

“Methods of funding RAI (setting the level of the licence fee for only a year; possible contracts with public authorities for paid services) are not fully consistent with Recommendation No. R(96) 10 on the Guarantee of the Independence of Public Service Broadcasting, which states in its Appendix that:

- *the decision-making power of authorities regarding funding should not be used to exert, directly or indirectly, any influence over the editorial independence and institutional autonomy of the PSB organisation; [...]*
- *payment of the contribution or licence fee should be made in a way which guarantees the continuity of the activities of the public service broadcasting organisation and which allows it to engage in long-term planning; and*
- *the use of the contribution or licence fee by the public service broadcasting organisation should respect the principle of independence and autonomy.*

In more general terms, with reference to the privatisation of RAI, the Commission recalls the **dilemma** between the **pure market model** and the **public-policy model**.”