

The Formal Independence of Audiovisual Media Regulators: A Cross-National Comparative Analysis

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		AL	AM	AT	AZ	BA	BE	BG	CH	CY	CZ	DE	DK	ES	FI	FR	GE	GR	HR	HU	IE	IS	IT
A) Agency head status	1) Term of office	0.6	0.8	0.8	0.8	0.4	0.6	0.2	0.2	0.8	0.2	0.8	0.4	0.8	0	0.6	0.8	0.4	0.6	1	0.6	0.4	0.8
	2) Who appoints the agency head?	0.5	0.75	0.25	0.25	1	0.25	1	0.25	0.25	1	0.5	0	0.25	0.25	0.25	0.75	0.5	0.5	0.25	0.25	0	0.75
	3) Dismissal	0.67	0.67	0.67	0.67	0.67	0.56	0.67	0.33	0.67	0.67	0.67	0.33	0.67	0.67	0.67	0.67	0.33	0.67	0.67	0.67	0.33	0.67
	4) May the agency head hold other offices in government?	1	NaN	1	1	1	1	1	0.75	0	1	1	0	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	NaN	0	1
	5) Is the appointment renewable?	0.5	0.5	0.5	0	0.5	0	0	0	0.5	0	0.5	0	1	NaN	1	0	0.5	0	0	0.5	1	1
	6) Is independence a formal requirement for the appointment?	1	1	1	0	1	1	1	0.5	1	1	1	0	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1

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	2) Who appoints the agency head?	1	0.5	1	1	1	0.5	1	1	0.75	0	0	1	1	0.5	1	0.25	0.25	1	1	0.75	0.25	
	3) Dismissal	0.67	0.67	0.67	0.33	0.67	0.67	0.67	0.67	0.67	0.67	0.33	0.67	0.67	0.67	0.67	0.33	0.67	0.67	0.67	0.67	0.67	
	4) May the agency head hold other offices in government?	0	1	1	1	1	NaN	1	1	1	1	0	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	NaN	1	
	5) Is the appointment renewable?	0.5	0.8	1	0	0.5	0.5	1	1	0	0.5	NaN	1	1	0.5	0	0	0	0.5	0.5	0.5	0	
	6) Is independence a formal requirement for the appointment?	NaN	1	1	0	1	0	1	1	1	1	NaN	0	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	0	1	

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B) Board members status	1) Term of office	0.6	0.8	0.8	0.8	0.4	0.6	0.8	1	0.8	0.8	0.8	0.4	0.8	NaN	0.6	0.8	0.4	0.6	1	0.6	0.4	0.8

	2) Who appoints the board members?	0.5	0.75	0.5	0.25	0.5	0.25	0.75	0.25	0.25	0.5	0.5	0	0.25	NaN	0.25	0.75	0.5	0.5	1	0.25	0	0.75
	3) Dismissal	0.67	0.67	0.67	0.67	0.67	0.55	0.67	0.33	0.67	0.67	0.67	0.33	0.67	NaN	0.67	0.67	0.33	0.67	0.67	0.67	0.33	0.67
	4) May the board members hold other offices in government?	1	NaN	1	1	1	1	1	1	0	1	1	0	1	NaN	1	1	1	1	1	NaN	0	1
	5) Is the appointment renewable?	0	0.5	0.5	0	0.5	0	0	0	0.5	0.5	0.5	0	1	NaN	1	0	0.5	0	0	0.5	1	1
	6) Is independence a formal requirement for the appointment?	1	1	1	0	1	1	0.8	1	0.8	0.8	0.8	0.4	0.8	NaN	0.6	0.8	0.4	0.6	1	0.6	0.4	0.8

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	2) Who appoints the board members?	0.5	0.5	0.75	1	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.75	0	NaN	0.75	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.25	NaN	0.5	0.5	0.75	0.25	
	3) Dismissal	0.67	0.67	0.67	0.33	0.67	0.67	0.67	0.67	0.67	0.67	NaN	0.67	0.67	0.67	0.67	0.33	NaN	0.67	0.67	0.67	0.67	
	4) May the board members hold other offices in government?	0	1	1	0	1	NaN	1	1	1	1	NaN	1	1	1	1	1	NaN	1	1	NaN	1	
	5) Is the appointment renewable?	0.5	0.5	0.5	0	0.5	0.5	0.5	1	0	0.5	NaN	1	1	0.5	0	0	NaN	0.5	0.5	0.5	0	
	6) Is independence a formal requirement for the appointment?	NaN	1	1	0	1	0	1	1	1	1	NaN	0	1	1	1	1	NaN	1	1	0	1	

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C) Relationship with the government and parliament	1) Is the independence of the agency formally stated?	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	0.5	1	1	1.00	1.00	1.00	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
	2) What are the formal obligations of the agency vis-a-vis the government?	1	1	1	NaN	0.33	0.67	1	0.33	0.67	1	1.00	1.00	NaN	1.00	0.67	0.67	1	1	NaN	1	1	1
	3) What are the formal obligation of the agency vis-à-vis the parliament?	0.33	0.33	0.67	NaN	0.33	0.67	0.67	0.33	0.33	0.33	1.00	1.00	NaN	1	0.67	0.67	0.67	0.33	NaN	0.67	1	0.67
	4) Which body, other than a court, can overturn the decisions of the agency where the latter has exclusive competence?	1	1	0.67	1	1	0.44	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	0.67	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1

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	2) What are the formal obligations of the agency vis-à-vis the government?	1	0.33	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	0.33	1	1	1	1	1	0.33	0.33	0.33	1	0.33	1	
	3) What are the formal obligation of the agency vis-à-vis the parliament?	0.33	0	0.67	1	1	0.33	0.67	0.67	0.33	1	1	0.33	0.67	0.33	0.67	1	0.67	0.33	0.67	0.33	0.67	
	4) Which body, other than a court, can overturn the decisions of the agency where the latter has exclusive competence?	1	0.33	1	0.67	1	NaN	1	1	1	0.67	0.67	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	NaN	1	

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	1) What is the source of the agency's budget?	0.5	0	0.5	0	1	0.17	0	0.25	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	1	0	1	1	1	0	0.5

D) Financial and organisational autonomy	2) How is the budget controlled?	0.33	0.33	1	NaN	0.33	0.33	0.33	0.33	0.33	0.33	1	0	1	0	0.33	NaN	0	0.33	1	1	0	1
	3) Which body decides on the agency's international organisation?	1	1	1	NaN	1	0	NaN	0.5	NaN	1	1	NaN	1	1	1	1	1	NaN	NaN	NaN	1.00	NaN
	4) Which body is in charge of the agency's personnel policy?	0.5	1	1	NaN	1	0	NaN	0.5	NaN	NaN	1	NaN	0.50	0	NaN	1	0.5	NaN	NaN	NaN	1	NaN

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	2) How is the budget controlled?	0	0	1	0.33	0.33	0	1	1	0.33	0.33	0	0	0.33	0	0.33	0	0.33	0.33	0.33	NaN	NaN	
	3) Which body decides on the agency's international organisation?	NaN	0	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	0.5	NaN	1	1	1	NaN	1	NaN	0	NaN	NaN	
	4) Which body is in charge of the agency's personnel policy?	NaN	0	1	0	1	1	1	1	1	1	0.5	NaN	1	1	1	NaN	1	NaN	0	NaN	NaN	

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