

Threats to the Independence of the Romanian Public Broadcaster (TVR)



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Romanian public broadcaster TVR is facing financial collapse caused by a chaotic management and the government's decision to freeze the TV tax at the level of 2003 (4 Romanian lei, which is the lowest rate in Europe). A package of proposed amendments to the Romanian Public Broadcaster Law (41/1994), which has been announced by several politicians, will make possible for the TVR to be declared insolvent. The Romanian union of journalists, MediaSind, fears this procedure could legitimise the government's control on public broadcasting. MediaSind called on Romanian authorities to protect TVR from political interference, including by refraining from imposing restrictions on public broadcasting funding.



ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

- [Article published on MediaPowerMonitor website: "The Romanian Public Television on the Brink of Insolvency"](#)
- [Statement from AEJ: "AEJ concerned about the fate of Romania's public broadcasting services"](#)
- [Statement of MediaSind, the Romanian Union of Journalists \(in Romanian\): "Insolența instaurează cenzura în TVR! "](#)



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