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VIII. COOPERATION

Table 40 - Cooperation with other regulatory authorities

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Austria	KommAustria	RTR Operative arm of KommAustria; Administration of selected funds for promotion of the media	See § 16—18 KOG	Yes, instructions from KommAustria according to § 18 (3) 1 KOG	
		Advertising Council Self-regulation for the advertising sector	Optional: Financial subsidies from KommAustria according to § 33 KOG	No	
		Journalism Council - since 2002 not active, re-activation is planned. Self-regulation for print journalism (not broadcasting journalism)	Optional: Financial subsidies from KommAustria according to § 12a Act for the promotion of the press (Presseförderungsgesetz 2004)	No	The Austrian Journalism Council quote to exist in 2002. The introduction of the option for financial subsidies from KommAustria may be referred to as an attempt to stimulate the re-activation process—with however limited success so far (Sept. 2010).
		ORF-Foundation Council Regulatory body of ORF	Power for KommAustria to annul any decision of the institutions of the ORF in case of consequent violation of ORF-G; Power to dismiss the accountable ORF organs according to § 37 (2) ORF-G	No	

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Belgium	BE-VL: VRM	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> With other national media regulators (joint networks or services) With other national media regulators, telecom regulators, competition authority, other regulators (when needed in case of decisions about networks or distributors) With Commission and international media regulators (market definition, analysis and imposing of obligations) With administration 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Collaboration agreement between governments, approved by parliament Art. 218 VL-media-act Art. 192 and 218 VL-media-act Art. 25 management contract 	No	n/a
	BE-FR : CSA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> With other national media regulators, telecom regulators, competition authority, other regulators (when needed in case of decisions about networks or distributors) collaboration with competition authorities in monitoring media pluralism bureau can contact any other authority when relevant for fulfilling its tasks voluntary collaboration with MRat 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> FR-media-act (94-95) , 49 and 57 rules of procedure FR-media-act (7), 48 and 57 rules of procedure FR-media-act (140) and 57 rules of procedure Collaboration protocol: www.medienrat.be/pdf/Bericht2006-2007.pdf 	No	n/a
	BE-DE : MRat-REG	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> With competition authority With regulators in other economic sectors With EU-commission and other regulators (e-communications market regulation) With consumer protection authorities 	Art. 94 DE-media-act, exchanging view on draft decisions, concluding agreements or collaboration protocols	No	n/a
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> With EU-commission and audiovisual media regulators 	Art. 107.1 DE-media-act: communication and cooperation with other European regulation bodies and the Commission (cf. art. 30 AVMS Directive)	No	n/a
Bulgaria	CEM	In regard to technological aspects of regulation CEM cooperates with the Communications Regulation Commission (CRC). This cooperation is regulated by the Law for Radio and TV	Art. 32, 116, 121, 123, 125 of Radio and TV Law. This cooperation relates to the exchange of information and to the specific obligations of CRC once competitions for licenses has been announced as well as when a licence has to be issued or revoked/cancelled.	No	As digitalization process has been delayed in Bulgaria and licensing of digital operators is still to happen it is not possible to assess the cooperation between

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					CEM and CRC.
		<p>In regard to self-regulation CEM cooperates with the Ethical commission and has the right to sanction (apply fines) to operators, signatories to the Professional Code of ethics who refuse to abide to a decision, taken by the Commission</p> <p>Note: In a report undertaken by the Audit Office the Audit Report stresses the fact that CEM has no working agreements for cooperation with other institutions and organizations on its supervision obligations</p>	Art. 126 of Law for radio and TV		This is a new provision (in force from this year) so it has not yet been implemented and it is hardly possible to assess its effectiveness.
Cyprus	Cyprus Radio-Television Authority	Information not available	Information not available	Information not available	There is no provision in the Radio and Televisions Law
Czech Republic	RRTV	<p>grant approval for the Czech Telecommunication Office to issue permits for the operation of transmitters for other radio communication services within the part of frequency range dedicated to radio and television broadcasting,</p> <p>i) prepare, in co-operation with the Czech Telecommunication Office, the part of allocation plan for the frequency range dedicated to radio and television broadcasting,</p>	basis for the cooperation is set by law – see the quotation	see the quotations	Broadcasting Act, Article 6
Denmark	The Radio And Television Board				Cases can be described -recent: Report on FM spectrum reorganisation
	Cooperation with the IT and Telecom Agency	The Board cooperates with the IT and Telecom Agency about allocation of frequencies. The frequency permission is conditioned of permission to broadcast (according to the Radio and Television Broadcasting Act), which means that the Radio And Television Board has “the upper hand” in relation to the IT and Telecom Agency	<p>Frequency Act</p> <p>http://en.itst.dk/spectrum-equipment/frequency-legislation/Act%20No.%20475%20on%20Radio%20Frequencies.pdf</p> <p>Part 7</p>	No	

