

REPUBLIC OF MACEDONIA

Name of Regulatory Authority : Broadcasting Council of the Republic of Macedonia- Sovet za radiodifuzija
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Basis for operation

Legal framework : Law on Broadcasting Activity (Official Gazette of the Republic of Macedonia No. 20/97)

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

Funding mechanisms¹ : licence fee industry fee state budget
 mixed funding (please specify):
 other (please specify):

Composition

Number of members: 9 Term of office: 6 years Re-election possible: once
Proposal of members: *The Committee for issues of election and appointment of the Parliament*

Appointment of members: *The Parliament ("from among competent and expert persons from the domain of public information providing, economy, education, culture and other areas. An appropriate representation of the members of the nationalities in the country is to be provided in the composition of the Council")*

Revocation of mandate possible: v based on: *If they are sentenced for a crime for which a penalty of at least six months is prescribed, or if they are sentenced for a crime or some other act which makes them unworthy for performing the function, as well as for unjustified absence from the work of the Council for more than six months.*

Number of staff: 25

Chairman: Mr. Gjorgji Varoshlija
(if not applicable, please name Director General)

Vice Chairman: Mr. Ilir Ajdini

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

Competences

		national	regional	local
Granting of licences	terrestrial analogue broadcasters	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	terrestrial digital broadcasters	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	satellite analogue broadcasters	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	satellite digital broadcasters	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	cable analogue broadcasters	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	cable digital broadcasters	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	others(please specify):	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

in the areas where your authority is not competent to grant licences, please specify the authority in charge: The Government on the proposal of the Broadcasting Council

Please add any other relevant information: Satellite television MKTV Sat is in the frame of PSB (MRTV). Broadcasting Council submit a proposal to the Government for granting concessions to the cable operators.

Granting of registrations	terrestrial analogue broadcasters	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	terrestrial digital broadcasters	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	satellite analogue broadcasters	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	satellite digital broadcasters	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	cable analogue broadcasters	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	cable digital broadcasters	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	others(please specify):	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

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

Please add any other relevant information:

Frequency allocation no

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

Handling complaints no

Sanctioning issue warning impose fine demand to broadcast announcement

revoke licence suspend licence reduction in the licensing period

suspend a programme / broadcast

other (please specify): The competent inspectorates at the respective ministries undertake measures against those broadcasting organizations which perform an activity contrary to the law, directly and upon proposal from the Council. These inspectorates may impose fines, but it is the Council that may decide on the revocation of a licence. In fact the Broadcasting Council make a proposal to the Government for concession revocation in conformity with Article 19 of the Law on Broadcasting Activity.

Rule making

codes

rules (please specify):

other (please specify): only Recommendations which are not legally binding:

- Recommendation on protecting minors from harmful content

- Recommendation for use of the telephone services with special tariffs in the radio and television programs;

- Recommendation for the manner of covering tension, state of war and other forms of armed conflicts etc.

Consultative powers

please specify the areas covered:

Power of nomination
(e.g. chairman of
PSB)

no please specify:

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.