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**The independence, functions and responsibilities of the  
Observers Council of the Regional Broadcasting Institution  
(RPBI), the company “Teleradio-Gagauzia”  
(Draft title)**

Workshop organised in cooperation with the APEL Electronic Press  
Association

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08.45 Registration of participants

9.15 Opening remarks

1. Alexandru Dorogan, APEL president
2. Mihail Daradur, chairman of OC of RPBI Teleradio-Gagauzia
3. Mihail Furmuzal, Gagauz-Yeri autonomy governor
4. Gheorghe Gorincioi, BCC chairman
5. Raluca Ivan, Council of Europe

**9.30 Session I. Topic 1. The independence, functions and responsibilities of the  
OC of Teleradio-Gagauzia company: legal framework**

Moderator: Ion Bunduchi, APEL executive manager

Panellists:

Ms Johanna Fell, European Representative, Bayerische Landeszentrale fuer neue  
Medien, Germany, *The role and independent functioning of supervisory bodies for  
public-service broadcasters: European standards*

Ana Harlamenco, president of the People's Assembly of Gagauz-Yeri. Topic: the  
provisions of the autonomy's law.

Gheorghe Gorincioi, BCC chairman, BCC. Topic: provisions of the national law.

10.15 Discussion

10.45 Coffee break

**11.00 Topic 2. Independence, functions and responsibilities of the OC of RPBI  
Teleradio-Gagauzia company: practice**

Panellists:

Mihai Daradur, chairman of OC of RPBI Teleradio-Gagauzia. Topic: OC's activity; the relationship between the OC and the RPBI  
Ecaterina Jecov, RPBI president. Topic: RPBI's work; the RPBI-OC relationship  
Stepan Piron, director, Independent Journalism Center from Gagauz-Yeri  
Eugen Rîbca, APEL expert  
Ms Johanna Fell, European Representative, Bayerische Landeszentrale fuer neue Medien, Germany, *References to current European practice*

11.45 Questions, specifications, discussions.

12.30 Lunch

**14.00 Session II. Topic 1. Approaches to ensure the independence and the effective functioning of the OC of RPBI Teleradio-Gagauzia**

[Common topic: Ways and concrete mechanisms ensuring the independence of the OC of RPBI]

Moderator: Andrei Ceşmigi, secretary of OC of RPBI

Panellists:

RPBI OC representative  
People's Assembly representative  
Serghei Iachimov, "Democracy Institute" NGO  
Marcel Oţel, lawyer, BCC  
Alexandru Dorogan, APEL president  
Ms Johanna Fell, European Representative, Bayerische Landeszentrale fuer neue Medien, Germany, *References to current European practice*

14.45. Debates and constitution of two working groups

**The working groups will draft proposals to improve the functioning and to ensure the independence of the OC of the RPBI.**

**Working group 1: representatives of the People's Assembly, the OC of the RPBI, the BCC, civil society**

**Coordinator of working group 1: Ms Johanna Fell, European Representative, Bayerische Landeszentrale fuer neue Medien, Germany**

**Working group 2: representatives of the People's Assembly, the OC of the RPBI, the BCC, civil society**

**Coordinator of working group 2: APEL expert**

15.15. Coffee break

15.30 Work in groups

- Preparing recommendations and a work plan for the OC of RPBI for 2009 in order to ensure the OC's independence in exerting its legal powers and to improve its functioning

17.00 Adoption of recommendations and work plan

17.30 Final remarks and evaluation of the workshop by participants.

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