[PL] Rejection of the annual report of the National Broadcasting Council

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By the end of May every year, the National Broadcasting Council (*Krajowa Rada Radiofonii i Telewizji* – KRRiT) submits an annual report on its activities for the previous calendar year. This report is then analysed by appropriate committees of the lower house of parliament, the *Sejm,* and the Senate, and subject to parliamentary debate. Following the debate, the *Sejm* and the Senate, independently adopt resolutions to either approve or reject the report.

In the event of an unfavourable assessment of the KRRiT's activities by the *Sejm*, the Senate and the President of Poland, leading to a rejection of the report by the *Sejm* and the Senate, the term of office of all KRRiT members expires after fourteen days followingthe adoption of the later of the resolutions, unless the president chooses not to endorse the expiry of the term. The president's decision will ultimately decide the future of the KRRiT.

This year, both chambers of the Polish parliament adopted resolutions rejecting the KRRiT's report on its activities for 2025. Since the amendment of the Broadcasting Act (*Ustawa o radiofonii i telewizji* – URTV) of 11 August 2021, the law requires that any resolution rejecting such a report must include a formal justification. The Senate, in its resolution of 8 July 2026, gave five reasons. These were:

- administrative court judgments regarding delayed or withheld transfers of funds from licence fees to public television broadcasters;

- withholding the transfer of funds from licence fees, which, according to the judgments of administrative courts, is considered to be a gross violation of the law;

- inaction in response to complaints about the dissemination of homophobic content or content that may constitute hate speech;

- annulment by courts of a significant part of penalties imposed on broadcasters for alleged violations of Article 18 URTV; and

- inadequate enforcement of concession fee payment deadlines, especially in respect of the broadcaster TV Republika.

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The same objections were repeated, in almost identical form, in the *Sejm* resolution of 18 September 2026, with two additional reasons. The sixth reason involved the incompatibility of the KRRiT's Rules of Procedure with the URTV, and the seventh reason concerned the violation by the Chair of the KRRiT of the organisation's Rules of Procedure. It should be mentioned that the Chair of the KRRiT, Agnieszka Glapiak, concluded in her statement of 28 September 2026 that the entire justification for the *Sejm*'s resolution was factually incorrect and misleading. Also, on 28 September 2026, the President of the Republic declared that he strongly disagreed with the arguments deployed in the resolutions of the *Sejm* and the Senate, and that he did not endorse the expiry of the term of office of KRRiT's members. A similar situation occurred last year. It is worth mentioning that since 1993, when the URTV came into force, only once had a president issued such a decision following a rejection of the KRRiT's report. In 2010, President Bronisław Komorowski confirmed the expiry of the term of office of all the KRRiT's members after the corresponding report had been rejected by both chambers of the parliament.

Uchwała Senatu Rzeczypospolitej Polskiej z dnia 8 lipca 2026 r. w sprawie sprawozdania Krajowej Rady Radiofonii i Telewizji, M.P. 2026, poz.677

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Resolution of the Senate of 8 July 2026 on the annual report of the National Broadcasting Council

Uchwała Sejmu Rzeczypospolitej Polskiej z dnia 18 września 2026 r. w sprawie Sprawozdania Krajowej Rady Radiofonii i Telewizji z działalności w 2025 roku, M.P. 2026, poz. 937

https://isap.sejm.gov.pl/isap.nsf/download.xsp/WMP20260000937/O/M20260937.pdf

The resolution of the Sejm of 18 September 2026 on the annual report of the National Broadcasting Council on its activities for 2025

Oświadczenie Prezydenta Rzeczypospolitej Polskiej Karola Nawrockiego w związku z odrzuceniem przez Sejm i Senat sprawozdania Krajowej Rady Radiofonii i Telewizji z działalności w 2025 roku, 28 września 2026 r.

https://www.prezydent.pl/aktualnosci/wydarzenia/prezydent-nie-potwierdza-wygasniecia-kadencji-czlonkow-krrit,127492

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Statement of the President of the Republic of Poland, Karol Nawrocki, regarding the rejection by the Sejm and the Senate of the report on the activities on the National Broadcasting Council in 2025 on 28 September 2026

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