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	Cooperation with the Consumer Ombudsman	In cases pertaining to consumer law, the Board shall obtain a prior opinion from the Consumer Ombudsman	Executive Order concerning Advertising and Sponsoring of Radio and Television Programmes and of On-demand Audiovisual Services and Conclusion of Partnerships. www.retsinformation.dk/Forms/R0710.aspx?id=130045 (not available in English) Section 37 (2)	No	
Estonia	Ministry of Culture	Ad-hoc	Meetings and Consultation in written forms	No	
	Estonian Public Broadcasting Council (only responsible for Estonian Public Broadcasting)	Ad-hoc	Meetings and Consultation in written forms	No	
Finland	FICORA	For example both the Consumer Agency and FICORA has the right to monitor telecom operators' contract terms. Regular change of information, meetings, written advice from the Finnish Board of Film Classifications.	Communications Market Act since 2007 www.finlex.fi/fi/laki/kaannokset/2003/en20030393.pdf (in English) www.finlex.fi/fi/laki/ajantasa/2003/20030393 (in Finnish)	No	
France	CSA	Cooperation with ARCEP (Autorité de Régulation des Communications Electroniques et des Postes) ANFR (Agence nationale des Fréquences) and Autorité de la Concurrence (competition issues)	Official consultation/advice required by Law or decrees Exchange of information	No	
Germany	State Media Authorities	Cooperation with the Regulatory Authority for Telecommunications (Federal Network Agency – BNetzAg) and with the Federal Cartel Office (§ 39a (1) RStV); the technical aspect (frequency management) is regulated by the BNetzAg, whereas the State Media Authorities have the competence for allocating spectrum to private broadcasters For the coordination and agreement on basic questions of national importance the State Media Authorities work together within the framework of the	- §§ 35-38 RStV, § 17 JMStV: cooperation concerning protection of minors and concerning licensing and supervision of national broadcasters require national regulation - § 39a RStV: cooperation with the Regulatory Authority for Telecommunications (BNetzA)	- KJM-decisions shall be binding upon the other bodies of the competent State Media Authority	

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		<p>Association of State Media Authorities in the Federal Republic of Germany (ALM)</p> <p>The Commission on the Protection of Minors from harmful Media Content (KJM) is responsible for the investigation of programming complaints and serves the relevant responsible State Media Authority as an organ in the fulfillment of its tasks and provides for the implementation of the JMStV in commercial broadcasting and telemedia; the KJM shall be in charge of the definitive assessment of content pursuant to this Interstate Treaty (§ 16 JMStV); the decisions of the KJM shall be binding upon the other bodies of the competent State Media Authority. They shall be taken as a basis for the decisions of the State Media Authority (§ 17 (1) JMStV)</p> <p>The Regulatory Affairs Commission (ZAK) has the competence for licensing national broadcasters (§ 36 (2) RStV); the State Media Authorities shall provide the bodies pursuant with the necessary human and material resources</p> <p>The State Media Authorities also cooperate with the Representative for Programme and Advertising regarding observation and analysis of programming</p> <p>ALM GVK</p>			
	Public Broadcasting Entities	<p>The regional public broadcasters formed an association of public-service broadcasters in Germany ("Arbeitsgemeinschaft der Landesrundfunkanstalten, ARD"). The Committee Chairpersons' Conference and of the ARD coordinates the work of the broadcasting councils and the administrative council, e.g. organization and budgetary matters</p>			§ 5a Statute of the ARD
	BR	<p>The Broadcasting Councils of ARD's regional Broadcasters cooperate via the so called "Gremienvorsitzendenkonferenz" (GVK)</p>		No	

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	WDR	The Broadcasting Councils of ARD's regional Broadcasters cooperate via the so called "Gremienvorsitzendenkonferenz" (GVK)		No	
	MDR	The Broadcasting Councils of ARD's regional Broadcasters cooperate via the so called "Gremienvorsitzendenkonferenz". Other cooperations and interactions with other regulatory authorities are conducted informally.			
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Greece	NCRTV	Consultations with the National Commission of Telecommunications and Post Open channel of communication, cooperation & assistance (see art. 4 § 2 law 2863/2000)	Concerning the licensing of digital media services Law 3592/2007, Art.15, (4, 10, 13). Ad hoc manner	No	Generally there are only potential cooperation possibilities, not realized
Hungary	National Radio and Television Board (ORTT)	with Hungarian Competition Authority	Broadcasting Act.	no	
		with National Communications Authority	Act I. of 1996 In the interest of the preparation of broadcasting tenders, the Board shall request the National Communications Authority, via the minister in charge of communications, to draw up the list of broadcasting possibilities and the related frequency plans.	no	
	National Communications Authority	with Hungarian Competition Authority National Consumer Protection Authority ("NFH")	formalised in a cooperation agreement	no	
Ireland	Broadcasting Authority of Ireland	The Communications regulator is responsible for issuing broadcasting licences to the BAI. The BAI then allocates the licences to broadcasters.	The Broadcasting Act of 2009 sets out that the BAI should liaise and consult with the Communications Regulator (Comreg) in the preparation of the allocation plan for the frequency range dedicated to sound and television broadcasting.	No	
Italy	Agcom	Consultations with the competition authority during	Electronic communications code	No	There is only one

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		the market analysis procedures according to the electronic communications package (Agcom leading body) and in cases of unfair commercial practices (Competition authority as leading body)	<p>Legislative decree no. 259/2003 www.normattiva.it/dispatcher?task=attoCompleto&service=212&datagu=2003-09-15&redaz=003G0280&parControllo=si&connote=false&aggiorn=si&datavalidita=20100618 (in Italian)</p> <p>Consumer code Legislative decree no. 206/2005 www.normattiva.it/dispatcher?task=attoCompleto&service=212&datagu=2005-10-08&redaz=005G0232&parControllo=si&connote=false&aggiorn=si&datavalidita=20100618 (in Italian)</p> <p>Audiovisual sports rights Legislative decree no. 9/2008 www.normattiva.it/dispatcher?task=attoCompleto&service=212&datagu=2008-02-01&redaz=008G0019&parControllo=si&connote=false&aggiorn=si&datavalidita=20100618 (in Italian)</p>		regulator in the communications field. Cooperation is ensured with other bodies active in other fields (competition and privacy authorities being the main cases)
Latvia	National Broadcasting Council	Consultation	Ad-hoc	No	Most commonly to agree on Latvia's position with regard to proposed EU instruments and Council of Europe recommendations.
Lithuania	LRTK	<p>In areas addressed in other tables:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> with the Ministry of Culture. LRTK participates in the process of national audiovisual policy setting (PIP Art 47 Part 1). Together with the Ministry of Culture adopts an order for the procedure of fixing rates of licence fees and determines the fees (PIP Art 48 Part 1 Para 4). with ZEI. LRTK when performing supervision of implementation of the Law on the Protection of Minors against Detrimental Effect of Public Information may request a conclusion from ZEI 	<p>PIP Art 47 Part 1 PIP Art 48 Part 1 Paras 1 and 4 PIP Art 48 Part 2</p>	No	

