

INTERNAL ORGANISATION OF THE PUBLIC BROADCASTING COMPANIES Composition of the public broadcasters' boards

"[...] [The] Media Act does not secure pluralistic composition of the bodies supervising the PSM [(public service media)]; its provisions enable the ruling party/coalition to ensure the loyalty of the Media Council, of the MTVA and of the BoT, and, through them, to control finances and personnel of the public broadcasters. This creates space for **covert intrusion** into the **journalistic freedom** in the **public media sector** – an intrusion which is not always possible to discern, because it does not manifest itself as formalised orders and sanctions, and which cannot therefore be prevented by means of judicial review. "