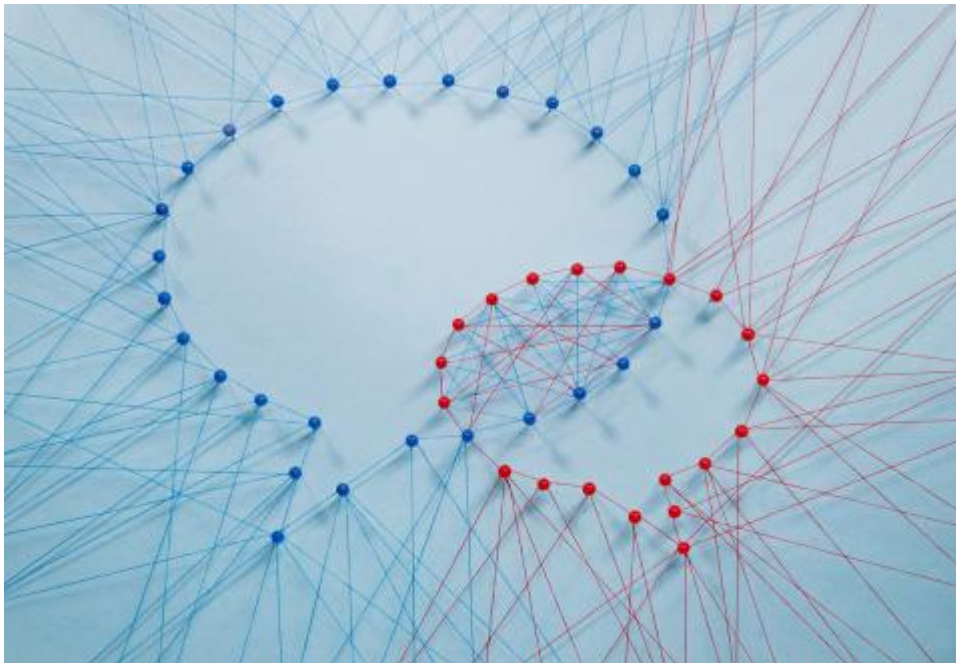


## European Regulators Group for Audiovisual Media Services (ERGA)

The European Regulators Group for Audiovisual Media Services advises the Commission on the implementation of the Audiovisual Media Services Directive (AVMSD).



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The European Regulators Group for Audiovisual Media Services (ERGA) brings together heads and high-level representatives of national independent regulatory bodies in the field of audiovisual services. These representatives advise the Commission on the implementation of the AVMSD.

The European Commission established ERGA in 2014. The review of the AVMSD in 2018 strengthened ERGA's role. It also introduced specific requirements to guarantee the independence of the national regulatory authorities.

Under the revised AVMSD, ERGA has the following tasks:

- to provide technical expertise to the Commission in its task to ensure a consistent implementation of this Directive in all Member States and on matters related to audiovisual media services within its competence;
- to exchange experience and best practices on the application of the regulatory framework for audiovisual media services including on accessibility and media literacy;
- to cooperate and provide its members with the information necessary for the application of the AVMSD;

- to give opinions, when requested by the Commission, on the technical and factual aspects of the issues pursuant to Article 2(5c), Article 3(2) and (3), point (c) of Article 4(4) and Article 28a(7) of the AVMSD.

Since 2020, Mr Tobias Schmid, Commissioner for European Affairs of the German Media Authorities (DLM) is the elected Chair of ERGA, with Mr Karim Ibourki, President of the Superior Audiovisual Council (CSA) of the Wallonia-Brussels Federation (Belgium) serving as Vice-Chair.

More information on the work and activities of ERGA

## **ERGA Plenary Meetings**

The next plenary meeting of ERGA will take place on 1 June 2021. Besides its bi-annual plenary meetings, ERGA holds a range of meetings and workshops throughout the year to conduct its work and foster the exchanges among its members. Information on past meetings can be found on the ERGA website.

