revision in almost the entire range and variety of action of this bylaw.

AMA has started efforts to implement the European Directive on Audiovisual Services approved in 2018 by the European Parliament, an act that will require amendments to the organic law of AMA.

The foreign experts who took the floor at this conference were Dr. Wolfgang Kreissig, Chairman of the Directors of the Audiovisual Media Authorities of the German Lands and of the Licensing and Supervision Commission, presented the German experience in media management and the legal acts which are applied in this country.

Francesco Sciacchitano, consultant for legal affairs at the Italian regulatory authority, AGCOM and head of the working groups for the international platforms of the regulators, brought his country's model to the field and the challenges faced.

EPRA's vice president, at the same time legal consultant for European affairs at the Conference of Directors of Audiovisual Media Authorities of the German Lands, Peter Metzneller, focused on the efforts that international bodies are making in the field of media regulators to solve these similar challenges, in all countries.

The Audiovisual Media Authority is working with Mrs. Vasilika Hysi, an expert for the drafting of the New Broadcasting Code. She made a presentation of the most important moments in which the Current Code will be affected and those that need to be added or planned. The areas that will be addressed are: "Content for children, women and girls, persons with disabilities, Hate speech and victim protection."

This was the first opening meeting planned under the Broadcasting Code Review. The Audiovisual Media Authority has continued the discussion of this document with all interest groups and further the public consultation in order to draft an understandable, applicable document, which guarantees reliability and equality.

AMA-CoE collaboration to review the Broadcasting Code and modernize the monitoring studio

The Chairperson of the Audiovisual Media Authority, Mrs. Armela Krasniqi, held a meeting with Mr. Cesare Pitea, manager of the Jufrex 2 regional project, the Freedom of Expression and Media component in the Western Balkans and Turkey, within the horizontal instrument II, joint project of the European Union and the Council of Europe. In this meeting, concrete projects were discussed within the framework of strengthening the institution's capabilities, which go along with the focus of this project that is being developed in the Western Balkans and Turkey. In this framework, AMA will cooperate with the Council of Europe for the revision of the Broadcasting Code. During this process, AMA will be assisted by CoE experts who will contribute to the design and standardization with international best practices and documents. Modernization of the monitoring studio at AMA is another issue on which the parties will cooperate. This project helps the institution during its daily work by increasing the quality, range and speed of monitoring.

AMA and IMC at the US Department of State

A joint delegation of the two media regulators of Albania and Kosovo, namely the Audiovisual Media Authority (AMA) and the Independent Media Commission (IMC) conducted a working visit in the United States of America. The representatives of the two regulatory authorities, headed by Mrs. Armela Krasniqi and Mr. Xhevat Latifi, at the US Department of State, were received by Mr. Martin McDowell, Director of the Office for Central and South Eastern Europe.

The dynamics of developments in both regulatory authorities, as well as the challenges they face, were presented during the meeting, where emphasis was placed on guaranteeing media freedom and fair competition in audio/audiovisual broadcasting, but also mentioning the efforts being made to avoid the phenomena of information disorder, more in the form of disinformation or propaganda. All efforts become even more necessary in light of the war in Ukraine and the disinformation that is an ongoing threat to all democratic societies. Director Mcdowell conveyed the best regards of Mr. Grabriel Escobar, Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Office of European and Eurasian Affairs. Mr. Escobar could not personally contact the AMA and IMC delegations, due to a work agenda in the region.

• AMA and IMC meet the Federal Communication Commission

During their visit to the United States of America, the regulators delegations of Albania and Kosovo met with senior representatives of the American counterpart institution, the Federal Communication Commission.

AMA and IMC met for the first time with the Federal Communications Commission and decided to start cooperation in three areas of mutual interest:

- The release of frequency bands with a special focus on informing the viewer about the process; License
- renewal process;
- -Audiovisual and content regulation.

The participants in the meeting expressed the will to strengthen institutional cooperation and agreed on a cooperation calendar.

Washington, AMA and IMC at National Press Club

During their stay in the USA, the delegations of the Audiovisual Media Authority of Albania and the Independent Media Commission of Kosovo, held a meeting with Bill McCarren, Executive Director of the National Press Club and Gilbert Klein, President of the Institute of Journalism, former President of the National Press Club. The meeting was attended by AMA Chairman Mrs. Armela Krasniqi, acting General Secretary, simultaneously Director of Foreign Relations, Mrs. Romelda Rrapollari while for IMC the Chairman Mr. Xhevat Latifi, deputy of the Chief Executive Officer Faruk Rexhaj. The participants in the meeting discussed the challenges media is facing today all over the world and the difficulties of professional journalists to exercise their profession in the service of the public without being influenced by various phenomena that are affecting the media.

An agreement was reached to start a collaborative effort with the National Press Club, focusing on the exploration of opportunities to exchange experiences through best practices and providing support with projects aiming at the growth and strengthening of capabilities for all Albanian media.

Gender equality, consultation table on the Broadcasting Code

The Audiovisual Media Authority started consultation tables with interest groups for the review of the Broadcasting Code. The first consultative meeting in cooperation with UN WOMEN in Albania took place on 16 June 2022, with the participation of field journalists who report latest news and current affairs, as well as moderators of programs of a social nature.

During this round table, the amendments made in the Broadcasting Draft - Code for Audiovisual Media were presented, among which a special section on gender equality issues was included.

The public consultation on the Broadcasting Code will continue with meetings and round tables involving AMA, interest groups and the media. The goal is to formulate and adopt a comprehensive, forward-looking, understandable, applicable code that guarantees reliability and most importantly equality.

Gender equality for the first time in the Broadcasting Code

The Audiovisual Media Authority has started with the consultation tables for the new Draft Code.

The second consultative meeting in cooperation with UN Women Albania took place on 17 June 2022, with the participation of women's associations in our country. This meeting followed the one with field journalists who report latest news and current affairs, as well as with moderators of programs of a social nature. At this table, the amendments made to the draft Code were presented, among which is included a special section on issues of gender equality. Civil society gave concrete suggestions on how the code can serve as an incentive to prevent gender discrimination in audiovisual media.

The third round of public consultation in the framework of the Broadcasting Code Review

On 5 October 2022, the Audiovisual Media Authority (AMA), organized the third thematic public consultation round table, in the framework of the Broadcasting Code Review. The subsequent discussion focused on "Respecting children's rights and protecting children's best interest in audiovisual broadcasts", as well as "Respecting the rights of persons with disabilities and their access to audiovisual broadcasts". Both issues are separate chapters of the existing Broadcasting Code, which during the review have been significantly enriched.

• The fourth-round table of public consultation in the framework of the Broadcasting Code review

In the framework of the Broadcasting Code review, on 6 October 2022, the Audiovisual Media Authority (AMA), organized the fourth thematic round table of public consultation, on the topic "Preventing and fighting hate speech", and "The right to privacy and protection of personal data". The activity was attended by representatives of AMSPs, the academic world, the Ombudsman, the Commissioner for the Right to Information and the Protection of Personal Data, the Albanian Helsinki Committee, the Albanian Media Council, the Commissioner for Protection from Discrimination, the State Police, Tirana Municipality, OSCE and the Council of Europe in Tirana.

• The fifth-round table of public consultation is held in Shkodra within the framework of the Broadcasting Code review.

The Media Authority Audiovisual (AMA), organized in Shkodra, the fifth round-table of public consulation, in the framework of the revision of the Broadcasting Code. In contrast to the four preceding round tables with a thematic character, held in Tirana, the round table held in Shkodra had a general character. While the presentation and ensuing discussions stimulated by it covered all the chapters of the Draft Code, the primary focus was placed on "Gender equality and the protection of the best interest of children in audiovisual broadcasts, on "Respecting the rights of persons with disabilities and their access to audiovisual broadcasts", and "Prevention and fight against hate speech", as well as to "The right to privacy and protection of personal data". Representatives of AMSPs, civil society organizations, the academic world, educational institutions, local institutions, etc., became part of the counseling.

Inter-institutional cooperation for media education for children and young people

The President of the Audiovisual Media Authority, Mrs. Armela Krasniqi hosted a delegation from the Ministry of Education for Science, Higher Education and Youth of Sarajevo Canton of Bosnia-Herzegovina, headed by the Minister, Prof. Aleksandra Nikolić. The main topic of discussion was inter-institutional cooperation on media education and the information that promotes them from the point of view of civic debate and social participation. Krasniqi and Nikolić emphasized the vital importance of media and information in a democratic society, which promote freedom of expression, pluralism and efficient participation of citizens. During the meeting it was mentioned that initiatives for inclusion in media and information education are undertaken by various institutional actors and civil society. The coordination of these contributions targeting primary education students and at other pre-university and university levels is of significant importance.

Also, AMA has maintained constant contact with counterparts, within the framework of participation in European or regional audiovisual media organizations, such as EPRA, ERGA, BRAF, MNRA, REFRAM, etc. During 2022, AMA representatives participated in about 61 conferences, meetings or seminars, mainly in person as well as online, in which AMA has been invited to participate or contribute to European/regional media bodies and audiovisual platforms.

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AMA representatives were present and gave their contributions in the meetings organized by:

The European Platform of Regulatory Authorities (EPRA) at the "55th Meeting of the European Platform of Regulatory Authorities", as well as the 56th EPRA Meeting "Disinformation and Media Regulators in the Digital Environment";

- European Audiovisual Observatory (OBS), AMA has participated in the Conferences: "68th Meeting of the Media Council", "Meeting of the Executive Council and Conference of the Presidency", "Conference of Cannes", as well as the online Conference "Exclusion of the 'Russian Federation' from OBS"; The International Foundation for
- Electoral Systems (IFES), in the activity on the topic: "Election integrity in the new information environment' held in North Macedonia;
- The Electronic Communications Agency (AEK) held the "International Conference of Regulators" in North Macedonia;
- OSCE/ODIHR organized the conference "A regional perspective on the Online election campaign Challenges and opportunities for electoral integrity" in Montenegro;
- · Media Council of Bulgaria (CEM) "Challenges of regulators, disinformation, hate speech and media education";
- · Council of Europe, "13th Meeting of the Subcommittee 'Internal Market and Competition'"; The Group of
- European Regulators for Audiovisual Media Services (ERGA), AMA participated in the "First Meeting of the Year for ERGA Members", "ERGA Plenary Meeting", as well as online meetings "First Network Meeting of Contact", and "Contact Network Meetings"; The ASPEN Institute and the Association of Southeast Europe, AMA
- participated in the "Civil Society and Think Tank Forum" Conference. A special panel of the Forum was dedicated to information disorder in the Western Balkans and media and information education. Mrs. Armela Krasniqi, President of the Audiovisual Media Authority, was invited to participate in the discussion panel.

In the framework of cooperation in the expansion of international relations:

 The Chairperson of AMA, Mrs. Armela Krasniqi, is elected Vice President of the Mediterranean Network of Regulatory Authorities (MNRA)

after a voting process involving representatives from the 27-member countries. This is the first time that Albania takes a high leadership position in one of the most important platforms in the field of audiovisual media broadcasts. MNRA was founded in November 1997, as a dynamic space for communication and exchange of practices on the models and transformation of the audiovisual market. One of the primary goals of the Network remains strengthening and aligning the approaches of the member countries in facing the challenges of the audiovisual sector. Part of the Network are regulatory authorities of France, Spain, Israel, Italy, Greece, Croatia, Portugal, Morocco, etc., countries that include the Mediterranean.

Currently the Presidency of MNRA is held by the President of the Croatian Regulator, while Mrs. Armela Krasniqi will perform the duties of the Vice President.

10.4 AMA IN COOPERATION WITH PARTNERS

The authority has continued cooperation with various partners working in the field of media, for the accomplishment of various projects in favor of improving reporting in audiovisual media, enriching professional literature, for the benefit of standardizing relations between employers and employees, etc.

"The role of audiovisual media in shaping the personality in children aged 6-14".
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This project supported by AMA was based on two main components: first, in assessing the situation of audiovisual content for children of the age group that is in focus, monitoring broadcasts and obtaining opinions from followers; Secondly, by creating discussion spaces with interest groups on the problems encountered and challenges for improving the quality and variety of programs. As part of the project, a monitoring effort was carried out, with a specific focus on the broadcasts of two AMSPs holding national license, namely RTSH and Vizion Plus, in addition to two AMSPs with regional licenses ABC and News 24.

The monitoring process extended to capturing "photographs" of the situation by carrying out the survey in Tirana and Elbasan. AMSPs' monitoring and the findings of the survey were part of the publication that was carried out, entitled "The role of audiovisual media in shaping personality in children aged 6-14 years old". These data have been the subject of discussions organized in Tirana and Elbasan with children and parents, as well as members of the media community.

