



Declaration related to reality shows

The Regulatory authorities members of the Mediterranean Network of Regulatory Authorities (MNRA), assembled on November 24 & 25 2011 in Valetta, under the RTÜK Presidency from Turkey, and, upon the invitation of the Broadcasting Authority of Malta (BAM) nominated for Presidency at the end of the meeting, have reaffirmed their willingness to give full effect to the Declaration on the regulation of audiovisual content regulation adopted in Reggio Calabria, October 3 2008.

The member authorities confronted to the development of TV reality shows, on TV screens and on other media, observing the social impact of such programs and measuring the risks they may present for the participants and the young publics, therefore commit to:

- Initiate a dialogue between the audiovisual sector professionals and the representatives of the civil society;
- Improve the protection of vulnerable audiences especially taking into account human dignity.

For this purpose, they check that TV reality shows broadcast by audiovisual media services providers, placed under their respective competencies:

- Do not create situation that may damage the fundamental rights of the human being;
- Are duly signalized when broadcast;
- Communicate to the public all information about the production means (shooting conditions, selection of participants).

They encourage the audiovisual media services providers and the audiovisual producers to:

- Prevent degrading situation and damages to the fundamental rights of the human being through appropriate codes of conduct;
- Reflect about the social and ethical responsibility in relation with the values that such programs convey;
- Pay particular attention to the choice of the participants;
- Follow through the psychological state of the candidates before, during, and, after each program.