

LITHUANIA

Name of Regulatory Authority : Lietuvos radijo ir televizijos komisija
The Radio and Television Commission of Lithuania
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Basis for operation

Legal framework : Republic of Lithuania Law on Provision of Information to the Public of 2 July 1996 No. I - 1418

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

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

The Commission is financed by 0.8 % of income from advertising, the subscription licence and other commercial activities of broadcasters. It may be financed from other sources as well - from the funds received for organising tenders, donations, publishing activities, etc.

Composition

Number of members: 12 Term of office: varies Re-election possible:

Proposal of members: The Commission is comprised of 12 members: one member is appointed by the President of the Republic, three members are appointed by the Parliament per recommendation of the Parliament Committee for Education, Science and Culture, one member each shall be appointed by : the Lithuanian Artists' Union, the Lithuanian Film-Makers' Union, the Lithuanian Composers' Union, the Lithuanian Writers' Union, the Lithuanian Theatre Union, the Lithuanian Journalists' Union, the Lithuanian Association of Journalists, the Lithuanian Association of Periodical Publishers. A Member of the Commission is appointed for the duration of the term of the institution or its governing bodies' authorisation.

Revocation of mandate possible: based on: An institution which appoints a Commission member may terminate his powers before the expiry of his term of office by its justified decision or on the justified recommendation of the Commission, or in compliance with the member's request.

Number of staff: 17

Chairman: Jonas Liniauskas

Vice Chairman: Bronislovas Šalkus

(if not applicable, please name Director General)

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 checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	terrestrial digital broadcasters	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	satellite analogue broadcasters	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	satellite digital broadcasters	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	cable analogue broadcasters	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	cable digital broadcasters	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	others(please specify): MMDS (micro-wave multi-channel distribution system),	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

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 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: in Lithuania all broadcasters are granted licences, there are no institutions, that grant registrations.

Frequency allocation together with the Communications Regulatory Authority

Supervision of private broadcasters	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
public broadcasters (only as far as advertising and European quota issues are concerned)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
others	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Handling complaints

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):

Rule making codes Secondary legislation
 other (please specify):

Consultative powers It is a body of experts for the Seimas (Parliament) and the Government on the issues of radio and television broadcasting.

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

Monitoring programming
 financial performance
 others (please specify): ownership structure

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.