European Commission: Communication on the Application of Articles 4 and 5 of the "Television without Frontiers" Directive

Article 4 of the "Television without Frontiers" Directive provides that Member States must ensure that broadcasters reserve the majority of their transmission time for European works. Article 5 requires that Member States ensure that broadcasters reserve at least 10% of their transmission time or 10% of their programming budget for European works created by independent producers. The directive furthermore requires that Member States report to the Commission on the application of Articles 4 and 5 every two years.

In July of this year the fourth Commission monitoring report for the years 1997 and 1998, based on reports sent in by the Member States, was published. The general conclusions are that the number of television channels in Europe increased substantially in 1997/1998; that the results indicated by the national reports on the channel's compliance with Articles 4 and 5 are generally satisfactory and that the aims of the Directive have broadly been met.

In the first annex of the Communication, new guidelines for monitoring the application of Articles 4 and 5 are suggested.

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