

The Statute of the Norwegian Broadcasting Corporation

Article 1: Name

The corporation shall be known as Norsk rikskringkasting AS (The Norwegian Broadcasting Corporation).

Article 2: Offices

The corporation's registered office is in Oslo, Norway.

Article 3: Purpose of the Corporation

Article 3-1: Purpose

The purpose for which NRK is organized is to offer public service broadcasting to the entire Norwegian population through radio, television, and other media platforms.

Article 3-2: NRK's operations

NRK's public service broadcasting shall consist of:

- Core operations in the form of the television channels NRK1 and NRK2, and the radio stations P1, P2, and P3.
- Other editorial operations involving Text TV, the Internet, and other media platforms suitable for communicating editorial content.

In addition the company may establish commercial operations for the purpose of creating income for its public service broadcasting, see Act on Broadcasting Article 6-4.

Article 3-3: Primary requirement for NRK's public service broadcasting

The collective public service broadcasting offer shall through television, radio, and interactive media or the like, ensure the Norwegian population a broad offering of programs and services. High quality, diversity, and variety shall be aspired to in this offering. Respect for freedom of information and expression and the core values of democracy shall be emphasized at all times. Objectivity, an analytical approach, editorial independence and impartiality shall also be emphasized at all times. The corporation's operations shall give the population access to important societal information and debate. It shall contribute to strengthening Norwegian language, identity, and culture. The operations shall be characterized by high ethical standards and be balanced over time.

Article 3-4: NRK's core business

NRK's core program offering shall:

- show breadth in theme and genre, both in the composition of the various program categories and the composition of specific program categories.

- contain programs that are informative and stimulating, and that increase the population's general knowledge.
- have a content that appeals to a wide range of the population and looks after the interests of minorities and special groups.
- primarily consist of Norwegian-language programs. Both official Norwegian language variants shall be used. At least 25 per cent of the verbal features shall be in New Norwegian.
- collectively have broad social coverage and as such reflect the diversity of culture, faith, and living conditions in the different parts of the country.

In its core activities NRK shall particularly emphasize its role as a developer and mediator of Norwegian and Sami art and culture.

The public service broadcasting offer on television shall be made accessible for the hard of hearing by NRK having as a goal to subtitle all programs.

Article 3-5: Programming demands

NRK's total national program offering shall, on both radio and television, at a minimum contain the following:

- a) Daily self-produced news broadcasts.
- b) Daily Norwegian-language programs for children under age 12.
- c) Daily broadcasts for the Sami population.
- d) Regular current affairs and documentary programs.
- e) Regular Norwegian-language programs for young people.
- f) Regular programs for children and young people in Sami.
- g) Programs for national and language minorities.
- h) Programs that reflect the diversity of Norwegian cultural life.
- i) Faith-based and religious programs.
- j) Airing and producing drama that reflects Norwegian language, identity, and culture.
- k) Airing and producing Norwegian music. At least 35 per cent of programs shall consist of Norwegian music.
- l) Entertainment programs.
- m) Sports broadcasts that cover the breadth of Norwegian sports – including sports for the disabled – and large sporting events.

- n) Broadcasting dramatic art and music from state-financed cultural institutions.
- o) Regional programming activity, including daily self-produced district reports.

Article 3-6: Public service broadcasting accounting

NRK shall annually, before the end of April, draw up a financial statement for its public service broadcasting. This financial statement shall account for the company's programming activity in the previous year, related to its responsibilities as set forth in Articles 3-4 and 3-5.

Article 4: Share capital and debt

The company's share capital is NKR 1,000,000,000 divided into 1,000,000 shares, each valued at NKR 1000.

NRK's debt and guarantee liabilities must not exceed 50 per cent of the total annual license fee income and shall independent of this be limited upwards to the sum of the share capital and funds.

If the company is dissolved/liquidated, any prospective liquidation surplus and assets would go to the state.

Article 5: Board of Directors

The Board of Directors consists of nine members. Six members, including the Chair and Vice Chair are elected by the general meeting for two-year terms. The general meeting can elect two deputy representatives for these.

Three board members with deputies are elected by and among the employees as pursuant to the Limited Liability Companies Act Article 8-17, see Article 18-3 paragraph 1 and directions in the Act's regulations regarding employees' right to representation on the board of limited liability companies and corporate assemblies et.al.

Article 6: Signing on behalf of the company

The Chairman of the Board and one board member sign jointly on behalf of the company.

Article 7: The Director of Broadcasting

The Board of Directors appoints the Director of Broadcasting who is the corporation's general director, and determines his or her salary. The Director of Broadcasting is appointed for a period of six years which can be extended for one additional period of six years.

Article 8: The general meeting

The ordinary general meeting is held annually prior to the end of June. At the ordinary general meeting the annual balance of accounts is presented as well as the audit report, and the following issues are taken up and considered.

1. The income statement and balance sheet, hereunder use for the annual surplus or coverage of the annual deficit.
2. The income statement and balance sheet for the corporation.
3. Any other matters that by law or statute belong under the general meeting.

Norsk rikskringkasting AS can with the general meeting's consent establish subsidiaries or participate in other companies that are in other businesses than public broadcasting.

Article 9: The role of the board

The board shall submit to the general meeting, or any special meeting, all issues that might be considered of significant, fundamental, political, or societal importance.

The board shall annually submit to the general meeting a plan for the company's activities, including subsidiaries, which, in addition to issues mentioned in paragraph 1 shall include, among other things, the following:

1. The company's and any subsidiary's primary activity for the coming years, hereunder significant restructuring, changes in district profile, development of existing activities, and development of new activities.
2. The company's financial development.
3. Significant investments, with financing plans for such.
4. Proposal for license fee cost.

The board shall submit to the general meeting any significant changes in any plans that have previously been submitted to the general meeting.

The board shall submit to the general meeting any purchase, sale, or mortgaging of real estate valued at NKR 25 million or more.

The board shall submit to the general meeting any sale or mortgaging of business-related real estate if the transaction may influence NRK's programming activity.

Issues the board should submit to the general meeting as determined in articles 1, 2, 3, 4, and 5, shall be treated by the general meeting before the board makes a final decision on the matter.

The annual accounts and other case documents shall be delivered to the shareholders not less than four weeks before the date of the ordinary general meeting.

The general meeting determines if wishes to treat any issue on its merits that it receives in accordance with this article.