"Labor market and collective contracts in audiovisual media"

The project focused on the field of

the work relations of audiovisual journalists and for the presentation of contemporary models, starting with analyzing the situation, what happens specifically with labor relations, whether in the public or private sector.

The problems derived from monitoring and contacts with interest groups in several cities of the country, such as Korça, Durrës, Fier, Elbasan and Tirana, were part of the discussions with the community of journalists working for local and national media. In the meetings, cases of employment in the editorial office without a contract were mentioned, or cases where the employer has not regularly and fully paid the health and social insurance contributions. The object of discussion was the concrete application of labor contract models from an EU member country, Italy, as well as the model of a country from our region, from Kosovo.

The project has not only had a cognitive, ascertaining nature, regarding the situation of labor relations in our country, but also provided some of the most suitable alternatives for collective contracts, as a proper way for the media community to adapt a viable version in the conditions of our country.

"Attending/Participating in study groups of the ITU, which deal with regulatory and technical issues of audio/audiovisual broadcasts"

Pursuant to law no. 97/2013 "On audiovisual media in the Republic of Albania", as amended; Law No. 80/2015, dated 22.07.2015 "On higher education and scientific research in higher education institutions in the Republic of Albania", as amended, as well as the applicable legislation in the respective fields, during the joint work processes of the two institutions, on April 7, 2021, the Polytechnic University of Tirana and the Audiovisual Media Authority (AMA) signed the Memorandum of Understanding "On Inter-Institutional Cooperation and Interaction".

In implementation of this agreement, the parties signed a Service Contract on June 2022, 2021, with the object "Attendance / Participation in ITU study groups, which addresses the regulatory and technical issues of audio / audiovisual broadcasting".

FTI (UPT) obligations inter alia include:

- Following and participating in the study groups set up by ITU structures and specifically the Office of Radiocommunications, the Office of Standardization and the Office of Development, for audiovisual issues.
- Engaging in the questionnaire's completion prepared by these working groups, in close cooperation with AMA.
- Analysing the conclusions drawn from the study groups and expressing the opinion at the academic level regarding these conclusions. Regarding the above, FTI (UPT), submitted to AMA in December 2022, the final information on the proposals of ITU working groups, as well as the conclusions drawn from them, regarding the technical and regulatory issues of audio broadcasting / audiovisual.

These materials will help AMA, for the preliminary preparation on the issues that will be discussed and approved at the World Radiocommunication Conference (WRC) to be held in 2023, for which the Albanian administration, as a member with full rights in ITU, has the power on decision making.

"Trends and challenges of the Albanian television media in the era of post-digitalization"

The study "Trends and challenges of the media of Albanian television in the era of post-digitalization", from the Department of Journalism and Communication at the Faculty of History and Philology at the University of Tirana, which is in accordance with the purpose and requirements of the AMA Call, has clearly presented and argued the current issues of post-digital media reality

in Albania, new challenges of the audiovisual market, variety and quality of broadcast content, trends, innovation and the impact of technological developments in the relations of television operators with the public, the necessity of pluralism, program diversity and the guarantee of standards and fundamental principles of broadcasts.

The department has also included in the study some main aspects that were encountered during the analysis of the current situation in the Albanian audiovisual market, as effects of the digitization process, aspects related to

examining the programming, time slots and minutes of the shows of each day, as well as the weekly total for each show; financial and functional indicators in dynamics of the last five years, annual income; creation of new television channels within the company, movements in engaged human resources; used applications, advertising and commercial communications, etc.

One of the project's additional values is the hosting of the scientific conference which provided a tangible outcome in the form of studies presented as lectures, to be published, which would serve a wide range of users upon its publication.

"Translations of foreign literature into Albanian"

The project presented by UET "Translation into Albanian of the university text 'Understanding Human Communication", of Oxford University Press, was carried out in accordance with the purpose and requirements of the component of the AMA call for "Translations from foreign literature into Albanian". The selection of the text conforms to the standards of academic and scientific research, thus offering students, lecturers and researchers in the field of public communication, media and journalism an added value to scientific literature in the Albanian language. This text is authored by eminent personalities in the field of social sciences and communication, professors of prestigious English and American Universities. For the accomplishment of this project, academic and scientific experts were engaged for the unification of linguistic, scientific and technical terms, for the research of literature sources for the translation of the text, for the editing and preparation of the text for publication.

According to the contract, there will be a presentation and promotion of this product for a specialized audience, such as prominent personalities in the field of social sciences and communication, professors, lecturers, students, research institutes, as well as the participation of the working group and experts from Audiovisual Media Authority.

10.5 COOPERATION AGREEMENTS

On 21 February 2022, the bilateral Statement of Agreement with North Macedonia, Montenegro and Statement was signed in Tirana. Bilateral Statement of Agreement for the EU AVMSD Directive and Release of the 700 MHz frequency band, which will be followed by the relevant Agreements for releasing the frequency band and the completion of this process within the deadlines defined in international acts. The signatory parties confirm the achievement of a compatible frequency plan between the respective administrations on coordination of digital terrestrial frequencies, in the 470-694 MHz band.

Joint Statements on Inter-institutional cooperation between:

- 1. Audiovisual Media Authority (AMA) and the Independent Media Commission (IMC), signed by Mr. Xhevat Latifi, Chairperson of the Independent Media Commission in Kosovo;
- 2. Audiovisual Media Authority (AMA) and Electronic Agency of Communication (AEK), signed by Mr. Jeton Akiku, Director of the Agency for Electronic Communications in North Macedonia;
- 3. Audiovisual Media Authority (AMA) and the Electronic Communication and Postal Services Agency (EKIP), signed by Mr. Darko Drgurovic, Executive Director at the Agency for Electronic Communications and Postal Services (Team) of Montenegro.

The parties agree to sign the joint statement with the intent of focusing specifically on:

- -Exchange of information and experience for the harmonization of national legislations with European best practice standards;
- -Development of joint initiatives in the field of audiovisual media;
- -Organization of counselling and joint activities to identify the experience of both parties in the field of audiovisual media;
- -Providing assistance in the drafting of the necessary regulatory framework;

Participation of the parties' experts in meetings, conferences and round tables and the organization of joint trainings, with the participation of experts from both parties on various aspects in the field of audiovisual media.

The parties in the meeting agreed to hold regional meetings periodically and in order to make cooperation effective, they agreed that the technical staffs should establish direct bridges of communication and cooperation. Albania has obtained the approval from Italy and Greece for its frequency plan DD2.

Cooperation agreement with the Polytechnic University of Tirana

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10.6 PUBLICATION OF AMA PERIODIC BULLETIN

During 2022, AMA prepared the 8th Edition of the Periodic Bulletin, which provides an overview of the dynamics in the audio / audiovisual market, including indicators of economic and financial nature, technical and technological, ownership, content, human resources engaged, etc., in 2021. The Bulletin is a standardized and sustainable product, that provides tangible assistance in analysing the issues and trends within a year.

The Periodical Bulletin is a helpful material not only for AMSP staff, where the performance of their subject is viewed relative to the entire market, or certain segments of it, but in

hard copy or soft copy version is

preferred by researchers of the audio/audiovisual market students of journalism and communication, for domestic and foreign institutions that monitor and support projects and programs in the media sector, etc.

10.7 MANAGEMENT OF THE HUMAN RESOURCE PERFORMANCE

The organizational development of the institution has been built relying on the communication of its internal organizational structures, the cooperation and consultation between them has created a professional and supportive work environment for staff.

The implementation of training policies as part of the human resources strategy being dynamically developed and revised has enabled the AMA to meet its legal obligations.

In fulfillment of the legal obligation human resources management structure, every year drafts the calendar of training needs based on a detailed training plan, with the specific requirements of each organizational unit in mind, as well as in support of the commitment of employees to develop their professional and organizational knowledge.

Following the implementation of this training calendar, and in cooperation with the Albanian School of Public Administration, the coordinating role of the Directorate of Human Resources and Foreign Relations, has enabled the participation of all civil servants in specific and general trainings, as well as trainings according to needs, but also online trainings with the aim of deepening knowledge and improving the performance of every civil servant.

Efforts have also been made for the participation and training of the institution staff in meetings and workshops organized within various projects where AMA is a party. Specifically, we can mention the project "On technical assistance in the field of telecommunications", a project which was made possible by MoIE in cooperation with PLANET (foreign consultants from the EU).

Through this project, among others, it was aimed to complete the knowledge of engineers and technicians on the GE06 agreement for digital terrestrial broadcasting, principles of international coordination, legal and technical framework in Albania, the new digital frequency plan (470-694 MHz) (new SFN allotments, external and internal interferences, compatibility matrix), implementation of digital islands, implementation of the migration process (technical process, role of stakeholders in this migration process, decisions to be

to be received by AMA/MoIE), informative campaigns, population support during this process, as well as coordination and control.

ICT POLICIES

Within the framework of improving the use of information technology, to avoid potential risks from attacks or unauthorized access to the ICT system, as well as to increase efficiency and access to the public, during 2022, AMA has approved the document on the policy of internet and e-mail use. This policy is binding on all AMA employees and any external person (contractor, consultant, temporary employee, etc.) who may access the systems and infrastructure of AMA Information Technology.

The object of this policy is to discipline the use of the Internet in the AMA (by establishing the necessary rules and procedures), to minimize potential adverse consequences and to ensure that all personnel have the opportunity to take maximum advantage of the opportunities offered by the use of the Internet, being protected and safe.



11.1 Management of financial resources

The Audiovisual Media Authority, as a self-financing institution, creates and ensures with its own financial resources the fulfilment of its functions. In this prism, the improvement of the financial indicators of the activity of AMA has been one of the realized objectives of AMA, in implementation of the strategy and 3-year action plan, 2021-2023.

According to article 24, of Law no. 97/2013, as amended, AMA sources of funding are:

- a) income from payments for obtaining and renewing licenses and/or authorizations;
- b) income from annual fees for licenses and/or authorizations;
- c) revenues from the administrative processing of application requests;
- ç) revenues from tariffs for broadcasting services specified in fiscal laws, in the role of tax agent;
- d) funding by State Budget;
- e) other legal sources.

AMA by means of decision no. 97, dated 21.12.2021, "On the approval of the draft budget for the year 2022", as amended, approved the draft budget for 2022 for "Total revenues" (Expected current revenue; revenue from previous year's debtors; revenue carried forward from the previous year; and "Total expenses" (Salaries, contributions and remunerations; Goods and services; Current investments).

Decision no. 97, dated 21.12.2021 has undergone several amendments during the year 2022, for the needs of the institution, as well as for the monitoring of the election campaign for the partial local elections on 06 March 2022, in the municipalities of Shkodra, Dibra, Durrës, Vora, Rrogozhina and Lushnje

11.2 Implementation of funding sources in 2022

Performance of self-financing sources for "Current income of the period" and "Income from debtors of the previous year"

No.	Туре	Income forecast for 2022	Financial liabilities of media service providers licensed/ Authorized in 2022. Invoicing during 2022	Revoked/stated invalid licenses / authorizations and/invoicing systems during	Total income accomplished in 2022	Realization in % (according to the draft budget)	Realization in % (by accuracy)
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A	Current income of the	242.223	240.409	8.284	199.575	3)*100%	3)*100%
	period (1+2+3+4+5+6)						
1	Income from license/authorization + fees for renewals	214,161	220.089	2.334	181.936	86	84
	a) Execution of payments by local private television entities		19.272	891	12.404		
	b) Execution of payments by national terrestrial, satellite and local digital networks		56.592	0	41.932		
	c)Execution of payments by entities authorized by AMA for OTT, IPTV, Internet TV		61.806	603	50.384		
	d) Execution of payments by local private analogue radio entities		12.990	285	11.302		
	e)Execution of payments by entities authorized by AMA(cable)		69.429	555	65.914		
2	Income as a tax agent	662	662	3	550	83	83
	-From licensed/authorized entities		662	3	548		
	-From entities which licenses/authorizations have been revoked				2		

3	Income from administrative processing	1.080	1.930	0	1.970	182	102
4	Income from bank interest	60			80	134	
5	Other income (DVD broadcast, material photocopies)	60	56		56	94	
6	Other income:	26.200	17.672	5.945	14.984	56	
	-From default interest	6.113	13.384	1.330	4.682		
	-From fines	452	4.288	200	1.190		
	-From previous years' debtors (licences/authorizations +5% RTV fee)	19.228		4.415	8.376		
	-Income from debtors which license/authorization has been revoked	407			736		
В	Salary income returned by former AMA employees				408		

AMA, during the calendar year 2022, continued with the follow-up of the collectability of its funding sources, in the fulfillment of the objectives and the realization of the annual budget forecast. Achieving these results was made possible by following the payment of financial obligations arising in 2022, of licensed/authorized entities, through writing, e-mail and telephone communication. AMA, during the reporting year, invested judicial bodies for the collection of financial obligations arising to AMA and the State Budget from subjects whose licenses/authorizations were revoked or declared invalid during the years 2016 - 2022.

