

Reply from the Polish authorities

Information regarding the Act amending the Public Broadcasting Service Act

The Act amending the Public Broadcasting Service Act, which clarified competences in appointment of members of the board of directors of the public media, was passed as a temporary legislation. According to art. 4 of the Act, it was to expire on June 30th, 2016.

On June 22nd 2016 the *Act on the National Media Council* was adopted and entered into force on July 7th 2016. This legislation delegates the power to nominate the public media executives to the National Media Council – a collegial and pluralistic institution fully independent from the Government. The Council is composed of members appointed by the Parliament and the President of Poland – two of five members are designated by the opposition.

Since the Act on the National Media Council entered into force, the Polish Government, for the first time in the history, has been deprived of any influence on the shape of the public media in Poland.

With the current Act coming into force the previous Act amending the Public Broadcasting Service Act was rescinded. Consequently, the alert on the Platform for the Protection of Journalism and Safety of Journalists should be treated as resolved.