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		<p>whether particular information has a detrimental effect on minors. ZEI is obliged to respond to such a request (PIP Art 48 Part 2).</p> <p>Other areas: E.g. with Communications Regulatory Authority (RRT), cooperates in setting the strategic plan for allocation of spectrum (PIP Art 48 Part 1 Para 1)</p>			
Luxembourg	CNP	Informal exchange of views with e.g. " <i>Conseil de la Presse</i> "	Voluntary	No	
Malta	Broadcasting Authority	Broadcasting content is regulated by the Broadcasting Authority, while Broadcasting spectrum and platforms are regulated by the Malta Communications Authority			
Netherlands	CvdM	<p>NICAM (Netherlands Institute of Classification of Audiovisual Services)</p> <p>Protection of minors, NICAM is primarily responsible. If broadcasters do not affiliate to NICAM they fall directly under CvdM, also CvdM evaluates once a year way of classification. With that respect CvdM and NICAM have conducted co operation protocol.</p>	Media Act 2008	No	
		<p>OPTA (independent Post and Telecommunications Authority)</p> <p>Access to cable networks, the issues dealing with must carry programs and programs advised by program council should be dealt with by CvdM; rest by OPTA. With that respect CvdM and OPTA have conducted co operation protocol.</p>	Media Act 2008	No	
		<p>AT (Radio Communications Agency)</p> <p>Supervision of compliance to format obligations by private radio broadcasters who have acquired terrestrial air frequency on the condition of respecting these format obligations. AT is responsible for formal maintenance; CvdM carries out control in practice. With that respect CvdM and AT have conducted co operation protocol</p>	Media Act 2008	No	

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		NMa (Netherlands Competition Authority) CvdM advises NMa in case of mergers of media companies, NMa has decisive power. With that respect CvdM and NMa have conducted co operation protocol.	Tijdelijke wet mediaconcentraties	No	
Poland	National Broadcasting Council (Krajowa Rada Radiofonii i Telewizji – KRRiT)	In general, the KRRiT is responsible for the regulation of TV and radio broadcasting, thus also for issuing broadcasting licences, programme services supervision, etc. UKE on the other hand, is responsible for setting the conditions of frequency use and tenders for frequency reservation. Other duties involve keeping registers of telecommunications undertakings with respect to the provision of conditional access systems, electronic programme guides and multiplexing of digital signals, and also relevant market analysis.	<p>Under the Article 6(2) of the 1992 Broadcasting Act, KRRiT has a task to co-operate with appropriate organisations and institutions in respect of protecting copyright as well as the rights of performers, producers and broadcasters.</p> <p>Under the Articles, 34, 37, KRRiT has a task to co-operate with the Office of Electronic Communications (UKE). In a greater detail, the competence division and a form of co-operation between the KRRiT and UKE is set in 2005 Act on transformations and modifications to the division of tasks and powers of state bodies competent for communications and broadcasting adopted on 29 December 2005, Official Journal 2005, No 267, item 2258</p> <p><i>Note: Also applies: Broadcasting Act of December 29, 1992; The Act of 12 April 2001 on Elections to the Sejm of the Republic of Poland and to the Senate of the Republic of Poland; The Act of 27th September 1990 on Election of the President of the Republic of Poland</i></p>	Yes - as regards the conditions of frequency use and technological parameters.	<p>The regulator has added the following elements:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Broadcasting licences are awarded in agreement with the President of the Office of Electronic Communications 2) consultation of the President of the Office of Electronic Communication on procedure for awarding or revoking broadcasting licences 3) any announcement in the official journal on the availability of broadcasting licences to transmit radio and television programme services is done in agreement with the President of the Office of Electronic Communications 4) consultation with Ministry of Finance on licence fees 5) agreement with The National Electoral

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					Commission on the regulations on election of the President and of elections to the Parliament.
Portugal	ERC	No specific mechanisms are prescribed, apart from the general duty of cooperation, as well as the specific duty to promote co-regulation, both pointed out by ERC Statute (see Art. 8º, 9º, 11º)	Ad-hoc cooperation (the organization of periodical working meetings with the regulatory authorities for Competition and for Communications are specifically suggested in ERC Statute (see Art. 11º)	No	<p>ERC is somehow obliged to cooperate with other regulatory authorities (and vice-versa), since some of its areas of supervision and regulation are partly shared with other bodies.</p> <p>(For example, in a public contest to grant licenses for the exploration of TDT platforms, ERC grants the habilitating distribution license for a given operator, but ICP-ANACOM grants the licenses to the use of certain frequencies.</p> <p>(For example, when it comes to media ownership, ERC has the general duty to prevent concentration, and must be consulted about any transaction going on, but the Competition Authority,</p>

