

Subgroup Terms of Reference for 2016

Name of Subgroup (SG)	Exploring key themes which are of high relevance and beneficial to future-proof European Audiovisual Regulation
SG Chair, NRA	Michael O’Keeffe - BAI
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	<p>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.</p> <p>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:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • An exploration of how the industry might be encouraged 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. <p>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.</p>

Deliverables¹

Deliverable type	Special task force report on one or more themes
Deliverable title	ERGA Special Task Report on ‘X’ Theme
Due date	Plenary meeting Autumn 2016

¹ [If more than one deliverables, create a separate table for each.]

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; TJA, Estonia; FICORA, 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)

Date	Action / deliverable	Internal Subgroup only	External Board, CN, Plenary, Publication
Year 2016			
February 9	Draft Terms of Reference discussed during ERGA Board-meeting	Chair	Board
16-19 February	SG Members to comment on ToR	Chair/Active Members/ Members	
22 February	Submission to Plenary	Chair	
March 2	Adoption of ToR by plenary		Plenary
March	Meeting or conference call of the subgroup to agree theme (or themes), approach and composition of special task force	Chair/Active Members/ Members	
March/April	Establishment of Task Force	Chair/Active Members/ Members	
April/September	Task Force undertakes activities	Chair/Active Members	
October	Report on outcomes of Activities	Chair/Active Members/ Members	
November	Report to Plenary	Chair	Board
	Publication on external webpage		Publication by secretariat

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