

**Question for written answer E-000091/2016  
to the Commission**

Rule 130

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Subject: Reform of governance and of licence fee for RAI-Radiotelevisione Italiana S.p.A.

On 22 December 2015 the Italian Senate gave its final approval to Bill No 1880-B 'Reform of the RAI and of radio and TV broadcasting as a public service', with which it was decided to change the system of governance of the public company RAI S.p.A.

This bill substantially changes the procedures under which the board of directors of this public company is to be appointed, introducing the role of a 'super-CEO', directly appointed by the government, who will be granted very wide-ranging powers in respect of: company management, implementation of programming and editorial policy, management and appointment of staff and managers, signing of documents and of corporate contracts up to the amount of EUR 10 million.

In addition, the 2016 Stability Law established that licence fees for the possession of a device that is able to receive, or can be adapted to receive, radio and TV programmes, are to be included in electricity bills.

Can the Commission therefore answer the following questions:

1. Should it not make specific recommendations regarding the governance of the RAI, to protect and safeguard pluralism of information, as enshrined in Article 11 of the EU Charter of Fundamental Rights?
2. Is the inclusion of the licence fee in a utility bill not discriminatory and therefore in breach of Article 21 of that same Charter?