AMA, in 2021, under the conditions created by the difficulties caused by the effects of the Covid-19 pandemic, as well as reflecting through the social dimension in easing the financial obligations of AMSPs, mainly towards the subjects of audio broadcasting, approved decision no. 70, dated 19.05.2021, "On the approval of financial relief for audio and audiovisual subjects".

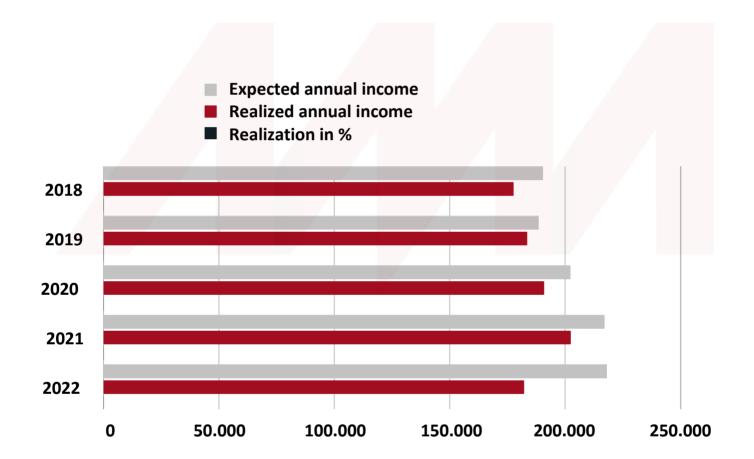
Paragraphs 2 and 3 of the aforementioned decision were implemented immediately after the decision was made, while paragraph 1 was implemented in January 2022. Pursuant to paragraph 1 of the decision, the audio subjects who had paid their obligations for 2021 by June 30, 2021 benefited from the reduction of the annual license fee for 2022.

The entities that benefited in 2022 are as follows:

- 8 entities licensed for analogue audio broadcastings with service area up to 1 (one) municipality, benefited from the remission of the annual license fee for 2022, in the total amount of ALL 540,000;
- 33 entities licensed for analogue audio broadcastings with service area over 1 (one) municipality up to 4 (four) districts, received a remission of 50% of the annual license fee for 2022.
- 3 entities licensed for national analog audio broadcasts, benefited from the remission in the amount of 500,000 ALL, from the annual license payment of 2022, in the total amount of 1,500,000 ALL.

The main source of AMA self-financing is "Income from annual license / authorization fee liabilities". During 2022, AMA has continued with the increasing trend of receivables of its funding sources, where the item "Income from annual license / authorization fee liabilities", for the period 20182022 is presented as follows:

Years	Expected annual	Realized annual	Realization in %
	income	income	
2018	190,052	177,352	93%
2019	188,192	183,229	95%
2020	201,973	190,573	94%
2021	216,717	202,107	94%
2022	217,755	181,936	84%

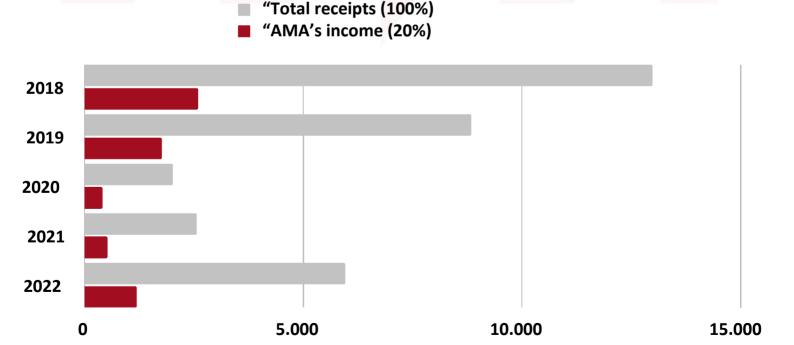


The decrease in the realization of revenue from the annual payment for license/authorization in 2022, has come as a result of the non-closure of payments by 2 entities licensed for national private terrestrial digital networks, 1 entity authorized for satellite network and 3 entities authorized for replay of the audiovisual program of the thirds supported on OTT. At the beginning of 2023, the subjects licensed for national private terrestrial digital networks and the authorized subjects for satellite network have made payments from the annual obligation for 2022.

Sub-item "Revenues from fines", based on point 13, article 133, of Law No. 97/2013, as amended, which stipulates that: "..The fine is an executive title that is executed by the enforcement service and 80 percent is paid to the State Budget and 20 percent to the AMA budget", AMA predicted income for 2022, in the amount of 452,619 ALL (referring to the average collection of fines in 2020-2021). At the end of 2022, as a result of payments from the subjects themselves (referred to the act - related agreements for installment payments) or as a result of contracts concluded with private judicial executors, AMA collected 5,950,666 ALL, of which 1,190,133 ALL (5,960,666 ALL x 20%) belong to the income of the institution.

The accomplishment of the performance of executive titles, for sanctions with fines, during the years 2018-2022, for the collected receipts and the revenues, which belong to the institution, is presented as follows:

Executive titles with fine sanction / years	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
Total receipts (100%)	12,977	8,832	2,008	2,553	5,951
AMA's income (20%)	2,595	1,766	402	511	1,190



During 2022, there was an increase in the collection of payments for sanctions with fines compared to the forecast made in the amount of ALL 452,619.

11.3 Financial liabilities of the media service providers

a) Licensed / authorized media service providers during 2022

The overview of licensed/authorized AMSPs, resulting in financial obligations to AMA and the State Budget, until the end of 2022, is presented as follows:

Categorization of entities	Licence / authorization	The charge for radio and television broadcasting services RTV	Arrears	Total
Analogue televisions	6,656	0	2,017	8,673
National terrestrial, satellite and local digital networks	14,660	1,896	6,331	22,887
Internet-based program provider / repeater (IPTV/OTT)	9,412	0	3,110	12,552
Analogue radio	1,427	288	532	2,247
Program repeater supported on cable network	2,721	0	1,257	3,978
Total amount	34,876	2,184	13,47	50,337

b) Media service providers with licenses / authorizations revoked / statement of invalidity, in the years 2015-2022

During 2022, AMA has taken decisions to revoke / state the invalidity of licenses / authorizations. 6 (four) media service providers resulted in financial liabilities, in the total amount of ALL 6,220,806. This amount consists of:

- 2 (two) entities authorized to repeat the service of the third-party program based on the cable network, in the amount of ALL 1,569,730;
- 1 (one) entity authorized to provide program services in the IP, TV network, in the amount of ALL 446,250;
- 2 (two) entity licensed for local private television, in the amount of ALL 27,018.
- 1 (one) entity authorized to repeat the service of the third-party program based on the IP, OTT network, in the amount of ALL 4,177,808;

Meanwhile, during 2022, on the part of the debtor subjects (removal/declaration of invalidity of license/authorizations) the obligations to AMA and the State Budget in the total amount of 803,707 ALL (743,874 ALL for annual payment for license/authorization and ALL 59,833 for the fee for radio and television broadcasting services)

Regarding the above, the measure of the financial obligations of the subjects whose license/authorization was removed or their invalidity was declared, has undergone an increase from ALL 95,027,024 (end of the year 2021) to ALL 100,444,123 (closing of the year 2022), as follows:

Categorization of entities/years	Analogue televisions		Program r	epeater	Program	provider	Analog	ue radio
	Entity	The	Entity no.	The	Entity no.	The	Entity no.	The
	no.	amount		amount		amount		amount
		of		of		of		of
		financial		financial		financial		financial
		liabilities		liabilities		liabilities		liabilities
2015	-	-	5	10,405	ı	ı	-	-
2016	4	5.388	13	40,557	2	25.042	3	1.923
2017	2	276	7	2,754	1	162	3	1,105
2018	6	3,179	7	670	ı	ı	1	106
2019	1	100	2	2,121	-	-	1	0.3
2020	1	415	1	87	-	-	1	114
2021	1	17	1	51	1	215	-	-
2022	1	9	3	5,748	-	-	-	-
TOTAL		100,444						

11.4 Utilization of Financial Resources in 2022

During the reporting year, AMA has managed financial resources based on the draft - budget for 2022, amended, as well as on the Register of Public Procurement Forecasts, as amended.

AMA has made some changes in the draft- budget for 2022, for the needs of the institution, as well as for monitoring the election campaign for the partial local elections on 6 March 2022, in the municipalities of Shkodra, Dibra, Durrës, Vora, Rrogozhina and Lushnje.

11.4.1 Expenditures and investments in 2022

In addition to the above, the measure of the financial obligations of the subjects whose license/authorization was removed or their invalidity was declared, has increased from ALL 95,027,024 (the end of 2021) to ALL 100,444,123 (the end of 2022), as follows:

No.	Expenditures/ Investments	Plan	Additions/reductions during 2022	Accuracy	% of realization
		1	2	3	3/(1+2)*100
	Current expenses (a+b)	203,969	(7,780)	111,655	57
ı	a) Salary, social and health insurance contributions, remunerations	84,161	965	75,406	
	b) Expenses on goods and services	119, 808	(8,745)	3,248	
	- Investment expenses (a+b+)	173,280	8,400	13,375	7
	a) Intangible fixed assets	16,092	2,600	6,992	
	- Studies and research (2022)	7,500	2,600	3,800	
	-Studies, research and surveys (started in 2021, to be completed in 2022)	3,612	0	2,412	
	-Programs/ applications	4,980	0	780	
	b) Tangible fixed assets	155,809	5,800	5,160	
	- Installations, tools and other technical equipment	153,891	0	524	
II	- Furniture and other office equipment	1,918	200	148	
	- Vehicles	0	5,600	4.488	
	c) Expenses for the increase of fixed assets	1,379	0	1,223	

Expenses for salaries and remunerations, social and health insurance contributions (for employees according to the organizational chart of the AMA, as well as the necessary expenses for goods and services requested by its directorates/units.

AMA covered with its own funds the expenses for payments to external monitors for the local partial elections on March 6, 2022, in the municipalities of Shkodra, Dibra, Durrës, Vorë, Rrogozhinë and Lushnje.

1. With its own funds, AMA

AMA, following the Cooperation Agreement with the Commissioner for Protection from Discrimination (CPD), financially supported the CPD in 2021, for the project: Challenge hatred - "Management of cases of hate speech use with a religious background in the form of denigration, stereotyping and stigmatization", in the amount of 1,496,500 ALL. CPD completed the project in 2021 in the amount of 1,089,980 ALL, returning to the account of AMA the unspent amount of 406,520 ALL.

Developments in the same profile were also from the Ministry of Culture, which, following the financial support given by AMA in October 2020 for two projects, in the total amount of 7,200,000 ALL (3,600,000 ALL/project), completed in 2021 the project "Education through Culture" in the amount of 3,550,000 ALL, returning to the account of AMA the unspent amount of 50,000 ALL, and in 2022 the project "Purchase of equipment for the Film Archive" in the amount of 3,466,336 ALL, returning to the account of AMA the unspent amount of ALL 133,664.

11.4.2 Investment progress:

In the item "Intangible fixed assets", were accomplished:

Item "Studies, research and surveys", divided as follows:

Projects started in 2021, to be completed in 2022, were accomplished in the amount of ALL 2,412,020 for financing projects with topics: "Election monitoring and priorities to be addressed in the future"; "The role of audiovisual media in shaping personality in children"; "Missing employment contract and two models near us".

Projects of 2022 were realized in the amount of 3,800,000 ALL for financing projects with the following topics: "Attending/participating in ITU study groups dealing with regulatory, technical issues of

audio/audiovisual broadcasts"; "Translations from foreign literature into Albanian" (first phase); "Trends and challenges of the Albanian television media in the era of post-digitalization" (first phase).

-In the item "Programs/applications" payment was made in the amount of ALL 780,000 for "Computer program for the Helpdesk service" (procedure completed at the end of 2021).

