**Supervisions over Broadcasters and Operators of Public Electronic Communication Networks**

**Broadcasters**

Regarding the legal obligations to publish Impressums and information that should be made available to the users, and the obligations to display the broadcaster’s identification signal, regular administrative supervision was conducted over G-TV, Gurra, TV Kanal 8, TV Plus and Zdravkin TV. The supervisions found that TV G-TV, TV Gurra and Zdravkin TV had failed to publish Impressum data, while TV Plus and TV Gurra had failed to provide the information that should be made available to the users.

Several regular programme supervisions were conducted over the same media concerning obligations related to broadcasting audiovisual commercial communications, protection of juvenile audiences, use of value-added telephone services and telephone voting, broadcasting of games of chance, provision of quizzes or other forms of prize winning participation, the use of language in the programmes,broadcasting of at least 6 hours of television programme daily and broadcasting at least 30% of programme originally created as Macedonian audio or audiovisual works daily. The supervisions showed that TV G-TV and TV Gurra had broadcasted several feature programmes as part of their their programmes without having displayed the signaling for minors’ protection before the start and during the broadcast. Broadcasting of ads that are not clearly separated from the other parts of the programme was spotted in Gurra TV’s programme, while G-TV, Gurra TV and Zdravkin TV had all failed to broadcast at least 30% of programme originally created as Macedonian audio or audiovisual works.

On 28 September 2023, the Agency for Audio and Audiovisual Media Services held its third public meeting, at which Agency Director Zoran Trajchevski presented an overview of the activities carried out in accordance with the Annual Work Programme for the past three months.

Those present had an opportunity to hear about the activities related to the supervisions conducted over the broadcasters, the operators of public electronic communication networks, the providers of on-demand AVM services, and the print media publishers; the imposed public warning measures; the conducted researches, as well as the activities in the field of international cooperation.

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Also presented at the meeting were the measures undertaken by the Agency and the most frequent violations committed by the broadcasters and operators of public electronic communication networks (OPECN) in 2020, 2021 and 2022. As Sanja Filipovska, M.A., of the Department of Legal Affairs and Public Procurement pointed out, the most frequent violations by the broadcasters had been the result of their non-compliance with the rules for minors’ protection and for broadcasting at least 30% of programme that is originally created as Macedonian audiovisual works, while the OPECN’s most frequent violations had been due to retransmitting programme services that had not been covered by the programme service registration certificates issued by the Agency. In the above three years, the Agency had issued a total of 143 public warnings and initiated 17 misdemeanour proceedings against broadcasters, and 35 public warnings and 8 misdemeanour proceedings against OPECN, respectively. A discussion was opened on this topic in order to establish the reasons for the violations and to give recommendations that the radio and television stations should pay more attention in the future to increase the level of compliance with the legal obligations.

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Two control administrative supervisions were also carried out, over the Kanal 77 Radio, to establish whether this broadcaster had acted upon the imposed public warning measures, issued due to failure to publish an Imprint and information that should be made available to the users. The supervisions found that the broadcaster had met the legal obligations in full.

**Operators of Public Electronic Communication Networks**

The Agency conducted regular programme supervision over the following operators: A1 Makedonija, Makedonski Telekom, KDS-Kabel Net, Kombo 2003, Multimedia-Net and Transhped Trejd, concerning their obligation to provide, as a must and free of charge, as part of the programme packages they retransmit, the programme services of the public service broadcaster, as well as concerning the obligations to register their programme services with the Agency and to provide subtitling for the programmes they retransmit. The supervisions found no violations.

The Agency conducted control programme supervision over the operator Altra-Sat 2000 from Ohrid, to establish whether the previous public warning measure, imposed due to retransmitting programme services that are not registered with the Agency had been acted upon. The supervision showed that the operator had fully adjusted its work with the previously imposed measure.

**Public Warning Measures Imposed**

At its 30th session held on 22 September 2023, the Agency Council adopted, based on the findings of a conducted supervision, two decisions imposing public warning measures against the Kanal Vis TV from Strumica and Kanal Zdravkin TV from Veles, respectively.

A public warning measure was issued against Zdravkin TV due to failure to broadcast at least 30% of programme that had been originally created as Macedonian audiovisual works, while Kanal Vis TV was issued a public warning due to failure to provide a translation into Macedonian.