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					which deals with the economic and financial issues in the market context, has specific competences to authorize ownership transactions.
	Anacom	Prior legal opinion of ERC and vice-versa. Source: Articles 14, 15/9, 16/4, 16/8, 17/1, 18/7, 25/2 and 25/6 Law 27/2007, of 30 July and article 8, h) of ERC's Statutes	Ad-hoc manner	No	
	Competition Authority (<i>Autoridade da Concorrência</i>)	Prior legal opinion of ERC. Source: Article 39 Law 18/2003 of 11 June, article 24/3,o) of ERC's Statutes and article 25/6 Law 27/2007, of 30 July	Ad-hoc manner	No	
	Commission for the Application of Fines on Economic Matters and Advertisement (<i>Comissão de Aplicação de Coimas em Matéria Económica e Publicidade - CACMEP</i>)	ERC is competent as far as sponsorship, advertising breaks and teleshopping matters are concerned, without prejudice to the competences of CACMEP. Source: Article 40 Decree-Law 330/90, of 23 October	Ad-hoc manner	No	
	Civil Institute of Self-Discipline of	Self-regulation agreements.	Ad-hoc manner	No	

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	Commercial Communication (<i>Instituto Civil da Autodisciplina da Comunicação Comercial</i>) - ICAP	Code of conduct of ICAP Self-regulation Agreement on product placement and sponsorship Self-regulation Agreement on commercial communication of food and drinks for the children			
Romania	CNA	For specific decisions, CNA cooperate with partners like: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Romanian Academy for the right use of the Romanian language. The Academy provide norms and observations for the CNA decisions National Council against Discrimination for match the specific legislation with its own regulations Romanian Society of Cardiology for a campaign for health 		Only consultations, suggestions	
Slovakia	Council for Broadcasting and Retransmission	Telecommunication Office – coordination re frequencies	Act 308/2000 Frequencies allocation	Not officially	
Slovenia	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> APEK (NRA) Broadcasting council - BC (independent expert body) Ministry of culture 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> preliminary opinions (BC to APEK and Ministry) consents / approvals (BC to APEK) proposals for initiation of procedure (APEK to the Media Inspector at the Ministry; BC to APEK) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Formal mechanisms envisaged in Mass Media Law Ad-hoc manner when needed 	In some cases, mostly those deriving from its remit in the field of broadcasting licensing, APEK can receive opinions and approvals from the Broadcasting Council. APEK is also obliged to	

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				ask Ministry of Culture for opinions, when issuing a status of special significance to broadcasters which produce a certain amount of programming in public interest.	
Spain	CEMA				<p>Law 7/2010 of 31st March 2010, Art. 47.4 states that CEMA could coordinate its activity with other European and Spanish regional authorities, with which it could sign agreements of cooperation.</p> <p>It states as well that CEMA will collaborate with two state bodies: the State Agency of Radiocommunications and the CMT.</p>
	CAC- CAA	Spanish Platform of Audiovisual Councils (PECA)	An agreement signed in 2007	No	Mission: Only exchange of information and debate of ideas on the audiovisual sector

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					and its regulation
	CoAN	Spanish Platform of Audiovisual Councils (PECA) Collaboration agreements with departments of the Government of Navarre Collaboration agreement with Autocontrol, the Spanish advertising self-regulation organisation.	Periodical meetings with the state authority	No	
Sweden	Swedish Broadcasting Commission (until July 31, 2010)		When a question on local radio or TV is being handled the SBC collects information from Radio and TV-authority.	General advice regarding contact with other authorities.	
	Swedish Radio & Television Authority	The Swedish Broadcasting Commission, The Swedish Consumer Agency, The Swedish Post and Telecom Agency.		No	
UK	OFCOM / ASA	Memorandum of Understanding / Legal designation under AVMS	Co-regulatory arrangement under the terms of the Communications Act 2003 and the De-regulation and Contracting Out Act 1994	OFCOM retains backstop enforcement powers The ASA can also receive instruction from the Office of Fair Trading which retains backstop powers in relation to non-broadcast advertising	
	OFCOM / BBC Trust	Memorandum of Understanding	Communications Act 2003: BBC Charter and Agreement	OFCOM has responsibility to set some	

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				quotas / requirements in agreement with the Trust	
	OFCOM / ATVOD	Legal designation	The Audiovisual Media Services Regulations 2009	OFCOM retains backstop enforcement powers	
Candidate countries					
Croatia	Agency for electronic media	In spectrum matters it cooperates with the Croatian Agency for post and telecommunications	Technical cooperation	no	Council can distribute for broadcasting only that spectrum it gets by the Agency for post and telecommunications
Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia	Broadcasting Council	The Broadcasting Council has signed Memoranda for Understanding and closely cooperates with the Agency for Electronic Communications, Commission for Competition Protection, Directorate for Protection of Private Data, Anti-Corruption Commission. Usually, memorandums of cooperation are signed and further, the cooperation is on ad hoc basis (if there are any cases of mutual competence).	Art. 39 and 40 of the Law on Broadcasting activity (see below)	No	Mostly, the BC cooperates with the Agency of Electronic communications and Commission for protection of competition.
Turkey	RTÜK	I. Cooperation with the Information and Communication Authority (Bilgi Teknolojileri Kurumu, BTK).	Cooperation agreement signed in March 2006	No	According to the current regulatory framework (Law No. 3984, Article 24) , authorization of making studies for the frequency plans for national, regional and local radio and television channels and frequency bands of radio and

