

Council of Europe
The Secretary General

Strasbourg, 27 February 2013

Dear Sirs,

Thank you for your letter of 4 February 2013 requesting that the Council of Europe continues to evaluate Hungarian media legislation.

As you know, we have established a constructive dialogue with the Hungarian authorities on this issue as a result of which a number of amendments to the media laws have been made and others are underway.

In my recent contacts with the Deputy Prime Minister of Hungary, we explored further concrete steps aimed at bringing the Hungarian media legislation in line with Council of Europe standards in the area of freedom of expression and information. As a result, the Media Division of the Directorate General Human Rights and Rule of Law is preparing proposals for specific co-operation with the Hungarian authorities. Once this proposal is agreed upon, we will invite relevant stakeholders to participate in the different activities to be organised.

Yours sincerely,



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