

OVERVIEW OF FUNDING METHODS AND FINANCIAL OBLIGATIONS OF BROADCASTERS AS SET BY MEDIA LAWS

ROMANIA

Romanian Audio Visual Law contains no provisions on financing of mass media; neither is it necessary to provide proof of origin of money or capital at the time of applying for the competition. It only stipulates that commercial companies, in which owners of over 10% of capital or holders of over 10 of voting rights have been convicted, cannot apply for licenses.

The Law does not specify the amount, obliging however the Council to fix the license fee, but does specify the amount of fines for illegal operation.

Article 17 lists powers of the Agency Council. Thus, paragraph 1, point a), sets forth the procedure and criteria for public competition for granting of licenses. Articles 50 through to 62 contain the usual provisions on the method and conditions for license granting. Article 62, without specifying the amount, stipulates that the license holder pays a fee in the amount fixed by the Council.

Article 90 stipulates monetary fines in the amounts of 50 million to 500 million lei (EUR 1,257-12,570), for listed violations related chiefly to copyright violations and non-payment of royalties. For minor violations listed in Article 91, it stipulates fines ranging from 25 to 250 million lei.

Article 96 stipulates monetary fines ranging from 1 million to 30 million lei (EUR 25-750) for broadcasting without license.