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					television broadcasts in Turkey are under the responsibility of the BTK.
		II. Ad-hoc cooperation with the Communication High Council (Haberleşme Yüksek Kurulu, HYK)	Ad-hoc, on the basis of Law No. 3984 (Article 24)	Yes (see comments)	HYK shall determine to what extent and according to which schedule radio and television frequencies are tendered and shall notify the Supreme Council for the tender within this framework.
Potential candidate countries					
Albania	KKRT	EBU, EPRA, ITU	Events and WG participation from KKRT experts	NA	NA
Bosnia and Herzegovina	Communications Regulatory Agency	Cooperation with self regulatory body for the print media (Press Council)	ad-hoc	No	
Montenegro	Broadcasting Agency of Montenegro	Cooperation with the Agency for Electronic Communications And Post is an obligation regulated by the Broadcasting Law and the Law on electronic Communications	Ad-hoc manner	No	
		Voluntary cooperation with the Self-Regulatory body NST (Nezavisno samoregualtorno tijelo)	Ad-hoc manner	No	
Serbia	Republic Broadcasting Agency	Cooperation with Republic Telecommunications Agency: 1. in the process of allocation of licences the two Agency coordinate their work in order to secure the deadlines for the license (both for frequency and broadcasting) 2. in the process of the adoption of Strategy of Broadcasting Development in the Republic of Serbia	1. cooperation formalised and regular (e.g. Broadcasting law Art. 5 and 53 (1)(6)) 2. form of cooperation specified in the Broadcasting Law Art. 9	No	Since the Broadcasting Law explicitly emphasises the independence of the Agency, any cooperation with national bodies unless stipulated in the Law is under

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		Until 2013, the RBA should seek for the opinion (www.rra.org.rs/files/1219931626strategy.pdf)			scrutiny.
Kosovo	IMC	Through EPRA meeting and study visits organized by the OSCE and IREX.	Mainly study visits and conference's attendance	It can only use lessons learned and best practice	During the relicensing process in 2009 and 2008, IMC visited regulators in BiH, Albania, Croatia and Montenegro where IMC staff was trained how to conduct this process.
EFTA countries					
Iceland	Broadcast Licensing Committee	None on a regular or formal basis; cooperation more in an ad-hoc manner and as needed, such as with The Post and Telecom Administration in Iceland	N/A	No	
Liechtenstein	Media commission	None	None	No	
Norway	Norwegian Media Authority	Cooperation with the Norwegian Post and Telecommunications Authority (NPT) when granting local radio broadcastings licences. When granting a local radio licence, the NPT gives the spectrum licence.		No	
Switzerland		The administrative entities are obliged to cooperate with each other and to offer support and information whenever needed (Art. 14 Ordinance on Government and Administration). As the ICA as well as the Ofcom are administrative entities (although they differ as far as the dependence is concerned) this provision applies.	See left	No	
Selected third countries					
Australia	ACMA	Reciprocal associate membership between the Chairs of the ACMA and the Australian Competition	Legislation	No	

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		and Consumer Commission (ACCC)			
		Regular roundtable meetings with other regulators and relevant Government Departments	Informal	No	
		Cooperation with the Telecommunications Industry Ombudsman(TIO)	Memorandum of Understanding (MOU)	No	
		Registration of co-regulatory codes developed by industry bodies	Legislation	No	
USA	Federal Communications Commission	Informal collaboration and sharing of expertise (general); plus some precise instructions in particular subject areas such as environment or aviation	Inter-departmental communications (general); rulemaking decisions by other agencies (particular)	Yes, in particular areas of expertise, with instructions delivered by other agencies in the form of rulemaking decisions	Two examples: FCC must receive and consider instructions from environmental agencies (per National Environmental Policy Act of 1969) or the Federal Aviation Administration (per Federal Aviation Act of 1958)
Japan	MIC		Cooperation taking place in an ad-hoc manner	It is not obvious whether the MIC receives instructions from other ministries. Ministries need negotiate and agree on new legislation depending on its nature.	In the field of audio-visual regulation, conflicts of interests tend to arise between the MIC and the Cultural Affairs Agency.

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	MIC and JFTC (Japan Fair Trade Commission)		Guidelines: Guidelines for promotion of competition in the telecommunications business field, Nov. 2001*		Co-operation defined for the field of telecommunications
No formal cooperation mechanism with other bodies exists for audio-visual regulation. Example outside audio-visual: (Cooperation of the Minister and the Minister for Land, Infrastructure and Transport) Article 102-10 of RL, concerning spectrum management.					
Singapore	MDA	<p>In general, the cooperation with other bodies is not in the area of regulation but in production. So there is cooperation with ASEAN (www.mda.gov.sg/International/Pages/ASEAN.aspx), Australia, Canada, Korea and New Zealand (www.mda.gov.sg/International/BilCoAgreement/Pages/agreements.aspx).</p> <p>Singapore does host the Chinese media regulators, who visit twice a year. However, they return to implement their own policies.</p> <p>There is also an annual forum of media regulators in the Asia-Pacific region.</p>	There is some cooperation when it comes to policy formation. These may be in the form of facilitating fact-finding visits.	<p>No. The MDA does not receive instructions from other bodies. The co-production agreements are to facilitate Singapore doing production work with companies from the countries in question.</p> <p>The media regulators forum meets to discuss current issues.</p>	

