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Active membership criteria

3.2   The combined criteria for active membership as set out in the present Article refer to a broadcasting organisation fulfilling a public service remit. This remit must be laid down in a Law, a Charter or a similar legal instrument.

3.3   Active membership of the EBU is open to broadcasting organisations or groups of such organisations from a member country of the International Telecommunication Union (ITU) situated in the European Broadcasting Area as defined by the Radio Regulations annexed to the International Telecommunication Convention, or a member country of the Council of Europe which is situated outside the European Broadcasting Area.

3.4   Furthermore, such organisations or groups must provide in their country, with the authorisation of the competent authorities, a broadcasting service of national character and importance.

3.5   Such organisations or groups shall also fulfil the following conditions:

3.5.1. They are under an obligation to provide varied and balanced programming for all sections of the population, including programmes catering for special/minority interests of various sections of the public;

3.5.2. They produce and/or commission at their own cost and under their own editorial control a substantial proportion of the programmes;

3.5.3. Virtually all of the national households are in a position to receive the entirety of their major radio and/or television programme service with satisfactory technical quality;

3.5.4. They are not linked to a sports rights agency which engages in the acquisition of European television rights in competition with the EBU;

3.5.5. They can demonstrate their ability to fulfil the obligations of active membership laid down in Article 3.7.

3.6   Details of the membership criteria listed above in the present Article are laid down in the binding Regulation on Detailed Membership Criteria adopted by the General Assembly, following a proposal by the Executive Board, in accordance with Article 6.2.11.

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