



MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING
between
the Consell de l'Audiovisual de Catalunya
and
the Radio and Television Commission of Lithuania

1. Parties

The Consell de l'Audiovisual de Catalunya (CAC), represented by Xevi Xirgo i Teixidor, the president of the CAC, and the Radio and Television Commission of Lithuania (RTCL), represented by Rimantas Bagdzevičius, the chairman of the RTCL, have agreed on a cooperation between the two institutions in the form of an interchange of information and best practices.

2. Background

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.

The RTCL is an independent body accountable to the Parliament of the Republic of Lithuania. It is governed by the Law on the Provision of Information to the Public of the Republic of Lithuania (No I-1418, 2 July 1996), which regulates and supervises activities of broadcasters of radio and television programmes and providers of on-demand audiovisual media services falling under the jurisdiction of the Republic of Lithuania, activities of video-sharing platform providers as well as supervises activities of re-broadcasters operating in the territory of the Republic of Lithuania and other persons providing to users of the Republic of Lithuania with the service of the dissemination of television programmes or individual programmes via the Internet. It enforces copyright protection on the Internet. The RTCL participates in the formation of national audiovisual policy. It acts as an expert body for the Parliament and the Government on the above matters. When performing its functions and taking decisions on issues within its remit, the RTCL acts independently.

The RTCL is a public legal entity registered in the Register of Legal Persons, code No. 188741498 and is a state budgetary institution headed by the chairman of the RTCL, having its own seal bearing the state coat of arms and a bank account. The seat of the RTCL is in Vilnius.

3. Objectives

The planned cooperation between the CAC and the RTCL 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

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

- to promote the regulation of the audiovisual content, paying special attention to the minors protection and other vulnerable groups;
- to carry out informal discussions and exchange of views on fields of common interest, e.g.
 - o the economic sustainability of the media sector
 - o the protection of minors, especially in the Internet
 - o media literacy and disinformation
 - o the regulation of the audiovisual media services and the video sharing platforms
 - o artificial intelligence
 - o the 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 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 partners 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 partners 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 the CAC and the RTCL.



It may be modified upon mutual understanding of the parties.

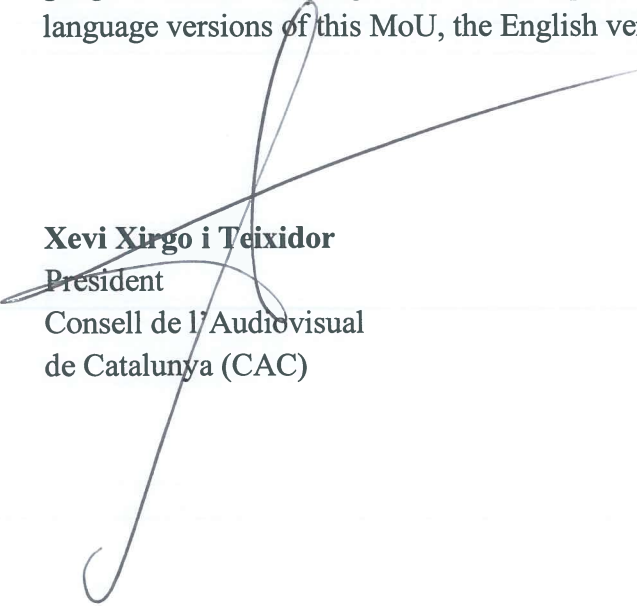
It shall be valid for a period of 5 years.

Upon the expiration of this period, its validity shall automatically be renewed for a further period of 5 years, except in the case that either party may terminate this MoU before the expiring of the term of 5 years by giving 30 days written notice to the other party.

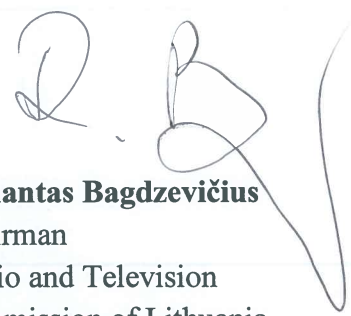
The parties to this MoU state and guarantee their rights to sign the present MoU which in no way contradicts their statutes or other legal acts.

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

Signed in triplicate in Vilnius, on the 21 September of 2022, in Lithuanian, Catalan and English language. The three language versions are equally authentic. In the event of a conflict between the three language versions of this MoU, the English version shall prevail.



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