

Questionnaire

Reply from the Czech Republic's Ministry of Culture

Considering the scope of the Recommendation 98/560/EC, the Ministry of Culture is not competent to answer most of the questions in the questionnaire. The Ministry of Culture is responsible only for the area of radio and television broadcasting, while the Recommendation 98/560/EC mainly covers on-line services, which are beyond the scope of broadcasting regulation. The Recommendation is designed to support an effective way of protecting minors as well as human dignity in the on-line service environment. Nevertheless, it also encourages broadcasters to test and introduce new methods for protection minors from the illegal and harmful content.

Questions 19 and 20:

Such regulatory system is not implemented. The only professional association in the field, „Association of Television Organizations“, carries on TV-rating research in the Czech Republic. The public service broadcaster “Česka televize” adopted its own Code of Conduct (Etický kodex) in 1995. It spells out among other things also principles for protecting human dignity and children and minors from harmful content. However, it is conceived exclusively with regard to news.

Question 21:

The programs or announcements that could endanger the physical, mental or moral development of minors can be broadcast only during designated time from 10 pm to 6 am. A verbal warning has to precede the programs to which the restrictions applies. They also have to be labeled with an icon warning about their content throughout the whole time they are broadcast.