

Common Declaration

The representatives of European Union Audiovisual Regulatory Authorities participating in the First meeting of European Union Audiovisual Regulatory Authorities, in Limassol, Cyprus, May 4 and 5 2011,

Noting their common values, with special regard to democracy, the rule of law, freedom of press and of expression, protection and the respect of human rights,

Reaffirming their commitment to the principle of independence of Audiovisual Regulatory Authorities,

Considering that, on the one hand, the audiovisual regulation should take into account the EU market evolution and ensure the existence of a strong EU audiovisual industry and, on the other hand, providing the necessary protection of the public, of the work created and stakeholders rights coming up in terms of the audiovisual sector value and production,

Taking into consideration the relevant provisions of the AVMS Directive (2010/13/EU), on the promotion of a closer cooperation between audiovisual regulatory bodies of Member States,

Considering further the need to create a forum exclusively devoted to the debate and cooperation amongst the audiovisual regulatory authorities operating in the Member States of the European Union,

DECIDE TO

1. Set up the Network of EU Audiovisual Regulatory Authorities, aiming to founding and developing an enhanced cooperation framework.
2. Hold the next meeting within six months, considering the need to go further and enlarge the context of this initiative.