



MEDIA REGULATORY BODIES: THEIR COMPOSITION, MANDATE, AND PROCEDURES

"[...] An element of **self-governance** should be introduced into the **composition** of the Media Council. If the media community and the telecommunication industry, through self-regulating bodies or otherwise, delegate representatives to the Media Council, it would make this body **more politically neutral** and would **increase public trust** in its independence. Civil society groups could also participate in this process. It is important that the representatives of the civil society and the media sector who are delegated to the Media Council are selected in a transparent and fair procedure and that the bodies delegating them do not have strong financial, institutional or other ties with the Government or the Media Council itself."