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Austria	KommAustria	yes, e.g. EPRA, CEPT, and other institutions of international cooperation		
Belgium	BE-VL: VRM	Yes, collaboration with Commission and international media regulators (on market definition, analysis and imposing of obligations)	Art. 192 and 218 VL-media-act	VRM participates in EPRA and Euregiolators
	BE-FR : CSA	Specific collaboration procedures in market regulation of networks and associated facilities Bureau can contact any other authority when relevant for fulfilling its tasks	FR-media-act (94-95), 49 and 57 rules of procedure FR-media-act (140) , 53 and 57 rules of procedure	CSA participates in EPRA
	BE-DE : MRat	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> With regulators in other economic sectors With EU-commission and other regulators (e-communications market regulation) With consumer protection authorities 	Art. 94 DE-media-act, exchanging view on draft decisions, concluding agreements or collaboration protocols	n/a
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> With EU-commission and audiovisual media regulators 	Art. 107.1 DE-media-act: communication and cooperation with other European regulation bodies and the Commission (cf. art. 30 AVMS Directive)	n/a
Bulgaria	CEM	Yes	Art. 31, 32, 116 and 117 of Law for radio and TV.	CEM's resent annual report (2009), issued on 30 March 2010 allocates only one paragraph on the International cooperation (p.13) to mention just the international forums with CEM members participation.
Cyprus	Cyprus Radio-Television Authority	Information not available but it would seem that it does cooperate in practice at the EU level.		There is no provision in the Radio and Televisions Law
Czech Republic	RRTV	yes RRTV participates in activities of European platform of regulatory authorities www.epra.org	Central European Regulatory Forum EU AVMS Directive, CoE Convention on Transfrontier TV, Broadcasting Act	

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Denmark	RTB	Yes	The Broadcasting Act, § 40, 6. See Art.30, AVMS Directive + The Order of Business of the RTB. ('Bekendtgørelse om forretningsorden for Radio- og tv-nævnet' – 28.01. 2010.) §§ 19-20	Names of regulatory bodies not listed
Estonia	Estonian Public Broadcasting Council (only responsible for Estonian Public Broadcasting)	Yes	European Platform of Regulatory Authorities	
	Ministry of Culture	Yes	European Commission, European Council	
Finland	FICORA	Yes, for example ITU International Telecommunication Union ETSI European Telecommunications Standards Institute ECC Electronic Communications Committee ECO European Communications Office EU European Union (RSPG ja RSC) IRG Independent Regulators Group ERG European Regulators Group www.ficora.fi/index/viestintavirasto/esittely/kansainvalinenyhteisty.html	Government Decree on Communications Administration 60/2004 www.finlex.fi/fi/laki/alkup/2004/20040060 (in Finnish)	
France	CSA	√ Participation in 3 international bodies and platforms for cooperation between regulators: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • EPRA (European Platform of Regulation Authorities) • Réseau des Institutions de Régulation Méditerranéennes (RIRM) • Réseau Francophone des régulateurs des Médias (REFRAM) • Tripartite meetings with regulation authorities of Germany and UK 	Ad hoc voluntary cooperation	

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Germany	ALM/DLM	EPRA; Tripartite; in single cases with Switzerland and Austria	European rules and regulations	The Directors' Conference of the State Media Authorities (DLM) has established a Commissioner for European Affairs.
Greece	NCRTV	Yes, e.g.: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> European Platform of Regulatory Authorities – EPRA Mediterranean Network of Regulatory Authorities Contact Committee of EU for the implementation of the AVMS Directive Network of Independent Broadcasting Authorities of Euxinous Pontus 	Art. 4 § 2 law 2863/2000	
Hungary	National Radio and Television Board (ORTT)	yes, with the Eastern European countries” regulatory authorities such as Romania, Slovakia, Czech Republic, Poland and Serbia (Eastern European Regulatory Forum) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> EPRA Central European Regulatory Forum Council of Europe (T-TT, CDMC) European Commission 	Annual Report of the ORTT 2009 no legal basis	
	National Communications Authority	The NCAH takes part actively in the work of advisory organizations of the EU Commission: in the Communications Committee (COCOM) of general competence, in the Radio Spectrum Committee (RSC) and Radio Spectrum Policy Group (RSPG) dealing with radio frequency issues at EU level, in the Telecommunications Conformity Assessment and Market Surveillance Committee (TCAM) etc		
Ireland	Broadcasting Authority of Ireland	Yes	Broadcasting Act 2009, Part 2, Section 26 (f) sets out that the BAI must cooperate with other bodies outside the state which perform similar functions to the Authority.	The BAI is a member of the European Platform of Regulatory Authorities (EPRA) and its CEO was Chairperson for a 2 year term.

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				Members of the BCI frequently participate at EPRA meetings.
Italy	Agcom	Yes As regards audiovisual media regulation, contact committee under AVMSD, all groups and committees coordinated by the European Commission together with governmental representatives, BEREC, EPRA, Standing Committee on transfrontier television	AVMSD and ratification law of the European Convention on Transfrontier Television See also AGCOM Regulation n. 316/02/CONS www2.agcom.it/regol/reg_organ.htm (in Italian)	
Latvia	National Broadcasting Council	Yes	EPRA – Radio and TV law AVMS Contact Committee (TWF and now AVMS Directive Council of Europe CDMC and TT-T (Convention)	Tripartite cooperation agreement with Estonian and Lithuanian regulators
Lithuania	LRTK	Yes	PIP Art 48 Part 1 Para 17	LRTK “shall cooperate with the institutions of the European Union and other foreign countries which perform equivalent functions, also represent, within the sphere of its competence, the Republic of Lithuania in international organisations,” PIP Art 48 Part 1 Para 17 In addition, LRTK cooperates with European Platform of Regulatory Authorities (EPRA), Council of Europe Standing Committee on Transfrontier Television and EU Commission’s Working group for audiovisual media. (LRTK, annual Report to the Parliament for its activities in 2008, available in Lithuanian at www.rtk.lt/lt/news2.php?strid=1007&id=33242)
Luxembourg	CNP	In actual terms, with regard to content-related matters, the CNP participates in EPRA and assists the SMC in its involvement in the Contact Committees CNP also participates to the “réseau francophone des régulateurs de médias” (REFRAM)	Annual reports (voluntary basis)	www.cnpl.lu/documentation/rapports www.cnpl.lu/documentation/epra

