The Commission recognises the importance of public service media as an essential democratic actor, which represents society as a whole in all its diversity. The Commission monitors closely the developments concerning media freedom and pluralism in all Member States, including Greece.

While the revised Audiovisual Media Services Directive\(^1\) emphasises the importance of the independence of editorial decisions of audiovisual media services (including public service media) in view of providing individuals and society with the fullest and most diverse information possible, it does not regulate governance of public service media or require balanced reporting or representation.

The Commission is working on a new initiative - a ‘European Media Freedom Act’ - to complement the existing legislative toolbox fostering media freedom and pluralism. This initiative aims at increasing transparency, independence and accountability around actions affecting the pluralism and freedom of media. Safeguards for the independence of public service media are among issues explored in this context.

The Commission’s forthcoming 2022 Rule of Law Report will also cover developments related to the independence of public service media governance in its scope. The Report, for the first time, will also include specific recommendations addressed to Member States\(^2\).

\(^1\) [https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/?uri=CELEX%3A02010L0013-20181218](https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/?uri=CELEX%3A02010L0013-20181218)