
**THE REPORT
OF THE SEVENTH ANNUAL MEETING OF THE FORUM OF
THE BLACK SEA BROADCASTING REGULATORY AUTHORITIES
(BRAf)**

**8-9 September, 2016
Chisinau, Moldova**

The 7th Annual Meeting of the Forum of the Black Sea Broadcasting Regulatory Authorities was held in Chisinau, Moldova, on the 8-9 September, 2016.

The representatives of the BRAf Member Authorities, namely the **Albanian** Audiovisual Media Authority, **Azerbaijani** National Television and Radio Council, **Georgian** National Communication Commission, **Moldovan** Coordinating Council of Audiovisual, **Romanian** National Audiovisual Council, **Serbian** Regulatory Authority For Electronic Media and **Turkish** Radio and Television Supreme Council, participated in the Meeting. **Portuguese** Regulatory Authority for the Media was also represented at the Meeting under the observer status. The participating countries appreciated the contribution of the Ukrainian National Council of Television and Radio Broadcasting, although they were unable to attend the meeting due to some technical reasons at the last minute.

At the opening session, Mr. Dinu CIOCAN, Chairman of the Coordinating Council of Audiovisual (CCA) welcomed the participants and emphasized the importance of cooperation in the field of audio-visual media.

Later, Assoc. Prof. Dr. Hamit ERSOY, Secretary General of BRAf and the Member of the Radio and Television Supreme Council (RTUK) welcomed the participants and provided brief information regarding the works have been accomplished so far within BRAf, which is an international organization established in order to ensure international cooperation in the field of broadcasting sector among the BSEC member states. Meanwhile a briefing was made about the terrific events taking place in Turkey recently and a minute of silence was held to extend respect to the heroes of 15 July 2016 who were killed during the failed coup attempt by FETO/PDY terrorists in Turkey. The role of media in having the coup attempt failed was appreciated in this regard.

The Meeting was chaired by Dr. ERSOY.

The Draft Program of the Meeting was discussed and adopted. The Program, as adopted, is attached as Annex I.

A brief revision of the Sixth BRAF Annual Meeting held in Yerevan, the Republic of Armenia, on 19-20 November 2016, was presented by the BRAF Permanent Secretariat. The presentations and the contributions of the Member Authorities were mentioned briefly to refresh memory of participants about the work done in general and the main theme of the last annual meeting in particular.

The representatives of the broadcasting regulatory authorities of the participating countries made presentations, provided information and exchanged views with regard to the progress and objectives achieved since the previous Annual Meeting of BRAF, in the broadcasting sector in their countries as part of Country Reports.

The detailed consideration was given to the main theme "Broadcasts During Elections and the Role of the Regulatory Authorities" Monitoring Systems - Receiving and Examining Complaints Process" in the participating countries. The participants had vivid discussions during the sessions and exchanged their opinions and experiences in relation to national practices by referring to similarities and discrepancies. The presentations and the relevant data are available at the BRAF website "<http://www.braf.info>". It was, in principle, agreed to invite a keynote speaker to speak on the main theme of the Annual Meetings each year. All Members agreed to send their proposals for the main theme of next Annual Meeting by the end of October, 2016. All Member Regulators are encouraged to send their contributions for the book titled "Regional Cooperation in Media - BRAF Seven Years in Progress", to BRAF Permanent Secretariat by March, 2017.

At the end of the meeting, the Presidency of the BRAF was handed over to the Regulatory Body for Electronic Media (REM) of the Republic of Serbia.

The date and the venue of the 8th Annual Meeting of BRAF to be held in Belgrade, Serbia will be communicated by the BRAF PS in due course and published on the official institutional website "www.braf.info".

The delegations expressed their sincere gratitude to the Coordinating Council of Audiovisual of Moldova for the warm and generous hospitality extended to them and the excellent arrangement of the Meeting at the heart of beautiful city of Chisinau.

The participants of the meeting adopted the present report.

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Agenda

Venue: [Radisson Blu Leograd Hotel](#)

● **7 September 2016**

Arrival of Delegates

● **8-9 September 2016 - BRAF 7th Meeting**

8 September

- 09:30 - 10:00 Registration
10:00 - 10:30 Opening of the meeting, Welcome Speeches
10:30 - 11:00 Adoption of the Agenda
11:00 - 11:30 Brief Revision of Previous Meeting – Commercial Communication - BRAF 2015
11:30 - 12:00 Coffee Break
12:00 - 13:00 **Country Reports** by all Countries on One Year Progress in Member States
13:00 - 14:00 Lunch
14:00 - 15:00 Main Theme: “**Broadcasts during Elections and the Role of the Regulatory Authorities; Monitoring Systems - Receiving and Examining Complaints Process**”
15:00 - 15:30 Coffee Break
15:30 - 16:30 Session Continues
19:00 - **Gala Dinner** offered by CCA

9 September

- 10:00 - 11:00 Discussions on bilateral and/or multilateral cooperation opportunities
11:00 - 11:30 Coffee Break
11:30 - 12:00 Nomination for BRAF Presidency in coming years- 2018 (Serbia for 2017)
12:00 - 12:30 Any Other Business
12:30 - 13:00 Closing remarks by Moldovan Presidency, BRAF Secretary General
Adoption of the Minutes of Meeting
13:00 - 14:00 Lunch
15:00 – 17:00 Excursion to National Museum of Ethnography and Natural History
17:00 **Cricova winery tour**

○ **10 September 2016**

- Departure of the delegates