## Subgroup Terms of Reference for 2016

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<th>Name of Subgroup (SG)</th>
<th>Exploring key themes which are of high relevance and beneficial to future-proof European Audiovisual Regulation</th>
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<td>SG Chair, NRA</td>
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### Background

Following the completion of the EU refit exercise undertaken in 2015, the focus will now turn to the revision of the current AVMS directive. It will be important that matters of critical importance to EU regulators, which are not the main issues covered by the review of the AVMSD, will remain central to the considerations of ERGA in 2016 and beyond. It is therefore proposed that a sub-group will be established whose remit will be to explore key themes which are of high relevance and beneficial to future-proof European Audiovisual Regulation.

### Subgroup scope and purpose

The subgroup will have the remit to consider issues that are not the main issues covered by the review of the AVMSD but are of high relevance and beneficial to future-proof European Audiovisual Regulation. It will be required to establish special task forces consisting of small groups of ERGA members. These task forces will explore clearly defined and specific themes which are considered to be of high relevance to future-proof European oversight, without necessarily being connected to concrete and detailed legislative provisions. The intention will be to focus on areas that remain beneficial to European media regulation in 2016 and beyond, regardless of the way in which the EU framework for Audiovisual media evolves.

The sub-group will initially be required to identify and agree on clearly defined themes of relevance, which support the principles of better regulation, for consideration by the special task forces. These could include but are not limited to:

- An exploration of how the industry might be encountered to take up further alignment of measures to enhance protection of minors in a converged media environment.
- Mechanisms to assist regulators and remedies that may be imposed in addressing concerns around terrorist propaganda.
- The provision of greater accessibility to Audiovisual Media Services for persons who are visually or aurally impaired.

The sub-group will select one or two topics for action in 2016 and agree on the establishment and composition of the special task force; the expected outcome of the activities of the special task force and the most appropriate approach to the undertaking of the project.

### Deliverables

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<th>Special task force report on one or more themes</th>
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Public consultation | To be determined  
Publication | Yes  

**Allocated Resources**

**Active members (drafters)**
- BAI, Ireland; OFCOM, UK; RTR, Austria; CBRS, Slovakia
- CSA, France; DLM, Germany; NMHH, Hungary; CVDM, Netherlands; CNMC, Spain; AGCOM, Italy

**Members**
- CSA/VRM/Medianrat, Belgium; CEM, Bulgaria; AEM, Croatia; CRTA, Cyprus; RRTV, Czech Republic; Danish Radio and TV Board, Denmark; TJ, Estonia; FLOORA, Finland; NCRT, Greece; NEPLP, Latvia; BA, Malta; RTK, Lithuania
- CNA, Romania; AKOS, Slovenia; Medietilsynet, Norway; NRA, Portugal
- SPBA, Sweden

**Other resources**
- Members of Special Task Force(s)

**Work flow (internal and external milestones)**

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