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Basis for operation

Legal framework : Radio and Television Stations Law 7(I)/98 and Radio and Television Stations Regulations of 2000

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

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

Composition

Number of members: 7 Term of office: 6 years Re-election possible:
Proposal of members: *The Ministers Cabinet proposes the possible Members for the Board of the Authority. The candidates come from the fields of letters, the arts, science or technology, or are persons with special knowledge and known experience on issues of Mass Media, with a high professional and moral standard.*
Ministers Cabinet

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

Number of staff: 20

Chairman:

Mr. Nicos Papaioannou

Vice Chairman: Mr. Andreas Ioannou

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

Competences

		national	regional	local
Granting of licences	terrestrial analogue broadcasters	✓	✓	✓
	terrestrial digital broadcasters	Not yet	Not yet	Not yet
	satellite analogue broadcasters	x	x	x
	satellite digital broadcasters	x	x	x
	cable analogue broadcasters	x	x	x
	cable digital broadcasters	x	x	x
	others(please specify):	x	x	x

in the areas where your authority is not competent to grant licences, please specify the authority in charge:

Please add any other relevant information:

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

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Frequency allocation ✓

Supervision of	private broadcasters	✓	✓	✓
	public broadcasters	x	x	x
	others	x	x	x

Handling complaints ✓

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

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

Consultative powers please specify the areas covered:

Power of nomination x please specify:
(e.g. chairman of
PSB)

Monitoring ✓ programming
 ✓ financial performance
 ✓ others (please specify):

others Please specify:

Please add any information you deem important:

ⁱ By "licence fee" we refer to the public service licence fee usually paid by the entire population, whereas the term "industry fee" implies all those funding mechanisms based on a contribution from broadcasters themselves, including, for example, licensing fees (i.e. an amount of money that is paid by the broadcaster for it to be able to carry out its broadcasting operations) and frequency taxes.