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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 2023, Giacomo Lasorella, President of the Italian regulator AGCOM is the elected Chair of ERGA, with Carlos Aguilar Paredes, Member of the Board of the Spanish regulator CNMC serving as Vice-Chair.

More information on the work and activities of ERGA (https://erga-online.eu/)

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 conducts its work and foster the exchanges among its members. Information on past meetings can be found on the ERGA website (http://erga-online.eu/?page_id=10).

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. (http://erga-online.eu/?page_id=14)

Work Programme

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


Rules of Procedure


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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**PRESS RELEASE | 19 May 2022**

The European Commission has decided to refer Czechia, Ireland, Romania, Slovakia and Spain, to the Court of Justice of the European Union over the failure to transpose the revised Audiovisual Media Services Directive (“AVMSD”, Directive (EU) 2018/1808), with a request to impose financial sanctions in accordance with Article 260(3) TFEU.

**PRESS RELEASE | 02 March 2022**

The European Union adopted sanctions against the Kremlin's disinformation and information manipulation assets.

**PRESS RELEASE | 23 September 2021**

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.
EU founding values: Commission starts legal action against Hungary and Poland for violations of fundamental rights of LGBTIQ people

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

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


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 application of the Audiovisual Media Services Directive (AVMSD) and on the promotion and distribution of European works and independent production

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.

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


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


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


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

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