

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING between CAC and the GRA

1. Parties

The Consell de l'Audiovisual de Catalunya (CAC) and the Gibraltar Regulatory Authority (GRA) have agreed on a cooperation between the two institutions in the form of an interchange of information and best practices.

2. Background

The GRA is the independent authority under the Broadcasting Act 2012 which is responsible for granting and enforcement of licenses to radio and television broadcasters, regulating broadcasting standards and the issuing of codes of practice and guidance notes, thus ensuring that broadcasters abide by the set codes of practice and regulations. The GRA is also under a statutory duty under the Communications Act 2006 to encourage the promotion of media literacy and publish information and provide advice to consumers and broadcasters alike.

The CAC is the independent authority that regulates audiovisual communication in Catalonia. The CAC's principles of action are defending freedom of speech and information, pluralism, neutrality and honesty of news, as well as free competition in the sector. The CAC is governed by Law 2/2000, of May 4th, on the Catalan Audiovisual Council, as well as by Law 22/2005, of December 29th, on audiovisual communication in Catalonia.

3. Objectives

The planned cooperation between CAC and GRA is aimed at developing and strengthening the understanding of the respective media landscapes and the tasks of the two regulators, to explore areas of common interest and to develop an according working relationship as well as to exchange common experience and advice.



4. Fields of cooperation

CAC and GRA will encourage and support their cooperation in the following areas:

- to promote the regulation of the audiovisual content, paying special attention to minors' protection and other vulnerable groups.
- to carry out informal discussions and exchange of views on fields of common interest, e.g.
 - the economic sustainability of the media sector
 - the protection of minors, particularly in the Internet
 - media and information literacy
 - regulation of the audiovisual media services
 - promotion of local media
- to exchange information on common issues of national and European media regulation;
- to discuss practical solutions of legal problems regarding the interpretation and application of media regulation;
- to encourage exchanges and mutual visits between staff and delegations of the parties to this MoU;
- to engage in prior consultation with each other where the licensing of broadcasters by one party could have an effect on the markets of the other party to this MoU;
- to hold regular informal meetings of the representatives of the parties to this MoU on topical issues of common interest.

5. General provisions

The parties to this MoU agree to undertake no financial obligations in relation to their cooperation; they will each cover their own costs incurred in relation to the cooperation.

6. Confidentiality

The parties to this MoU agree to keep all information regarding the other party obtained in the process of the cooperation confidential.



7. Final provisions

This MoU shall become effective when signed by the representatives of CAC and GRA.

It may be modified upon mutual understanding of the parties.

It shall be valid for an indefinite period.

It may be terminated by each party after 30 days prior written notice.

The parties to this MoU state and guarantee their rights to sign the present MoU which in no way contradicts their statutes or other legal acts.

For correspondence related to the implementation of the present MoU, CAC and GRA shall use the English language.

Signed in duplicate in Gibraltar and Barcelona, on the 20th December of 2023, in English and Catalan language. The two language versions are equally authentic. In the event of a conflict between the two language versions of this MoU, the English version shall prevail.

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