In the item "Tangible fixed assets" were accomplished:

- The item "Installations, tools and other technical equipment", in the amount of ALL 523,880 for: LTO tapes; External HDD and Professional Headphones;
- The item "Furniture and other office equipment", in the amount of ALL 147,900;
- The item "Vehicles" in the amount of 4,880,000 ALL for the purchase of a 4x4 off-road vehicle.

In the item "Expenses for the increase of fixed assets" the following were realized:

- The item "Projects", in the amount of ALL 78,958 per draft quantity bill for works in the lobby of the AMA, for its redesign in order to fit a library for study purposes;
- The item "Works", in the amount of 1,125,534 for works in the lobby of the AMA;
- The item "Supervision" in the amount of 19,052 ALL for the supervision of works in the lobby of the AMA

11.5 Financial statements

Statement of assets and liabilities for the years 2021-2022

Reference of accounts	Name	2022	2021
A	ASSETS	892.110.88	792.454.406
	Current assets	747.365.452	634.004.089
	Cash and cash equivalents	252.075,.12	181.773.131
531	Cash	634	186
512, 56	Bank-deposited cash	252.074.041	181.772.408
520	Treasury availability	537	537
50	Securities		
532	Other values		
54	Letters of credit and advances		
59	Securities impairment provision (-)		
	Circulating inventory balance	3.436.703	4.126.082
31	Materials	3.436.703	4.126.082
32	Detailed inventory		
33	Work in progress		
34	Products		
35	Goods		
36	Rising and fattening livestock		
37	Uncovered or next-to-third states		
33	The difference compared to storage prices		
39	Provision for the inventory impairment (-)		
	Accounts receivable	489.228.525	445.521.863
411	Clients and similar accounts	386.476.963	342.683.700
423.429	Personnel advances, deficits, fines		
431	Taxes		
432	Taxes collected on behalf of the local government		

433	Natural disasters that are covered by the government		
435	Social Insurance		
436	Health insurance		
437,438,	Other government organizations	6.283	5.483
44	Other public institutions		5.096.500
465	Results to be collected from securities' sale		
468	Different debtors	102.745.279	97.736.130
4342	Operations with the state (Rights)		
45	Relationship between institutions or entities		
49	Estimated amounts for depreciation (-)		
	Other current assets	2.625.013	2.533.013
409	Prepayments	2.625.013	2.583.013
473	Pending Treasury Account		
477	Active conversion difference		
481	Expenses to be spread over several exercises		
486	Future expenses		
	Non-current assets	144.745.356	158.450.317
20	Intangible non-current assets	36.139.321	38.290.211
201	Show premiums and loan reimbursement		
202	Studies and research	36.139.321	38.290.211
203	Concessions, Patents, Licenses and similar		
21	Tangible non-current assets	103.606.035	120.160.106
210	Land		
211	Forests, Plantations		
212	Buildings and Constructions	78.644.034	82.417.346
213	Roads, networks, water works		
214	Technical installations, machinery and equipment	19.127.550	28.634.023
215	Transport means	9.812.612	6.172.429
216	State reserve		
217	Working and production animal		

218	Economic inventory	1.021.339	2.936.308
24	Impaired non-current assets		
28	Assignment of non-current assets		
25-26	Financial non-current assets	0	0
25	Lending and Sublending		
26	Equity participation		
	Investments	0	0
230	For intangible non-current assets		
231	For tangible non-current assets		
В	Liabilities (Obligations)	375.361.150	367.051.234
	Current liabilities	375.3G1.150	367.051.234
	Accounts payable	375.351.150	367.051.234
401-408	Suppliers and related accounts	23.583	1.059.893
42	Liabilities to personnel	24.546	23.007
16,17,18	Short-term loan		
460	Lender		
431	Tax liabilities to the state	911.122	930.793
432	Taxes collected on behalf of local government		
435	State duties on natural disasters		
435	Social Insurance	303.903	315.788
436	Health insurance	42.133	44.582
437,438,	Other government organizations		
44	Other public institutions		
45	Relationship between institutions or entities		
464	Obligations to be paid for the purchase of securities		
466	Creditors for work guarantee	51.765.588	55.029.627
467	Various creditors	250.000	
4341	Operations with the state (obligations)	322.040.170	309.647.539
49	Estimated amounts for depreciation (-)		
	Other current liabilities	0	0
419	Creditors, Prepayments		
475	Income to be registered in subsequent years		

478	Liability exchange difference		
480	Income to be classified or adjusted		
487	Income collected before issuing the title		
	Non-current liabilities	0	0
Class 4	Accounts payable	-	
16.17, 18	Long-term loans		
	Long-term provisions		
Class 4	Other		
C	Net assets/funds (A-B)	516.749.658	425.403.172
D	Consolidated fund	516.749.658	425.403.172
101	Surplus (Accumulated Fund) / Accumulated Deficit	293.487.857	232.862.405
12	Expected Outcomes		
85	Outcome of the financial activity	118.261.801	87.540.767
111	Reserves		
115	From own investment funds		
15	Estimated amounts for risks and depreciation		
105	Surplus of Domestic Equity Grants	105.000.000	105.000.000
106	Surplus of Foreign Equity Grants		
107	Value of certain tools in use		
109	Reserve from the Revaluation of Long-Term Assets		
	Other		
E	TOTAL LIABILITIES (B+C)	892.110.808	792.454.406

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Income and expenses statement for 2021-2022

Account no.	Description of operations REVENUES	Year 2022 237.954.143	Year 2021 229.227.329	
70	I. REVENUES GENERATED FROM TAXES	14.042.309	7.640.106	
700	1.Income tax	0	0	
7000	Personal income tax			
7001	Profit tax			
7002	Small business tax			
7009	Other income tax			
702	Wealth Tax	0	0	
7020	Real estate tax			
7021	Real estate sale tax			
7029	Other wealth tax			
703	Local goods and services tax	658.830	663.970	
7030	Value Added Tax (TVSH)			
7031	Excise duty			
7032	Tax on specific services			
7033	Taxes on goods use and activity consent	658.830	663.970	
7035	Local tax on goods use and activity consent			
704	International trade and transactions tax	0	0	
7040	Customs tax for import goods			
7041	Customs tax for export goods			
7042	Customs and postal service tax			
7049	Other taxes on trade and international			
	transactions			
705	Road tax			
703	Other National Taxes and Duties			
700	Penalties and default interest	13.383.479	6.976.136	
75	Social and Health Insurance Contributions	0	0	
750	From employees			
751	From the employer			
752	From the self-employed			
753	From farmers			
754	From Voluntary Insurance			
755	Contributions from the social insurance budget			
756	Contributions from the health insurance budget			
71	Non-tax income	223.830.588	221.555.542	
710	From enterprises and property	0	0	
7100	From non-financial public enterprises			
7101	From financial public enterprises			
7109	Others from enterprises and property			
711	Administrative Services and Secondary Income	223.830.588	221.555.542	
7110	Administrative and regulatory fees	217.756.263	215.452.298	
7111	Secondary income and payment of services	1.956.325	3.103.244	
7112	Tax for judicial and notarial actions	1.500.520	2.102.211	
7113	Income from the sale of goods and services			
7114	Income from tickets		1	

5115		T 4 000 000	2 000 000
7115	Fines, interest, seizures and damages	4.088.000	3.000.000
7116	Income from property transfer, Legalization of		
-10	unauthorized constructions		
719	Other non-tax income	0	0
76	FINANCIAL INCOME	81.246	31.681
760	From the interests of the domestic loan		
761	From foreign loan interest		
765	From interest on deposits	80.030	28.769
766	From currency exchanges	1.216	2.912
72	CURRENT GRANTS	0	0
720	Internal current grant	0	0
7200	From the Budget for General Government Unit		
52 01	(Central)		
7201	From the Budget for General Government Unit (Local)		
7202	From the Budget for special payments of ISSH		
7203	From the Budget to cover the deficit (ISSH and		
, _ 33	ISKH)		
7204	Participation of institutions in national taxes		
7205	Additional financing for the income generated		
	within the system		
7206	Funding is expected from the budget		
7207	Internal sponsorships (from third parties)		
7209	Other internal current grants		
721	Foreign current grant	0	0
	From the Foreign Government		
	From the International Organization		
	OTHER INCOME:	0	0
781	Income from investments in the economy		
782	Recovery of anticipated amounts for short-term		
	assets		
783	Recovery of anticipated amounts for long-term		
	assets		
784	Receipt of sums for expenses of the following years		
737	Withdrawal from the investment section		
73	CHANGE OF PRODUCT INVENTORY		
13	STATUS		
В	EXPENSES	119.692.342	141.686.562
600	SALARIES AND BENEFITS OF	65.305.169	76.378.563
	EMPLOYEES	00.000103	70.070.000
6001	Permanent staff salary	58.274.963	63.732.645
6002	Temporary staff salary	0	1.707.511
6003			
	Remuneration	7.630.206	10.938.407
6009	Remuneration	7.630.206	10.938.407
6009 601		7.630.206 9.501.403	10.938.407 10.602.039
	Remuneration Other staff expenses		
601	Remuneration Other staff expenses INSURANCE CONTRIBUTIONS	9.501.403	10.602.039
601 6010	Remuneration Other staff expenses INSURANCE CONTRIBUTIONS Social Security Contribution	9.501.403 8.530.823	10.602.039 9.513.706
601 6010 6011	Remuneration Other staff expenses INSURANCE CONTRIBUTIONS Social Security Contribution Health Insurance Contribution	9.501.403 8.530.823 970.580	10.602.039 9.513.706 1.088.333
601 6010 6011 602	Remuneration Other staff expenses INSURANCE CONTRIBUTIONS Social Security Contribution Health Insurance Contribution PURCHASE OF GOODS AND SERVICES Other goods and services	9.501.403 8.530.823 970.580	10.602.039 9.513.706 1.088.333
601 6010 6011 602 602	Remuneration Other staff expenses INSURANCE CONTRIBUTIONS Social Security Contribution Health Insurance Contribution PURCHASE OF GOODS AND SERVICES	9.501.403 8.530.823 970.580 35.180.606	10.602.039 9.513.706 1.088.333 27.816.510
601 6010 6011 602 602 6020	Remuneration Other staff expenses INSURANCE CONTRIBUTIONS Social Security Contribution Health Insurance Contribution PURCHASE OF GOODS AND SERVICES Other goods and services Office stationery items	9.501.403 8.530.823 970.580 35.180.606	10.602.039 9.513.706 1.088.333 27.816.510
601 6010 6011 602 602 6020 6021	Remuneration Other staff expenses INSURANCE CONTRIBUTIONS Social Security Contribution Health Insurance Contribution PURCHASE OF GOODS AND SERVICES Other goods and services Office stationery items Special items and services	9.501.403 8.530.823 970.580 35.180.606	10.602.039 9.513.706 1.088.333 27.816.510 2.248.315
601 6010 6011 602 602 6020 6021 6022	Remuneration Other staff expenses INSURANCE CONTRIBUTIONS Social Security Contribution Health Insurance Contribution PURCHASE OF GOODS AND SERVICES Other goods and services Office stationery items Special items and services Third party services	9.501.403 8.530.823 970.580 35.180.606 1.712.340 8.740.623	10.602.039 9.513.706 1.088.333 27.816.510 2.248.315 9.198.694
601 6010 6011 602 602 6020 6021 6022 6023	Remuneration Other staff expenses INSURANCE CONTRIBUTIONS Social Security Contribution Health Insurance Contribution PURCHASE OF GOODS AND SERVICES Other goods and services Office stationery items Special items and services Third party services Transport expenses	9.501.403 8.530.823 970.580 35.180.606 1.712.340 8.740.623 4.714.503	10.602.039 9.513.706 1.088.333 27.816.510 2.248.315 9.198.694 1.645.135
601 6010 6011 602 602 6020 6021 6022 6023 6024	Remuneration Other staff expenses INSURANCE CONTRIBUTIONS Social Security Contribution Health Insurance Contribution PURCHASE OF GOODS AND SERVICES Other goods and services Office stationery items Special items and services Third party services Transport expenses Trip expenses	9.501.403 8.530.823 970.580 35.180.606 1.712.340 8.740.623 4.714.503 10.575.019	10.602.039 9.513.706 1.088.333 27.816.510 2.248.315 9.198.694 1.645.135 5.210.362