## **ERGA Documents**

ERGA has produced a wide range of reports and statements on the AVMSD and other matters related to audiovisual media services. These documents can be found on the ERGA website.

### **Work Programme**

To guide its work, ERGA adopts annual work programmes outlining the objectives of its various subgroups.

- ERGA Work Programme 2021 (.pdf)

### **Rules of Procedure**

- ERGA's Rules of Procedure (.pdf), as amended on 10 December 2019

## **Background information**

The AVMSD recognises the role of the independent regulatory authorities. In most Member States these authorities are responsible for the enforcement of the national measures transposing the rules of the Directive.

Member States are required to ensure that the competent national regulatory authorities are legally distinct from the government and functionally independent of their respective governments and of any other public or private body.

And, Member States need to guarantee that national regulatory authorities exercise their powers impartially, transparently and in accordance with the objectives of the Directive. This includes the objectives of media pluralism, cultural and linguistic diversity, consumer protection, accessibility, non-discrimination, the proper functioning of the internal market and the promotion of fair competition.

Member States must set up transparent procedures for the appointment and dismissal of the head of the national regulatory authority or the members of the collegiate body fulfilling that function. Member States also have to ensure that an effective appeal mechanism for the decisions of a national regulatory authority is in place.

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The European Commission has sent this week a reasoned opinion to Czechia, Estonia, Ireland, Spain, Croatia, Italy, Cyprus, Slovenia and Slovakia for failing to provide information about the implementation of the EU Audiovisual Media Services Directive (AVMSD) into their national laws. The new rules apply on all audiovisual media, both traditional TV broadcasts and on-demand services, as well as video-sharing platforms. They aim to create a regulatory framework fit for the digital age, leading to a safer, fairer and more diverse audiovisual landscape.

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The Commission is launching infringement procedures against Hungary and Poland related to the equality and the protection of fundamental rights.

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Last Tuesday, 9 February 2021, was Safer Internet Day. Launched in 2004 and promoted by the EU-funded network of Safer Internet Centres in Member States, the day was celebrated online in more than 170 countries worldwide. The theme ‘Together for a better internet’ is a call for everyone to join in making the internet a safer and better place, especially for children and young

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infringement procedures against 23 Member  
States for failing to transpose the Directive on  
audiovisual content

The European Commission has launched infringement procedures against 23 Member States and the United Kingdom for failing to enact the new rules governing EU-wide coordination of all audiovisual media, both traditional TV broadcasts and on-demand services, and video-sharing platforms. These new EU rules aim to create a regulatory framework fit for the digital age, leading to a safer, fairer and more diverse audiovisual landscape.

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The revised Audiovisual Media Services Directive creates a media framework for Europe's digital decade.

### **See Also**

Contact Committee Meetings

The Contact Committee monitors the implementation of the AVMSD and developments in the sector, and is a forum for exchange of views.

## Audiovisual Regulators

You will find on this page a list of European Union regulators in the field of audiovisual media services.

## Application reports and reports on European works

Reports on the promotion and distribution of EU works and independent production, and on the application of the Audiovisual Media Services Directive (AVMSD).

## Application and implementation of AVMSD

The Commission ensures that the Directive is implemented by the Member States and complied with by audiovisual media service providers.

## Protection of minors in the AVMSD

The Audiovisual Media Services Directive (AVMSD) contains specific rules to protect minors from inappropriate on-demand media audiovisual services.

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## Audiovisual Commercial Communications

The Audiovisual Media Services Directive (AVMSD) regulates commercial communications such as the promotion of goods and services in the audiovisual world.

## Promotion and distribution of European Works

The Audiovisual Media Services Directive wants to strengthen the European audiovisual industry by regulating promotion and distribution of audiovisual works.

## Content and distribution rules in the AVMSD

The Audiovisual Media Services Directive (AVMSD) works to ensure that media services in Member States' jurisdictions contribute to equality and accessibility.

## General Principles of the AVMSD

These are the principles for regulating audiovisual media services at European level.

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