



PROTOCOL FOR COOPERATION

The Republic of Serbia Broadcasting Agency, represented by Bishop of Jegar, Porfirije (Perić), PhD, President of RBA Council

and

The National Audiovisual Council of Romania, represented by Rasvan Popescu, President of the Council

are considering

that they will enhance and strengthen the close cooperation between The Republic Broadcasting Agency and The National Audiovisual Council of Romania and will contribute to increase the efficiency and effectiveness in fulfilling the competences entrusted to both regulatory bodies by their national authorities

that the efficient implementation of the system of regulation in the field of audiovisual activities and the realization of other competences assigned by law, postulates exchange of experience and knowledge through mutual activities, cooperation and aiding the national regulatory bodies in Europe and beyond

that they will increase the level of understanding and implementation of the European audiovisual standards and will provide the contribution to the mutual understanding and the democratic processes and promotion of the cooperation between the regulators

are signing the present

PROTOCOL

ARTICLE 1 – OBJECTIVE

By signing this protocol, the Parties express their willingness for profound cooperation in the field of audiovisual activities on the basis of mutual trust and understanding and they are willing to found their cooperation on the principles and procedures provided for in this Protocol.

ARTICLE 2 – SPHERE

This Protocol concerns the cooperation between the signatory Parties of the Protocol in the field of audiovisual activities with the objective to enhance and stimulate the development of the field through exchange of experience and knowledge, as well as in other fields which are directly or indirectly related to broadcasting.

ARTICLE 3 – FORMS OF COOPERATION

The cooperation between the Parties in the Protocol takes place particularly through:

3.1 Exchange of information and data within the framework determined by the national legislation of each Party;

3.2 Regular contacts between the Parties of the Protocol;

3.3 Continuous education of the experts working for the Parties through exchange of notifications for organized seminars, trainings, workshops, conferences etc, through mutual invitations to seminars and other forms of educational programs organized by either Party of the Protocol, as well as participation in educational programs organized by a third body or organization on behalf of either Party;

3.4 Exchange of employees: the number of staff, duration and conditions will be determined according to the principle of reciprocity; each delegation will pay for their own expenses;

3.5 The Parties, during visits of representatives and officials of the other Party, will provide, according to their possibilities, any form of professional help in the field of the audiovisual, provided that they have been notified in advance

3.6 The Parties agree to remain open to further cooperation within common European projects.

3.7 The Parties undertake to ensure the protection of the language and culture of national minorities belonging to the other Party, in the audiovisual field, and being under their own jurisdiction, in compliance with national legislation and international conventions and standards.

ARTICLE 4 – COORDINATIVE BODY

4.1 The Parties of the Protocol will create a Coordinative body which will follow the implementation of the provisions of this Protocol;

4.2 The task of the Coordinative body is the coordination of all forms of cooperation between the Parties of this Protocol, provided for in Article 3 of this Protocol, and particularly realization and maintenance of direct contacts between the Parties of the Protocol;

4.3 The Coordinative body consists of 6 (six) members and each Party of the Protocol nominates 3 (three) representatives;

4.4 The Coordinative body has 2 (two) Co-presidents, each nominated by one Party of the Protocol. The Co-presidents' obligations are to realize the contacts between the Parties of the Protocol;

4.5 The Parties of the Protocol are obligated to nominate the members of the Coordinative body not later than 15 (fifteen) days starting from the day of the signing of this Protocol;

4.6 The Coordinative body by initiative of either Party of the Protocol will initiate and organize bilateral meetings and other gatherings and activities, keep the minutes of the meetings and information of the realized activities and will inform the other Party of the realized activities concerning the aforementioned and will provide the other Party with a copy of the minutes i.e. the information in question.

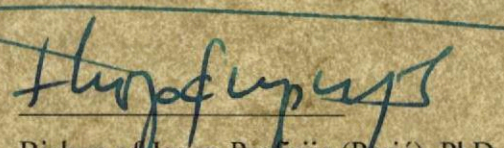
ARTICLE 5 – ENTERING INTO FORCE AND ANNULATION

5.1 This Protocol enters into force on the day of its signing;

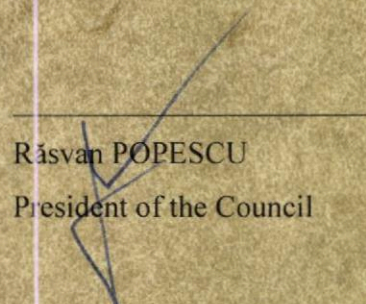
5.2 This Protocol remains valid until it is terminated by both Parties in written agreement. Each Party is able to terminate its participation by submitting a written notification to the other Party with three months notice;

5.3 This Protocol is signed on 1 March, 2010, in Belgrade, in 4 (four) copies, 2 (two) for each signatory.

On behalf of
The Republic Broadcasting
Agency


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President of RBA Council

On behalf of
The National Audiovisual
Council of Romania


Răsvan POPESCU
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