	(The result of the activity of the exercise year)		
85	SURPLUS OR DEFICIT FOR PERIOD	118.261.801	87.540.767
	OTHER EXPENSES	1.185.270	20.020.163
63	CHANGE IN INVENTORY STATUS	689.379	1.039.821
686	Estimated amounts for financial assets		
683	Estimated amounts regarding utilization		
682	Residual value of AAGJ, not functional and sold		
681	AAGJ deprecation quotas regarding utilization		
	AMOUNTS		
	DEPRECIATION RATES AND ESTIMATED	0	0
662	External loans interests		
661	Funding Interests from international institutions		
660	Loan Interests from foreign governments		
66	External Financial Expenses	0	0
656	Expenses from currency exchanges	2.674.199	1.480.155
652	Interest of other government securities		
651	Interest for other internal loans		
650	Interest on treasury bills and direct loans		
65	Internal Financial Expenses	2.674.199	1.480.155
	FINANCIAL EXPENSES	2.674.199	1.480.185
	Local Government		
6061	Transfers paid by other Institutions and Bodies of		799.281
6060	Transfers paid by ISSH and ISKH		
606	Transfers to family and individual budgets	0	799.281
6059	Other current transfers abroad		
6053	Transfers to non-profit foreign institutions		
6052	Transfers to Foreign Governments		
6051	Transfers to International Organizations		
605	Current transfers abroad	0	0
6044	Current transfers to non-profit organizations		
6042	Current transfers to Social and Health Insurance		
	institutions		
6041	Current transfers to various government		
6040	Current transfers to other Government sectors	4.556.316	3.550.000
604	Internal current transfers	4.556.316	3.550.000
	CURRENT TRANSFERS	4.556.316	4.349.281
6039	Other subsidies		
6033	Subsidies for individual enterprises		
6032	Subsidies to cover losses		
6031	Subsidized employment		
6030	Subsidies for price difference		
603	Subsidies	0	0
6029	Other operating expenses	7.903.952	7.167.596

ANNEX 1
CASES WHERE AUDIOVISUAL MEDIA AUTHORITY IS A PARTY

		SES PENDING IN THE COURT OF		
No.	Claimant/Respondent	Scope	The judicial phase in which the process occurs	Lost/ Won in the actual phase
1	Claimant: AMA Respondent: Albi Kreci (Alb Vito Peqin Cable TV)	Financial liabilities	In the Administrative Court of First Instance, in Tirana	Return of acts
2	Claimant: Gezim Ismaili Respondent: AMA	Claim compensation due to delay in the obligation's payment by AMA.	In the Administrative Court of First Instance, in Tirana	Cases dismissed
3	Claimant: AMA Respondent: Liberia Thanza	Financial liabilities	In the Administrative Court of First Instance, in Tirana	Won
4	Claimant: AMA Respondent: Tema sh.p.k.	Financial liabilities	In the Administrative Court of First Instance, in Tirana	Won
5	Claimant: Dritan Memushi Respondent: AMA	Repeal of decision 88, dated 15.07.2022, of AMA, which has upheld the sanction for fine imposition no. 3. dated 05.04.2022	In the Administrative Court of First Instance, in Tirana	Won
6	Claimant: AMA Respondent: The Company "Kombi"	Financial liabilities	In the Administrative Court of First Instance, in Tirana	Won
7	Claimant: AMA Respondent: Erisa Bakalli (Durrësi TV)	Financial liabilities	In the Administrative Court of First Instance, in Tirana	In progress
8	Claimant: The Company Media + Respondent: AMA	Claim compensation due to delay in the obligation's payment by AMA	In the Administrative Court of First Instance, in Tirana	In process
9	Claimant: Company "Nisatel" sh.p.k. Respondent: AMA	AMA's decision repeal, no. 94, dated 09.11.2021 of AMA, which has upheld the decision on the fine no. 11, date 29.09.2021	In the Administrative Court of First Instance, in Tirana	In progress
10	Claimant: Company "Tibo" sh.p.k Respondent: AMA	AMA's decision repeal, no. 62, dated 02.06.2022, has upheld the decision of the fine imposition no. 15, dated 28.12.2021	In the Administrative Court of First Instance, in Tirana	In process
11	Claimant: Company "Tibo" sh. p.k. Respondent: AMA	Repeal of AMA's decision no 63, dated 02.06.2022, which has upheld the decision on the fine no. 02, dated 28.01.2022	In the Administrative Court of First Instance, in Tirana	In progress
12	Claimant: Company "Tibo" sh.p.k. Respondent: AMA	AMA's decision repeal, no. 106, dated 30.09.2022, which has upheld the decision for fine imposition, no. 7 dated 24.08.2022	In the Administrative Court of First Instance, in Tirana	In progress

13	Claimant: The Company "Tibo" sh.p.k. Respondent: AMA	AMA's decision repeal, no. 115, dated 12.10.2022, which has upheld the decision for fine imposition, no. 9,	In the Administrative Court of First Instance, in Tirana	In progress
14	Claimant: The Company "Tibo" sh.p.k. Respondent: AMA	dated 02.09.2022. AMA'si decision repeal, no. 116, dated 12.10.2022, which has upheld the decision for fine imposition, no. 10 dated 06.09.2022	In the Administrative Court of First Instance, in Tirana	In progress
15	Claimant: The Company "Tibo" sh.p.k. Respondent: AMA	AMA'si decision repeal, no. 117, dated 21.10.2022, which has upheldthe decision for fine imposition, no. 11 dated 07.09.2022	In the Administrative Court of First Instance, in Tirana	In progress
16	Claimant: Company "Tibo" sh.p.k Respondent: AMA	AMA's decision repeal, no. 118, dated 21.10.2022, which has upheld the decision for fine imposition, no. 12, dated 08.09.2022.	In the Administrative Court of First Instance, in Tirana	In progress
17	Claimant: Company Tibo sh.p.k Respondent: AMA	AMA's decision repeal, no. 119, dated 21.10.2022, which has upheld the decision for fine imposition, no. 13, dated 09.09.2022.	In the Administrative Court of First Instance, in Tirana	In progress
18	Claimant: Natural person entity Guri Meko. Respondent: AMA	AMA's decision repeal, no. 105, dated 30.09.2022, which has upheld the decision for fine imposition, no. 6, dated 17.06.2022.	In the Administrative Court of First Instance, in Tirana	In progress
19	Claimant: My Tv Alb Respondent: AMA	AMA's decision repeal, no. 87, dated 15.07.2022, which has upheld the decision for fine imposition, no. 4, date 27.04.2022	In the Administrative Court of First Instance, in Tirana	In progress
		CASES PENDING IN THE COURT	OF APPEALS	•
1	Claimant: Company "Tibo" sh.p.k. Respondent: AMA	AMA's decision repeal, no. 82, dated 21.10.2021, against the decision for the fine imposition no. 10, dated 27.09.2021.	In the Administrative Court of Appeals of Tirana. (Appeal exercised by the Respondent.)	Lost / In process
2	Claimant: Company "Sky Gjirokaster" sh.p.k Respondent: AMA	AMA's decision repeal, no. 140, dated 12.07.2021, for not giving authorization.	In the Administrative Court of Appeals of Tirana. (Appeal exercised by the Respondent.)	Lost / In process
3	Claimant: Company "Johaniteri" sh.p k Respondent: AMA	AMA's decision repeal, no. 89, dated 21.10.2021, which has upheld the decision for fine imposition, no. 7, dated 08.06.2021.	In the Administrative Court of Appeals of Tirana. (Appeal exercised by the Claimant.)	Won / In process
4	Claimant: Company "Egnatia Televizion" sh.a. Respondent: AMA	Repeal of AMA's decision no. 87, dated 21.10.2021, which has upheld the decision on the fine no. 8, date 08.06.2021	In the Administrative Court of Appeals of Tirana. (Appeal exercised by the Claimant.)	Won / In process
5	Claimant: Company "Tibo" sh.p.k, Respondent: AMA	AMA's decision repeal, no. 95, dated 26.11.2021, against the decision for the fine imposition no. 12, dated 10.11.2021.	In the Administrative Court of Appeals of Tirana. (Appeal exercised by the Respondent.)	Lost / In process
6	Claimant: Company "Tibo" sh.p.k, Respondent: AMA	AMA's decision repeal, no. 103 dated 21.12.2021, against the decision for the fine imposition no. 13, dated 01.11.2021.	In the Administrative Court of Appeals of Tirana. (Appeal exercised by the Respondent.)	Lost / In process
7	Claimant: Company "Tibo" sh.p.k, Respondent: AMA	AMA's decision repeal, no. 04 dated 07.01.2022, against the decision for the fine imposition no. 14, dated 10.11.2021.	In the Administrative Court of Appeals of Tirana. (Appeal exercised by the Respondent.)	Lost / In process
8	Claimant: Company "Ora" sh.a.	Repeal of AMA's decision no. 86, dated 21.10.2021, which has upheld	In the Administrative Court of Appeals of Tirana.	Lost / In process

	Respondent: AMA	the decision on the fine no. 6, date	(Appeal exercised by the	
	•	08.06.2021	Respondent.)	
9	Claimant: Preng Doda Respondent: AMA	AMA's decision repeal, no. 69, dated	In the Administrative Court of	Lost / In
	Respondent. AWA	21.08.2020, which has upheld the decision for fine imposition, no. 1,	Appeals of Tirana. (Appeal exercised by the	process
		dated 21.07.2020.	Claimant.)	
10	Claimant: AMA	Financial liabilities	In the Administrative Court of	Won / In
	Respondent: Radio		Appeals of Tirana.	process
	Motiv		(Appeal exercised by the	
11	Claimant:	AMA's decision repeal, no. 70, dated	Respondent.) In the Administrative Court of	Won / In
11	Dritan Memushi	21.08.2020, which has upheld the	Appeals of Tirana.	process
	Respondent: AMA	decision for fine imposition, no. 03,	(Appeal exercised by the	process
		dated 21.07.2020.	Claimant.)	
12	Claimant: AMA Respondent: Company	Financial liabilities	In the Administrative Court of	Lost / In
	"Alba Tra Ket Scu"		Appeals of Tirana. (Appeal	process
	sh.p.k.		exercised by the Respondent.)	
13	Claimant: Gëzim	The Respondent's obligation to to state the statute of limitations for the	In the Administrative Court of	Lost / In
	Ismaili (Media+) Respondent: AMA	administrative penalty execution of:	Appeals of Tirana. (Appeal exercised by AMA.)	process
	Respondent. AMA	Fineno. 387, dated 01.06.2011, in the amount of ALL 200,000;	exercised by AMA.)	
		Fineno. 433, dated 16.11.2011, in the		
		amount of ALL 400,000;		
		Fineno. 616, dated 11.04.2013, in the amount ALL 2,000,000;		
14	Claimant: "Ora" sh. a.	AMA's decision repeal, no. 86, dated	In the Administrative Court of	Lost / In
	Respondent: AMA	21.10.2021, which has upheld the	Appeals of Tirana. (Shortened	process
		decision for fine imposition, no. 06,	appeal exercised to meet the	
1.5	C1:	dated 08.06.2021.	deadline by AMA.)	D : 11
15	Claimant: Ismet Drishti Respondent: AMA	AMA's decision repeal, no. 27, dated 22.04.2020," On obtaining a licence	In the Administrative Court of Appeals of Tirana.	Partially accepted/ In
	Trosponation 1 II / II 1	regarding the provision of the	(Appeal exercised by both	process
		audiovisual program service "Zjarr	litigant parties.)	Process
		TV".	,	Was /
16	Claimant: Sevi Mediu (Anfab Cable TV)	Decision cancellation on fine	In the Administrative Court of	process In
	Respondent: AMA	imposition of Directorate of Surveillance, no. 7, dated 17.04.2019;	Appeals of Tirana. (Appeal exercised by the Claimant.)	
	Respondent. AWA	Decision cancellation on fine	exercised by the Claimant.)	
		imposition of Directorate of		
		Surveillance, no. 8, dated 19.04.2019.		
17	Claimant: Gerantina	AMA's decision repeal, no. 156,	In the Administrative Court of	Lost / In
	Zylo Respondent: AMA	dated 11.10.2019, which has upheld the decision for fine imposition, no.	Appeals of Tirana. (Appeal exercised by AMA.)	process
	Respondent. AMA	14, date 10.05.2019	CACIOISCU DY AIVIA.	
18	Claimant: Albi Kreci	AMA's decision repeal, no. 157,	In the Administrative Court of	Lost / In
	(Alb Vito Peqin Cable TV)	dated 11.10.2019, which has upheld	Appeals of Tirana. (Appeal	process
	Respondent: AMA	the decision for fine imposition, no,	exercised by AMA.)	
19	Claimant: The	16, dated 07.08.2019. AMA's administrative acts repeal:	In the Administrative Court of	Lost / In
19	Company "Beqaj	Inspection report of the audiovisual	Appeals of Tirana. (Appeal	process
	Kabllor 2014" sh.p.k.	activity, dated 28.09.2019; AMA's decision no. 19, dated	exercised by AMA.)	*
	(TV Kabllor Beqaj)	15.10.2019, on fine imposition.	,	
20	Respondent: AMA Claimant: Alrin	AMA's decision repeal, no. 114, dated	In the Administrative Court of	Partially
20	Sharka, (Hysgjokaj	11.07.2019, which has upheld the	Appeals of Tirana. (Appeal	Lost / In
	Cable TV)	decision for fine imposition, no. 4,	exercised by AMA.)	process
	Respondent: AMA	dated 15.04.2019.	,	