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	SMC	By law, the SMC is charged of ensuring the cooperation with international organisations or those bodies established by Art. 29 AVMS (Contact Committees)	Art. 29(2)(e) Loi 1991	
Malta	Broadcasting Authority	Members of EPRA and the Mediterranean Network		Need never arose
Netherlands	CvdM	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Contact Committee AVMS Directive European Platform of Regulatory Authorities (EPRA) European Working Group of Authorities monitoring compliance with the Audiovisual Media Services Directive Euregiolators 	Annual Report 2009	<p>Euregiolators is an international forum of public authorities supervising the media in The Netherlands Belgium (Flemish, French and German language communities), Luxembourg and the German Länder bordering these countries);</p> <p>Participation in the Contact Committee is jointly with representatives of the Ministry for Education Culture and Science</p>
Poland	National Broadcasting Council	<p>KRRiT regularly co-operates with other national bodies in and outside EU (e.g regulatory authorities from Czech Republic, Hungary, Romania, Serbia and Slovakia;</p> <p>with CSA (France); with Ukrainian regulatory authority)</p> <p>It is also a member of EPRA. The department of European policy and international relations is a part of KRRiT's organisational structure. The Department publishes regularly the International Review, an online newsletter summarising selected issues related to audiovisual policy and regulation.</p>	<p>Broadcasting Act of December 29, 1992</p> <p>The Act of April 12, 2001 on Elections to the Sejm of the Republic of Poland and to the Senate of the Republic of Poland</p> <p>The Act of September 27, 1990 on Election of the President of the Republic of Poland</p>	
Portugal	ERC	Yes.	ERC Statute (Art. 11 ^o) suggests that the Regulatory Entity may establish relations of cooperation or association with other entities, public or private, from the country or from abroad, "namely in the context of the European Union".	<p>1) ERC is a member of EPRA – European Platform of Regulatory Authorities, which joins together regulatory authorities for the media (Articles 11 and 24/3, ad) of ERC's Statutes)</p> <p>2) ERC is a member of RIRM –</p>

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				<p>Réseau des Instances de Régulation Méditerranéennes, which joins together regulatory bodies from Mediterranean countries (Articles 11 and 24/3, ad) of ERC's Statutes)</p> <p>3) By initiative of ERC, regulatory bodies for the media from the Iberian Peninsula, in a total of four (3 from Spain and 1 from Portugal) met in February 2008, in Lisbon, and decided to go on with regular cooperation meetings.</p> <p>4) By initiative of ERC, public entities regulating or supervising the media in Portuguese-speaking countries (the former Portuguese colonies of Angola, São Tomé e Príncipe, Cape Verde, Mozambique and East-Timor) met in October 2009, in Lisbon, and decided to create a joint platform: PER Plataforma das Entidades Reguladoras da Comunicação Social dos Países e Territórios de Língua Portuguesa (Articles 11 and 24/3, ad) of ERC's Statutes) The members of this platform shall meet at least once-a-year and intend to cooperate and research on common issues regarding media regulation.</p> <p>Encontro de Reguladores Ibéricos de Comunicação Social (Meeting of Iberian Media Regulators) Articles 11 and 24/3, ad) of ERC's Statutes</p>
Romania	CNA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • EPRA • CERF • REFRAM • WG for the European Audiovisual of 	AVMS	

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		the European Council Has memorandum of collaboration and exchange of information with Hungary (ORTT), Czech Republic (CRTB), Slovak republic (CBR), Poland (NBC), Serbia (RBA), and a memorandum of collaboration with the Broadcasting Agency in Macedonia.		
Slovakia	Council for Broadcasting and Retransmission	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • EPRA – international forum • Slovak Council is a member of Central European regulatory forum (GERF) 	ACT 308/2000 consultations, conferences, cooperation	
Slovenia	APEK	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • AVMS Contact Committee • EPRA • Close cooperation with regulators of neighbouring countries and in the region 		
	Ministry of Culture	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • AVMS Contact Committee • Steering Committee on Media and New Communication Services (CDMC) of the Council of Europe • Audiovisual Group • The Education, Youth and Culture Council (EU) 		
Spain	CEMA	N/A	N/A	
	CAC	EPRA Mediterranean Network of Regulatory Authorities	Membership Membership	
	CoAN	EPRA	Membership	
	CAA	EPRA Mediterranean Network of Regulatory Authorities	Membership Membership	
Sweden	Swedish Broadcasting Commission (until July 31, 2010)	Yes, EPRA and Nordic Regulatory Authorities	www.grn.se/upload/PDF-filer/info/Instruktion%20och%20regleringsbrev/Instruktion%20of%C3%B6r%20Granskningsn%C3%A4rheten%202009.pdf	

