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Report of the Monitoring and Analysis Service of the REM - ex officio procedure

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Report	<p>The Regulatory Authority for Electronic Media received a complaint regarding content broadcast on RTS1, in the Kvadratura kruga programme (<i>Squaring the Circle</i>), on 18/10/2025.</p> <p>The complainant stated that in the programme, "the author talks about immigrants to Serbia during the wars of the 1990s as people without honour or integrity, who have gone astray, yet to whom Serbia has given everything".</p> <p>By reviewing the content above, it was determined that the programme was aired on RTS Programme One on 18/10/2025 from 18:26:09 to 18:51:57 (timecode: 06:26:09 to 06:51:57), and that it was dedicated to the colonists who settled parts of Vojvodina after the First and Second World Wars.</p> <p>During a conversation with one of the immigrants from Lika about how they adapted to the new environment, what they retained within themselves of what they brought with them from Lika, etc, the author asked the guest (timecode: 06:50:25):</p> <p>Author: "Many people from Lika living in Bajmok have preserved part of their speech and customs, but to what extent have they retained their soul and integrity over the time?"</p> <p>Guest: "Well, there are, there are people who have gone a little astray, but that is, I guess, the pace of life."</p> <p>The author's text continues: "And to those who have gone astray, and most of them are found among those who came after the last war in Croatia, Serbia opened its doors, extended a helping hand and gave a chance for a new life. In the last hundred years, Serbia has always been a mother to all of them, and never a stepmother."</p> <p>The complaint suggests that "the author talks about immigrants to Serbia during the wars of the 1990s as people without honour or integrity, who have gone astray, yet to whom Serbia has given everything." Upon reviewing the programme, it was found that the journalist, after the question "to what extent have they retained their soul and integrity over the time", followed up on the guest's answer, and without generalising stated "and to those who have gone astray..." not characterising all settlers in this way, or as the complaint states</p>

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	as "people without honour or integrity." Also, the term "gone astray" used by the guest in the programme is general in nature and can be interpreted in multiple ways, and someone can even "recognise" oneself in it. Given that the entire context of the programme edition of 18/10/2025 did not have an offensive, discriminatory or negative tone, the Monitoring and Analysis Service assesses that there is no basis for initiating a procedure.
Conclusion	The complaint should be dismissed as unfounded.

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