21	Claimant: Company "Teknomedia" sh.p.k., (NessrTV) Respondent: AMA	Repeal of AMA's decision no. 91, dated 16.05.2018, for non-renewal of the subject's license. The respondent's obligation to compensate the claimant: Moral and psychological injury due to the Respondents actions in the amount of ALL 5 000 000. Financial damage in the form of missing profit in the amount of ALL 5,316,186.	In the Administrative Court of Appeals of Tirana. (Appeal exercised by the Claimant.)	Won / In process
22	Claimant: The Company "G NET" sh.p.k. Respondent: AMA	AMA's decision repeal, no. 83, dated 16.5.2019, which has upheld the decision for fine imposition, no. 2, dated 11.04.2019:	In the Administrative Court of Appeals of Tirana. (Appeal exercised by AMA.)	Lost / In process
23	Claimant: Gezim Cake, (Zargoçan Cable TV" Respondent: AMA	AMA's decision repeal, no. 115, dated 11.07.2019, which has upheld the decision for fine imposition, no. 10, dated 25.04.2019.	In the Administrative Court of Appeals of Tirana. (Appeal exercised by the Claimant.)	Won / In process
24	Claimant: Elion Boriçi (Brado Cable TV) Respondent: AMA	AMA'si decision repeal, no. 95, dated 07.06.2019, which has upheld the decision for fine imposition, no. 3, dated 12.04.2019:	In the Administrative Court of Appeals of Tirana. (Appeal exercised by the Claimant.)	Won / In process
25	Claimant: The Company "DEVI- E.R.I." sh.p.k. (Devi- Eri Cable TV) Respondent: AMA	Invalidity declaration of the executive title, the fine imposition decision no. 47, dated 18.11.2015, for which has been issued the execution order no. Act 2233/3/2, dated 20.06 2018, by the Administrative Court of First Instance in Tirana, because the obligation has been.	In the Administrative Court of Appeals of Tirana. (Appeal exercised by the Claimant.)	Won / In process
26	Claimant: Sevi Mediu (Anfab Cable TV) Respondent: AMA	AMA's decision repealno. 180, dated 05.11.2018, which has upheld the decision for fine imposition no. 16, dated 08.06.2018.	In the Administrative Court of Appeals of Tirana. (Appeal exercised by AMA.)	Lost / In process
27	Claimant: Ismail Buçpapaj, (TV Bajram Curri) Respondent: AMA	Objection and invalidity declaration of AMA's decision, dated 31.01.2019, "On the exercise of the audio and / or audiovisual broadcasting activity and reports" On the inspection of the audiovisual activity of 31.01.2019.	In the Administrative Court of Appeals of Tirana. (Appeal exercised by the Claimant.)	Won / In process
28	Claimant: Guri Meko (Delta Cable TV) Respondent: AMA	Stating the statute of limitations for fine sanctions of KKRT, no. 303 dated 16.12.2010, has upheld by decision no. 26 dated 20.01.2011, fine no. 449, dated. 29.02.2012 and fine no. 479, dated 19.07.2012, has upheld the decision no. 119, dated 31.08.2012, of KKRT-se.	In the Administrative Court of Appeals of Tirana. (Appeal exercised by AMA.)	Lost / In process
29	Claimant: Guri Meko (Aral Cable TV) Respondent; AMA	AMA's decision repeal, no. 181, dated 05.11.2018, which has upheld the decision for fine imposition, no. 17, 11.06.2018.	In the Administrative Court of Appeals of Tirana. (Appeal exercised by the Claimant)	Won / In process
30	Claimant: Ermal Marinaj, unauthorised Respondent: AMA	Executive title invalidity, decision no. 22, dated 06.07.2018, Directorate of Surveillance.	In the Administrative Court of Appeals of Tirana. (Appeal exercised by the Claimant.)	Won/ In process
31	Claimant: Dritan Memushi, (Tepelena Sat Cable TV)	AMA's decision repeal, no. 186 dated 05.11.2018, which has partially	In the Administrative Court of Appeals of Tirana. (Appeal exercised by the Claimant.)	Won / In process

	Respondent: AMA	upheld the decision no. 20 dated 03.07.2018.		
32	Claimant: The Company "AVN" sh.p.k. Respondent: AMA	AMA's decision repeal, no. 169, dated 12.09.2018.	In the Administrative Court of Appeals of Tirana. (Appeal exercised by the Claimant.)	Won / In process
33	Claimant: Company "Tring Tv" sh.a. Respondent: AMA	Objection of enforcement actions and cancellation of the letter Order "On the confiscation" no. 215/2 prot., no. 215 Reg., dated 26.11.2018, of the enforcement company "Tirana Execution Office" sh.p.k.	In the Administrative Court of Appeals of Tirana. (Appeal exercised by AMA.)	Lost / In process
34	Claimant: Company "New Media Vizion" sh.p.k. Respondent: AMA	AMA's decision repeal, no. 160, dated 12.09.2018, "On rejecting the licensing area expansion of "Radio 1"	In the Administrative Court of Appeals of Tirana. (Appeal exercised by AMA.)	Lost / In process
35	Claimant: Spiro Zguri, (TV Magic Channel) Respondent: AMA	Title invalidity for the decision of AMA, no. 104, dated 12.07.2017, regarding the financial liabilities settlement.	In the Administrative Court of Appeals of Tirana. (Appeal exercised by the Claimant.)	Won / In process
36	Claimant: Lartment Mato, unauthorised Respondent: AMA	AMA's decision repeal, no. 155, dated 13.07.2018, which has upheld the decision for fine imposition, no. 10, dated 29.05.2018.	In the Administrative Court of Appeals of Tirana. (Appeal exercised by the Claimant.)	Won / In process
37	Claimant: Company "Fokus TV" sh.p.k. Respondent: AMA	Objection of enforcement actions: Fine no. 509, dated 23.10.2012 of AMA's Inspection Group; Fine no. 13, dated 22.05.2015, of AMA's Inspection Group;	In the Administrative Court of Appeals of Tirana. (Appeal exercised by the Claimant.)	Won / In process
38	Claimant: Dritan Memushi, (Tepelena Sat Cable TV) Respondent: AMA	AMA's decision repeal, no. 117, dated 16.05.2018, which has upheld the decision for fine imposition, no. 4, dated 20.02.2018.	In the Administrative Court of Appeals of Tirana. (Appeal exercised by the Claimant.)	Won / In process
39	Claimant: The Company "4 + Media Group sh.p.k., (TV4+) Respondent: AMA	AMA's decision repeal, no. 122, dated 08.06.2018.	In the Administrative Court of Appeals of Tirana. (Appeal exercised by the Claimant.)	Won / In process
40	Claimant: Company "Capital Radio" sh.p.k., Respondent: AMA	AMA's decision repeal, no. 73, dated 20.04.2018. Reinstate within the deadline of the appeal of the company "Capital Radio" against the decision of AMA, no. 90, dated 19.05.2016.	In the Administrative Court of Appeals of Tirana. (Appeal exercised by AMA.)	Partially Lost / In process
41	Claimant: Company "Media Nord" sh.a. Respondent: AMA	Objection of enforcement actions regarding the executive title, fine imposition decision no. 41, date 27.4.2017	In the Administrative Court of Appeals of Tirana. (Appeal exercised by the Claimant.)	Won / In process
42	Claimant: Company "Media +" sh.a. Respondent AMA	Objection of enforcement actions notified via letter no. 405/1, dated 24.04.2013	In the Administrative Court of Appeals of Tirana. (Appeal exercised by the Claimant.)	Won / In process
43	Claimant: Company "Media Nord" sh.a. Respondent: AMA	Invalidity of the executive title, the fine imposition decision no. 41, date 27.04.2017	In the Administrative Court of Appeals of Tirana. (Appeal exercised by the Claimant.)	Won / In process
44	Claimant: Abedin Fraholli, (Cable TV Fraholli) Respondent: TRING Third party: AMA	Causing contractual damage based on the contract dated 01.01.2016, concluded between Tring TV and Fraholli Cable TV.	In the Administrative Court of Appeals of Tirana. (Appeal exercised by the Claimant.)	Won / In process

		Liability settlement according to AMA's decision, no. 51, dated 24.10.2016.		
45	Claimant: The private entity Sevi Mediu, (Anfab Cable TV) Respondent: AMA	AMA's decision repeal, no. 179, dated 04.09.2017, which has upheld the decision for fine imposition, no. 74, dated 02.08.2017.	In the Administrative Court of Appeals of Tirana. (Appeal exercised by the Claimant.)	Won / In process
46	Claimant: The Company "4 Plus Media Group" sh.p.k., (TV 4+) Respondent: AMA	Executive title invalidity, AMA's decision, no. 44, dated 27.04.2017 imposed on the company "4 Plus Media Group" sh.p.k.	In the Administrative Court of Appeals of Tirana. (Appeal exercised by the Claimant.)	Won / In process
47	Private entity Fred Hasa, (Cable TV Pirg) Respondent: AMA	AMA's decision repeal, no. 171, dated 04.09.2017 against decision no. 63, dated 19.07.2017.	In the Administrative Court of Appeals of Tirana. (Appeal exercised by the Claimant.)	Won / In process
48	Claimant: Company "Radio Link" sh.p.k., (Radio DJ 96.1) Respondent: AMA	AMA's decision repeal, no. 210, dated 25.10.2017, which has upheld the decision for fine imposition, no. 83, dated 09.08.2017.	In the Administrative Court of Appeals of Tirana. (Appeal exercised by the Claimant.)	Won / In process
49	Claimant: AMA Respondent: Company "Radio Albania News"	Financial liabilities	In the Administrative Court of Appeals. (Appeal exercised by AMA.)	Partially Lost / In process
50	Claimant: Sevada Guço Respondent: AMA	Statement regarding the invalidity on the evaluation no. 7, dated 12.06.2017, of the Disciplinary Commission concerning the estimation of the disciplinary measure "Leaving the civil service".	In the Administrative Court of Appeals. (Appeal exercised by the Respondent.)	Lost / In process
51	Claimant: Dritan Memushi, (Tepelena Sat Cable TV) Respondent: AMA	AMA's decision repeal, no. 115, dated 09.12.2015, which has upheld the decision for fine imposition, no. 15/1, dated 22.09.2015.	In the Administrative Court of Appeals. (Appeal exercised by the Claimant.)	Won / In process
52	Claimant: Cable TV Apollon Respondent: AMA	KKRT's decision repeal, no. 63/2011	In the Administrative Court of Appeals. (Appeal exercised by the Claimant.)	Won / In process
53	Claimant: The private entity Dritan Xhaçi, (Xhaçi Cable TV) Respondent: AMA	Repeal of the decision of AMA, no. 69, dated 04.04.2016, which has upheld the decision on the fine no. 6. dated 10.02.2016.	In the Administrative Court of Appeals. (Appeal exercised by the Respondent.)	Lost / In process
54	Claimant: The private entity Dritan Xhaçi, (Xhaçi Cable TV) Respondent: AMA	AMA's decision repeal, no. 234, dated 03.11.2016, "On application review of the entity natural person Dritan Xhaçi, regarding the authorization renewal to rebroadcast the audiovisual program service to third parties, based on the cable network "TV Kabllor Xhaçi".	In the Administrative Court of Appeals. (Appeal exercised by the Claimant.)	Won / In process
55	The Company "Tring TV" sh.a. Respondent: AMA	AMA's decision repeal, no. 114, dated 12.07.2017, has upheld the decision of the fine imposition no. 65, dated 01.12.2016.	In the Administrative Court of Appeals. (Appeal exercised by the Respondent.)	Lost / In process
56	The Company "Intel Media" sh.p.k Respondent: AMA	Decision repeal no. 7, dated 27.01.2017, which has upheld the decision for fine imposition, no. 58, dated 22.11.2016.	In the Administrative Court of Appeals. (Appeal exercised by the Claimant.)	Won / In process
57	The Company "Beqaj Cable TV 2014" sh.p.k. Respondent: AMA	AMA's decision repeal, no. 169, dated 04.09.2017, which has upheld	In the Administrative Court of Appeals. (Appeal exercised by the Claimant.)	Won / In process

the decision	on for fine imposition, no.
60, dated 14	14.06.2017.

