
**THE REPORT OF
THE EIGHTH ANNUAL MEETING OF
THE BLACK SEA BROADCASTING REGULATORY AUTHORITIES FORUM
(BRAAF)**

**30-31 October, 2017
Belgrade, Serbia**

The 8th Annual Meeting of the Black Sea Broadcasting Regulatory Authorities Forum was held in Belgrade, Serbia, on the 30-31 October, 2017.

The representatives of the BRAF Member Authorities, namely the **Albanian** Audiovisual Media Authority, **Armenian** National Commission on Television and Radio, **Azerbaijani** National Television and Radio Council, **Greek** National Council for Radio and Television, **Moldovan** Coordinating Council of Audiovisual, **Romanian** National Audiovisual Council, **Russian** Federal State Unitary Enterprise Rossiya Segodnya International Information Agency and Federal State-Owned Enterprise «Russian Television and Radio Broadcasting Network», **Serbian** Regulatory Authority for Electronic Media, **Turkish** Radio and Television Supreme Council and **Ukrainian** National Council of Television and Radio Broadcasting participated in the Meeting. **Georgian** National Communication Commission and **Bulgarian** Council for Electronic Media were unable to attend the Meeting due to some technical reasons at the last minute.

At the opening session, Prof. Goran PEKOVIC, Member of the Serbian Regulatory Authority Council welcomed the participants and emphasized the importance of cooperation in the field of audio-visual media.

Later, Assoc. Prof. Dr. Hamit ERSOY, the 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 that have been accomplished so far within BRAF, which is an international organization established to ensure international cooperation in the field of broadcasting sector among the BSEC member states.

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 7th BRAF Annual Meeting held in Chisinau, Moldova, 8-9 September, 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 regarding 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 "**The Role of Media in Times of Crisis in Encountering Terrorism**" 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 shall be available at the BRAf website "<http://www.braf.info>" in a week.

All Member Authorities were, for the last time, invited and they agreed to finalize their contributions to the book titled "**A Decade of Regional Cooperation in the Black Sea Basin – BRAf Case**". The deadline for sending the contributions is 31 January 2018. It was decided that the BRAf PS shall gather these pieces and circulate the final version of the Book among Member Authorities before the next Annual Meeting of BRAf.

At the end of the meeting, the Presidency of the BRAf was handed over to the **Romanian** National Audiovisual Council.

The date and the venue of the 9th Annual Meeting of BRAf to be held in Romania shall 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 **Serbian** Regulatory Authority for Electronic Media for the warm and generous hospitality extended to them and the excellent arrangement of the Meeting in the historical and beautiful City of Belgrade.

The participants of the meeting adopted the present report.

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Agenda**

Venue: Hotel Tulip Inn / Belgrade

● **29 October 2017**

- Arrival of delegates
- 19:00 - **Welcome Dinner** offered by the Regulatory Body for Electronic Media (REM)

● **30-31 October 2017**

30 October, Monday

- 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 (BRAF 2016 Moldova Meeting) –
“Broadcasts during Elections and the Role of the Regulatory Authorities”
- 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: **“The Role of Media in Times of Crisis in Encountering Terrorism”**
- 15:00 - 15:30 Coffee Break
- 15:30 - 16:30 Session Continues
- 19:00 - **Gala Dinner** offered by the Regulatory Authority for Electronic Media (REM)

31 October, Tuesday

- 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- 2018/2019
- 12:00 - 12:30 Any Other Business
- 12:30 - 13:00 Closing remarks by Serbian Presidency, BRAF Secretary General
Adoption of the Minutes of Meeting
- 13:00 - 14:00 Lunch (Hotel Tulip Inn)
- 15:00 - **Social Program** organized by the Regulatory Body for Electronic Media (REM)

1 November 2017

- Departure of delegates