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	Swedish Radio & Television Authority	Yes, EPRA, CBISS, DVB and Nordic Cooperation		
UK	Ofcom	Yes, Ofcom is a member of EPRA (European Platform of Regulatory Authorities) that deals with issues of content regulation and regularly cooperates with regulators from around the world on bilateral and multilateral basis.	Soft instruments (guidelines, MoUs, etc)	
		On the telecoms sector, Ofcom is a member of the Body of European Regulators for Electronic Communications (BEREC) In addition, under powers conferred in the Communications Act, Ofcom represents the UK in the European spectrum committees (Radio Spectrum Policy Group (RSPG) and the Radio Spectrum Committee (RSC)) and is the designation UK Administration for ITU matters.	Regulation (EC) 1211/2009 establishing BEREC and the office Commission Decision 2002/622/EC establishing the RSPG	
		We also support the work of the UK Government in other relevant EU Committees (Contact Committee and Cocom) and contribute to the work of the OECD on matters related to communications regulation		
Candidate countries				
Croatia	Agency for electronic media	yes	Zakon o elektroničkim medijima (Law on electronic media, Official Gazette 153/09 http://narodne-novine.nn.hr/clanci/sluzbeni/2009_12_153_3740.html)	Member in EPRA, cooperation with EU
Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia	Broadcasting Council	Yes. The Broadcasting Council is a member of EPRA and MNRA.	Art. 40 of the Law on Broadcasting Activity Memorandums of understanding Exchange of information and data EPRA (conferences, workshops)	The international cooperation of the BC is very developed.
Turkey	RTÜK	Yes. It is a member of European Platform of Regulatory Authorities (EPRA)	Law no 3984, Article 8	-

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		<p><u>Council of Europe</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • EPRA (European Platform of Regulatory Authorities) • MNRA (Mediterranean Network of Regulatory Authorities) • BRAF (Black sea Regulatory Authorities Forum) <p><u>Bilateral cooperation</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • RTUK and Broadcasting Council of the Republic of Macedonia • RTUK and National TV and Radio Council of the Republic of Azerbaijan • RTUK and High Council of Broadcasting- Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus 		
Potential candidate countries				
Albania	KKRT	Participates on ITU working groups; France Audio Visual Commission -CSA	Mutual exchange of experience	Visits and exchanges among both authorities
Bosnia and Herzegovina	Communications Regulatory Agency	<p>When it comes to the broadcasting sector, Communications Regulatory Agency is a member of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • EPRA (European Platform of Regulatory Authorities) • RIRM (Mediterranean Network of Media Regulatory Authorities). • The Western Balkans Protocols of Cooperation • bilateral cooperation with other national regulatory bodies from the region. • as member of Council of Europe, Communications Regulatory Agency represents BiH in all CoE activities related to audio-visual sector. 	<p>Statutes of the European Platform of Regulatory Authorities Board Association (available at www.epra.org)</p> <p>Charter of the Mediterranean Network of Media Regulatory Authorities (available at www.rirm.org)</p> <p>The Western Balkan countries signed Protocols of Cooperation between their broadcasting regulatory bodies and their public broadcasters.</p>	
Montenegro	Broadcasting Agency of Montenegro	The Agency is a member of EPRA - European Platform of Regulatory Authorities	<p>Broadcasting Law (Article 7 Para 3):</p> <p>With the aim to exchange experiences, advance its activities and conform with international experiences and standards, the Agency shall</p>	

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		www.epra.org The agency also has extensive and long-term bilateral cooperation with several regulatory bodies in Europe, especially from the region.	co-operate with adequate organizations of other states or with adequate international organizations.	
Serbia	Republic Broadcasting Agency	Yes 1. European Platform of Regulatory Authorities 2. Mediterranean Network of Regulatory Authorities	Broadcasting Law Art 16 (2) (Cooperation with the State other bodies and organisations)	* The representatives of Serbia in the work of the Standing Committee under CoE Convention on Transfrontier Television (Art 32) is the Ministry of Culture (also for Media), not the Republic Broadcasting Agency
Kosovo	IMC	Yes. ITU, EBU, EPRA, Council of Europe, OSCE	Advising and training	www.kpm-ks.org/images/stories/2009_annual_report.pdf
EFTA countries				
Iceland	Broadcast Licensing Committee	None on a regular basis	None	
Liechtenstein	Media commission	No		
Norway	Norwegian Media Authority	The Norwegian Media Authority is an EPRA member. Informal cooperation with the Nordic media authorities.		
Switzerland	Ofcom	Yes	Art. 104 Federal Act on Radio and Television; Art. 50 Federal Act on Government and Administration	
	ICA	Yes, notably cooperation with the European Platform of Regulatory Authorities (EPRA)		
Selected third countries				
Australia	ACMA	International Telecommunication Union (ITU)	Treaty Level in relation to Radiocommunications Matters	ACMA as the regulator <ul style="list-style-type: none"> takes a lead role in ITU Radiocommunications matters on behalf of the national

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				administration <ul style="list-style-type: none"> in ITU D and T matters the ACMA actively supports the national administration
		Asia Pacific Telecommunity	Member	
		International Association of Internet Hotlines (INHOPE)	Broadcasting Services Act 1992, schedule 5.	
USA	Federal Communications Commission	Yes (informally)	Regulations governing the FCC International Bureau (see www.fcc.gov/ib/)	Cooperates with authorities in Canada and Mexico for cross-border broadcasting; participates in the International Telecommunications Union and some other multi-national organizations.
Japan	MIC	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.
Activities in organisations such as the ITU and APEC could be relevant. Also, there are meetings and symposiums where delegates are invited from the EU, as well as small scale staff exchange with overseas counterparts. The latter do not particularly intend to achieve regulatory result, however.				
Singapore	MDA	In general, the cooperation with other bodies is not in the area of regulation but in production. So there is cooperation with ASEAN (www.mda.gov.sg/International/Pages/ASEAN.aspx), Australia, Canada, Korea and New Zealand (www.mda.gov.sg/International/BilCoAgreement/Pages/agreements.aspx). Singapore does host the Chinese media regulators, who visit twice a year. However, they return to implement their own policies. There is also an annual forum of media regulators in the Asia-Pacific region.		