	Private entity Fred Stakaj (Lezha	AMA's decision repeal, no. 104,	Completed in the	Won/
	Cable TV)	dated 19.05.2016, which has upheld the decision for fine	Administrative Court of Appeals.	In process
	Respondent: AMA	imposition, no. 09. dated	(Appeal exercised by the	
58	Respondent. Thirt	17.03.2016.	Respondent.)	
	Edmond Sulejmani,	Objection and suspension of	In the Administrative Court	
	(Jug Cable TV)	enforcement actions.	of Appeals. (Appeal	Won/
59	Respondent AMA		exercised by the Claimant)	In process
	The Company "Reçi KGM"	AMA's decision repeal, no 26.	In the Administrative Court	Won/
	sh.p.k.(Lissus Cable TV)	dated	of Appeals. (Appeal	In process
	Respondent: AMA	27.01.2016, which has upheld	exercised by the Claimant.)	
		the decision of the fine		
60		imposition, no. 62, dated 15.12.2015.		
	Claimant: Private entity Dritan	AMA's decision repeal, no. 69,	In the Administrative Court	Lost/
	Xhaçi, "TV Kabllor Xhaçi"	dated 04.04.2016, has upheld the	of Appeals. (Appeal	In process
	Respondent AMA	decision of the fine imposition	exercised by the Respondent.)	
		no. 6, dated 10.02.2016.		
61		126.		***
	Claimant: Private entity Dritan	AMA's decision repeal, no. 180,	In the Administration of	Won/
	Xhaçi, "TV Kabllor Xhaçi"	dated 23.07.2016, has upheld the	In the Administrative Court	In process
	Respondent AMA	decision of the fine imposition no. 18, dated 03.06.2016.	of Appeals. (Appeal exercised by the Claimant.)	
62		10. 18, dated 03.06.2016.	exercised by the Claimant.)	
02	Claimant: Abidin Fraholli,	AMA's decision repeal, no. 274.	In the Administrative Court	Won/
	(Fraholli Cable TV)	dated. 22.12.2016, which has	of Appeals. (Appeal	In process
	Respondent: AMA	upheld the decision of the fine	exercised by the Claimant.)	in process
63		imposition, no. 51, dated		
		24.10.2016.		
	Claimant: The Company	AMA's decision repeal, no.	In the Administrative Court	Won/
	"Elbasan Cable" sh.p.k.,	271, dated 22.12.2016, has	of Appeals. (Appeal	In process
	(Elbasan Cable TV)	upheld the decision of the fine	exercised by the Claimant.)	
	Respondent: AMA	imposition no. 34, dated		
64	GI I GI	22.09.2016.		
	Claimant: The Company	AMA's decision repeal, no.	In the Administrative Court	Won/
	"Kombi" sh.p.k., (TV Kombi)	53, dated 12.04.2017, has upheld	of Appeals. (Appeal	In process
65	Respondent: AMA	the decision of the fine imposition no. 13, dated	exercised by the Claimant.)	
03		27.01.2017		
	Claimant: Private entity Besnik	AMA's decision repeal, no.	In the Administrative Court	Won/
	Deliu, "K.A.M. Cable TV"	56, dated 12. 04. 2017, which	of Appeals. (Appeal	In process
	Respondent: AMA	has upheld the decision for fine	exercised by the Claimant.)	in process
	- Sarahan Sarah	imposition, no, 27, dated		
66		23.02.2017.		
	Claimant: The Company	Statement regarding the		Won/
	"Kombi" sh.p.k. (TV Kombi)	illegality of AMA documents,	In the Administrative Court	In process
	Respondent: AMA	no. 264, dated 21.12.2016, has	of Appeals. (Appeal	
		upheld the decision of the fine	exercised by the Claimant.)	
7		imposition no. 41, dated		
67	Claimant Tl C "T	18.10.2016.	Canada da	XX7 - /
	Claimant: The Company "Envo- Company" sh.p.k., for the entity	AMA's decision repeal, no. 118,	Completed in the	Won/
	L COMPANY ON N V TOT THE ENTITY	dated 12.07.2017, has upheld the	Administrative Court of	In process
		decision of the fine immediation		
68	"Envo Company Cable Tv"	decision of the fine imposition	Appeals.	
68		decision of the fine imposition no. 34, dated 10.04.2017.	(Appeal exercised by the	
68	"Envo Company Cable Tv" Respondent: AMA	no. 34, dated 10.04.2017.	(Appeal exercised by the Claimant.)	Won/
68 	"Envo Company Cable Tv"	_	(Appeal exercised by the	Won/ In process

sh.p.k., (Envo Company Cable TV) Respondent: AMA	fine decision no. 56, dated 06.02.2017.		
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70	Claimant: Gazmir Mango (New Planet Radio) Respondent: AMA	Objection of enforcement actions	In the Administrative Court of Appeals. (Appeal exercised by the Claimant.)	Won/ In process
71	Claimant: Gazmir Mango (New Planet Radio) Respondent: AMA	Statement regarding the statute of limitations of the fine imposition decision no. 237, dated 03.03.2010.	In the Administrative Court of Appeals. (Appeal exercised by the Respondent.)	Lost/ In process
72	Claimant: The Company "Arlibon" sh.p.k., (Fieri Cable TV) Respondent: AMA	AMA's decision repeal, no. 106, no. 107, no. 108, no. 109, no. 110, no. 111 and no. 115, dated 12.07.2017.	In the Administrative Court of Appeals. (Appeal exercised by the Claimant.)	Won/ In process
73	Claimant: The Company "Radio Link" sh.p.k., (Radio Dj 96.1) Respondent: AMA	AMA's decision repeal, no. 130, dated 12.07.2017 and decision no. 81, dated 29.05.2017.	In the Administrative Court of Appeals. (Appeal exercised by the Claimant.)	Won/ In process
74	Claimant: Aristotel Petro, TV Alpo Respondent: AMA	Cancellation of administrative acts: 1.Record dated. 08.02.2018; 2.Decision dated 08.02.2018; The respondent's obligation to return the seized equipment.	In the Administrative Court of Appeals. (Appeal exercised by the Claimant.)	Won/ In process
75	Claimant: AMA Respondent: Private entity Ruzhdi Bajrami, (Bajram Net Cable TV)	Financial liabilities	In the Administrative Court of Appeals. (Appeal exercised by the Respondent.)	Won/ In process
76	Claimant: AMA Respondent: The Company "Media 99" sh.a., (TV Koha)	Financial liabilities	In the trial process at the Civil Court of Appeals (Appeal exercised by the Respondent.)	Won/ In process
77	Claimant: Private entity Aqif Haveriku, TV 6 Third person: AMA	Objection of enforcement actions regarding the fine imposition decision no. 61, dated 22.11.2016	In the Administrative Court of Appeals. (Appeal exercised by the Claimant)	Won/ In process
78	Claimant: Private entity Aqif Haveriku, (TV 6) Third person: AMA	Objection of enforcement actions regarding the fine imposition decision no. 43, dated 27.04.2017.	In the Administrative Court of Appeals. (Appeal exercised by the Claimant.)	Won/ In process
	Claimant: Private entitiy Josif Shegani, (Lin Cable TV)	Invalidity declaration of the executive title, the fine imposition decision no. 1 dated	In the Administrative Court of Appeals. (Appeal exercised by the	Lost/ In process
79	Respondent: AMA Claimant: Private entity Ledio Shameti, (Kamza Cable TV)	O7.03.2014. Executive title invalidity, the fine imposition decision no. 506, dated 23.10.2012. Suspension of the executive title implementation.	Respondent.) In the Administrative Court of Appeals. (Appeal exercised by the Claimant.)	Won/ In process
80	Respondent: AMA Claimant: The Company "Beqaj Kabllor 2014" sh.p.k.	Invalidity of the executive title, the fine imposition decision no. 60, dated 14.06.2017. Suspension of the	In the Administrative Court of Appeals. (Appeal exercised by the Claimant.)	Won/ In process
81		executive title implementation.		

	Respondent: AMA			
82	Claimant: Private entity Fatjon Latifi, "ENT-Kabllor TV" Respondent: AMA	Statute of limitations regarding the executive title and statement of the invalidity of the fine imposition decision no. 392, dated 01.07.2011.	In the Administrative Court of Appeals. (Appeal exercised by the Respondent.)	Lost/ In process
83	Claimant: Private entity Fred Stakaj Respondent: AMA	Objection and suspension of the decision in the amount of ALL 312.490.	In the Administrative Court of Appeals. (Appeal exercised by the Respondent.)	Won/ In process
84	Claimant: AMA. Respondent: Regional Tax Directorate of Tirana	Decision repeal no. 30945/3 prot., dated 15.11.2016. of the Directorate of Tax Appeals in the General Tax Directorate of Tirana: Return of the amount of ALL 586,019.	In the Administrative Court of Appeals. (Appeal exercised by the Claimant)	Won/ In process
85	Claimant: AMA Respondent: Private entity Elona Shaha, for the entity "TV Stream"	Financial liabilities	In the Administrative Court of Appeals. (Appeal exercised by the Respondent.)	Won/ In process
86	Claimant AMA Respondent: The Company "Cable Albania Shkoder" shp.k.	Financial liabilities	In the Administrative Court of Appeals. (Appeal exercised by the Claimant.)	Lost/ In process
87	Claimant: AMA Respondent: The Company "Reci KGM" sh.p.k.	Financial liabilities	In the Administrative Court of Appeals. (Appeal exercised by the Respondent.)	Won/ In process
88	Claimant: AMA Respondent: The subject company "Veleçiku" sh.p.k., for the subject TV Veleçiku.	Financial liabilities	In the Administrative Court of Appeals. (Appeal exercised by the Claimant.)	Won/ In process
89	Claimant: AMA Respondent: Private entity Shpëtim Plaku, for the entity "TV Alb Pajove"	Financial liabilities	In the Administrative Court of Appeals. (Appeal exercised by the Claimant.)	Partially Lost/ In process
90	Claimant: AMA Respondent: The Company"ACN" sh.p.k.	Financial liabilities	In the Administrative Court of Appeals. (Appeal exercised by the district attorney.)	Against the return of acts
91	Claimant: AMA Respondent: Private entity Ardjan Sulovari, for the entity "Dire Cable TV"	Financial liabilities	In the Administrative Court of Appeals. (Appeal exercised by the Respondent.)	Won/ In process
92	Claimant: AMA Respondent: The Company "Egnatia-Radio Cable TV" sh.p.k.	Financial liabilities	In the Administrative Court of Appeals. (Appeal exercised by the Claimant.)	Lost/ In process
93	Claimant: AMA Respondent: The Company "Vraniger Communication" sh.p.k.	Financial liabilities	In the Administrative Court of Appeals. (Appeal exercised by the Claimant.)	Lost/ In process
		Financial liabilities		

