

# INDICATORS FOR INDEPENDENCE AND EFFICIENT FUNCTIONING OF AVMS REGULATORY BODIES

## - PUBLIC WORKSHOP -

31st January 2011, 10:00 to 17:00 - Brussels, CCAB, Room 0 D.

### Agenda

**Morning session: 10:00 to 13:00**

#### I. Opening of the meeting / Introduction

1. **Opening of the meeting by Mr. Jean-Eric de Cockborne, Head of Unit, Audiovisual and Media Policies – DG Information Society and Media**
2. **Welcome and presentation of workshop agenda**  
(Wolfgang Schulz, project leader, Hans Bredow Institute for Media Research)

#### II. Framework and status quo

1. **Independence and regulatory agencies in Europe**  
(Mark Thatcher, The London School of Economics and Political Sciences, Member of INDIREG Advisory Board)
2. **Methodology and Theoretical Framework: Developing a working definition of independence**  
(Wolfgang Schulz, project leader, HBI)
3. **Status quo: Analysis of institutional, regulatory and legal frameworks of AVMS regulators in 43 countries**  
(Michele Ledger, Cullen International)
4. **De facto independence: Analysis of practical implementation and effectiveness**  
(Kristina Irion, CEU)
5. **Discussion of sec. II**

**Lunch break from 13:00 to 14.30**

**Afternoon session: 14:30 to 17:00**

#### III. Key characteristics of independent regulatory bodies

1. **Independence and the AVMS Directive: Sector-specific requirements of independence and efficient functioning**  
(David Stevens, ICRI – K.U.Leuven)
2. **Putting it all together: Essential characteristics and best practice characteristics**  
(Wolfgang Schulz, project leader, HBI)
3. **Discussion of sec. III**

#### IV. Presentation of a ranking tool for the self-assessment of independence and effective functioning

1. **Presentation of the ranking tool: Possibilities, usage and limitations**  
(Michele Ledger, Cullen International)
2. **Discussion of sec. IV and final discussion**