94	Claimant: AMA Respondent: Natural person entity Sulejman Leshi	Financial liabilities	In the Administrative Court of Appeals. (Appeal exercised by the Respondent.)	Won/ In process
95	Claimant: AMA Respondent: Klodjan Shqau Edmond Kristo Former administrator and partner of the company Egnatia-Radio Cable TV" sh.p.k.	Financial liabilities	In the Administrative Court of Appeals. (Appeal exercised by the Claimant.)	Ceased by the Court/ In process
96	Claimant: Zylyftar Bregu Respondent: AMA and the Parliament	Decision cancellation, no. 82/2019, dated 04.07.2019, of the Albanian Parliament, regarding the dismissal of the AMA member 2. Claimant's return as Ama member; Payment of the respective compensation as a member of AMA until his return to duty.	In the Administrative Court of Appeals. (Appeal exercised by the Claimant.)	Won/ In process
97	Claimant: The Company "Vlora Cable TV" sh.p.k. Respondent: AMA	AMA's decision repeal, no. 05, dated 16.01.2020, has upheld the decision of the fine imposition no. 21. dated 17.12.2019.	In the Administrative Court of Appeals. (Appeal exercised by the Respondent.)	Lost/ In process
98	Claimant: Masa Group" sh.p.k. Respondent: AMA	AMA's decision repeal, no. 179, dated 05.11.20I8, which has upheld the decision of the fine imposition no. 15, dated 08.06.2018.	In the Administrative Court of Appeals. (Appeal exercised by the Respondent.)	Partially Lost In process
	CASES F	PENDING IN THE SUPREME COURT	• , • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • •	
No	Claimant/Respondent	Scope	Recourse exerciser	Won/ Lost in the
				actual phase
1	Endrit Kopliku i Respondent: AMA	Declaration of employment contract termination dated 02.12.2013, as immediate and unjustified	AMA	actual phase Lost / In process
1 2	Respondent: AMA The Company "Focus Media News" sh.p.k., for the entity "TV News 24"	termination dated 02.12.2013, as immediate	AMA	phase Lost / In
	Respondent: AMA The Company "Focus Media News" sh.p.k., for	termination dated 02.12.2013, as immediate and unjustified Repeal of the decision of AMA, no. 10, dated 27.01.2016, which has upheld the decision on		phase Lost / In process Lost/
2	Respondent: AMA The Company "Focus Media News" sh.p.k., for the entity "TV News 24" Respondent: AMA The Company "Fibernet" sh.p.k.	termination dated 02.12.2013, as immediate and unjustified Repeal of the decision of AMA, no. 10, dated 27.01.2016, which has upheld the decision on the fine no. 53. dated 07.12.2015. Cancellation for relative invalidity of order no. 283, dated 03.09.2015 and decision no. 1,	AMA	Lost / In process Lost/ In process Won/
3	Respondent: AMA The Company "Focus Media News" sh.p.k., for the entity "TV News 24" Respondent: AMA The Company "Fibernet" sh.p.k. Respondent: AMA The Company "Fibernet" sh.p.k.	termination dated 02.12.2013, as immediate and unjustified Repeal of the decision of AMA, no. 10, dated 27.01.2016, which has upheld the decision on the fine no. 53. dated 07.12.2015. Cancellation for relative invalidity of order no. 283, dated 03.09.2015 and decision no. 1, dated 03.09.2015. Cancellation for relative invalidity of AMA's	AMA The Claimant	Lost / In process Lost/ In process Won/ In process Won/

7	Cable Television "AVN" Respondent: AMA	KKRT's decision repeal, of fine imposition decision no. 72/2010	AMA	Lost/ In process
	The Company "Digit-	AMA's decision repeal, no. 65, dated	The Claimant	Won/
	Alb" sh.a.	04.04.2016. administrative act repeal, fine of		In process
	Respondent: AMA	the report no. 3, dated 26.01.2016, for		
8		imposing a fine on The company Digitalb"		
		sh.a.		
	Sevada Guço	Termination of the labor dispute, through the	AMA as recourser	Lost/
	Respondent: AMA	direct superior's decision repeal no. 1010/2	and counter-	In process
9		prot., dated 28.12.2015 and the removal of the	recourse by the	
	T' (II '1 '	disciplinary measure "Remarks".	claimant	D 4: 11
	Fitnete Hajdari	Return of the claimant to the previous	AMA	Partially
10	Respondent: AMA	employment position, for termination of the		Lost
10		employment contract for an indefinite period		In process
	"Tv, Ca. Ura	without reasonable cause, unilaterally. Executive title invalidity, of the fine decision	Claimant as	In process Won/
	Vajgurore"	no. 9, dated 07.03.2014, after it was written	recourser and	In process
11	Respondent: AMA	off due to the expiration of the statute of	counter-recourse by	in process
11	Respondent. Aivir	limitations.	AMA	
	Fred Stakaj, (TV Lezha	Invalidity of the executive title, the fine	The Claimant	Won/
	Kabëll)	imposition decision no. 9, dated 17.03.2016;		In process
12	Respondent: AMA	Objection and suspension of enforcement		r
	1	actions.		
	Private entity Geront	AMA's decision cancellation, no. 31 dated	The Claimant	Won/
	Dervishi	16.04.2015, which has upheld the decision of		In process
13	Respondent: AMA	the fine		
		no, 1 dated 13.01.2015		
	Private entity Geront	AMA's decision cancellation, no. 65, dated	The Claimant	Won/
	Dervishi	10.05.2015, has upheld the decision of the		In process
14	Respondent: AMA	fine imposition no. 2, dated 11.03.2015.		/
	The Company "Elbasan	AMA's decision repeal, no. 67, dated	The Claimant	Won/
1.5	Cable" sh.p.k.	04.04.2016, has upheld the decision of the		In process
15	Respondent: AMA	fine imposition no. 4. Dated 10.02.2016.	Th. Cl. :	337 /
	The Company "DEVI-	AMA's decision cancellation, no. 19, dated	The Claimant	Won/
16	E.R.I." sh.p.k. Respondent: AMA	27.01.2016, has upheld the decision of the fine imposition no. 47, dated I8.11.2015.		In process
10	Private Entity Eneritan	Repeal of the decision of AMA, no. 270,	The Claimant	Won/
	Pupa, for the entity	dated 22.12.2016, which has upheld the	The Claimant	In process
17	"Pupa Cable TV"	decision on the fine no. 53, dated 04.11.2016.		III process
1,	Respondent: AMA	decision on the line no. 33, dated 5 1.11.2010.		
	The Company "TV	AMA's decision repeal, no. 106, dated	The Claimant	Won/
	Kabllor 2014" sh.p.k.	19.05.2016, has upheld the decision of the		In process
18	For the entity "Shijaku	fine imposition no. 7, dated 04.03.2016.		
	Cable TV"	-		
	Respondent: AMA			
	The Company "Media	KKRT's decision repeal, no. 95, dated	State Advocacy	Lost/
19	+" sh.a.	03.04.2013 and AMA's decision no. 09, dated		In process
	Respondent: AMA	22.05.2013		
	The Company "Tring	AMA's decision repeal, no. 67 and no. 112,	The Claimant	Won/
20	Tv" sh.a.	dated 12.07.2017.		In process
	Respondent: AMA			

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21	Respondent: AMA	Employment relations	Tiviri	In process
	Engjëllushe Ibrahimi	Employment relations	The Claimant	Won/
22	Respondent: AMA			In process
23	The Company "Albanian Mobile Communications" sh.a. Respondent: AMA	KKRT's decision repeal, no. 177/1 prot., dated 02.02.2012; Annulment of the administrative act as invalid and permission to broadcast the advertisement for the 3G Internet of the company AMC sh.a	Claimant as recourser and counter-recourse by AMA	Won/ In process
24	The Company "Tring Tv" sh.a. Respondent: AMA	AMA's decision repeal, no. 40, dated 1.05.2015, has upheld the decision of the fine imposition no. 3, dated 13.03.2015.	AMA	Lost/ In process
25	The Company "Media Vizion" sh.a. Respondent: AMA	The Respondent's obligation prevent the licensing competition procedure of national digital networks initiated by AMA's decision, no no, 29, dated 16. 04. 2015.	The Claimant	Won/ In process
26	The Company "TRING TV" sh.a. Respondent: AMA	The Respondent's obligation to perform the administrative action of division into the obligation instalments carried over to years that was rejected by AMA's letter, no. 1525/1 prot., dated 31.12.2014	The Claimant	Won/ In process
27	Luljeta Mërkuri Respondent: AMA	Decision cancellation, no. 175, dated 01.08.2012, On the temporary transferand real implementation of KSHC decisionno. 135, dated 19.05.2011.	AMA	Lost/ In process
28	The Company "George" sh.p.k., for the entity TV'TVARV" Respondent AMA	KKRT's decision repeal, no. 115, dated 03.04.2013, on the validity of the license of the local television entity TV ARV.	The Claimant	Won/ In process
29	The Company "ABCom" sh.p.k. Respondent: AMA	Repeal of the administrative act, notification no. 740/1 prot., dated 10.03.2016, to the company "ABCom" sh.p.k.	The Claimant	Won/ In process
30	The Company 99" sh.a. Respondent: AMA	Decision's repeal and cancellation, no. 77, dated 19.05.2016.	The Claimant	Won/ In process
31	Pandi Kasapi Respondent: AMA	Damage compensation (product of the monthly salary of category III-a/ 1 from 21.07.2009, until the issuance of the KKRT's order).	The Claimant	Lost/ In process
32	The company "Intel- Media" sh.p.k. Respondent: AMA	Cancellation of the decision to impose a fine in the amount of ALL 300,000 imposed by the decision of the private cable TV entity "TV Jug".	State Advocacy	In process
33	Applicant: AMA	Request on the issuance of the execution order for the fine penalty decision no. 49, dated 24.11.2015.	AMA	Lost/ In process
34	The company "Top Channel" sh.a., the company "TV Klan" sh.a. Respondent: AMA	AMA's decision repeal, no. 4. dated 26.03.2014 "On the establishment of the obligation to carry national programs from cable electronic communications networks of entities authorized to repeat audio and audiovisual programs on these networks"	AMA	Lost/ In process

35	The Company "ACN" sh.p.k. Respondent: AMA	AMA's decision repeal, no. 103, dated 12.07.2017.	The Claimant	Won/ In process
36	The Company "Elbasan Cable" sh.p.k. (TV Elbasan Cable) Respondent: AMA	The fine repeal no. 13, dated 11.04.2016 and decision no. 147, dated 13.06.2016.	The Claimant	Won/ In process
37	The Company "TRING TV" sh.a. Respondent: AMA	AMA's decision repeal, no. 105, dated 19.05.2016, which has upheld the decision for fine imposition, no, 10, dated 23.03.2016.	The Claimant	Won/ In process
38	The Company "Masa Grup" sh.p.k. Respondent AMA	Securing a lawsuit, through the suspension of the implementation of the administrative act decision no. 15, dated 18. 06. 2018.	AMA and State Advocacy	AMA and State Advocacy
39	The Company "Media +" sh a Respondent: AMA	AMA's decision repeal and determination as invalid, no. 09, dated 22.05.2013.	State Advocacy	Lost/ In process
40	Private entity Fred Hasa, for the entity "Pirg Cable TV"	AMA's decision repeal, no. 178, dated 04.09.2017.	The Claimant	Won/ In process
41	The Company "TV Alsat" sh.a. Respondent: AMA	Financial liabilities	State Advocacy (against retrial decision)	Won/ In process
42	Claimant: AMA Respondent: Alfred Bej	The Respondent's obligation to return the amount of ALL 1,995,656.	The Respondent	Won/ In process
43	Claimant: AMA Respondent: Anila Hajnaj	The Respondent's obligation to return the amount of ALL 1,631,500.	The Respondent	Won/ In process
44	Claimant: Endirë Bushati Respondent: AMA	Decision repeal no. 94.2014 of the Assembly of the Republic of Albania "On the election of the President of the Audiovisual Media Authority". Adjusting the financial relations between the claimant and AMA, forcing the AMA to treat the claimant with salary from the departure until 21.07.2016.	AMA	Lost/ In process
45	Claimant The Company "Tring Tv" sh.a. Respondent AMA	AMA's decision repeal, no. 150, dated 13.06.2016, has upheld the decision of the fine imposition no. 12, dated 11.04.2016.	The Claimant	Won/ In process
	The Company "Tring Tv" sh.a. Respondent: AMA	AMA's decision amendment, no. 285, dated 29.12.2016, deciding on the qualification and issuing of the national private audiovisual license to the company "Tring Tv" sh.a.	In the process of trial to the Supreme Court. The Administrative Court of Appeals has decided to	Won/ In process
46			revoke the decision of the First Instance Administrative Court and return the case for retrial	

			by another judicial body. (Recourse exercised by AMA.)	
47	Claimant AMA Respondent The Company Epiri-2011" sh.p.k	Financial liabilities	In the process of trial to the Supreme Court. The Administrative Court of Appeal has decided to reject the AMA's appeal. (Recourse exercised by AMA.)	Lost/ In process
48	Claimant Top Channel Respondent: AMA	Statement regarding the invalidity of the fine imposition decision no. 54, dated 07.12.2015 (political advertisement).	In the trial process at the Supreme Court, the Administrative Court of Appeal decided to uphold the decision of the Administrative Court of First Instance of Tirana. (Recourse exercised by the State Advocacy.)	Lost/ In process
49	Claimant:"Adria- Med" sh.p.k. Respondent: AMA	Statement regarding the invalidity of AMA's decision, no. 233, dated 11.12.2017, which has upheld the decision for fine imposition, no. 88, dated 10.10.2017.	In the trial process before the Supreme Court, the Administrative Court of Appeal decided to cancel the sanction. (Recourse exercised by AMA and the State Advocacy.)	Lost/ In process