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After the limited progress that Montenegro has been achieving when it comes to freedom of expression and the media sector, the adoption of the Law on Media, the Law on Audiovisual Media Services and the Law on Public Media Service, at the proposal of the Government, we see as significant progress in improving the position and freedom of the media, as well as democratic principles. These laws are the result of a long-term consultation

process with all interested parties, including the media, non-governmental organizations, trade unions, as well as you, our valued international partners. The expert support of our European partners has been crucial in shaping the law that will ensure freedom of expression, greater rights of journalists and greater responsibility of the media, according to European standards and directives. Their unanimous adoption in the Assembly took place as a result of the responsibility and maturity of all political subjects who, aware of the importance of obtaining a positive IBAR, recognized the Government's effort to bring to an end the processes important for the welfare of citizens as soon as possible. Our determination to improve media freedom and democratic standards is unwavering, and that is why transparency, responsibility and professionalism are the foundations on which we will build our media sector and have objectively informed citizens.

We have improved the legislative framework, and our most important task in the future is the consistent application of the adopted laws, in order to successfully respond to new challenges and technological changes in the media landscape. We will create a media space in which high standards of reporting will be respected, which is crucial for informing citizens and the healthy functioning of a democratic society, and credible and effective self-regulatory bodies, along with media-literate and active citizens, will additionally contribute to the integrity and professionalism of the media.

Thank you for recognizing the efforts we have put into the process that resulted in the adoption of three important laws, and thank you for continuing to work together on their successful application, as well as on improvement of the media framework of Montenegro, the first future member of the European Union.

Sincerely,

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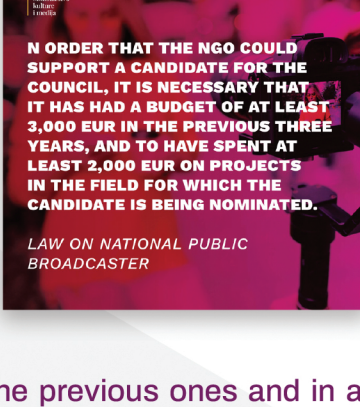
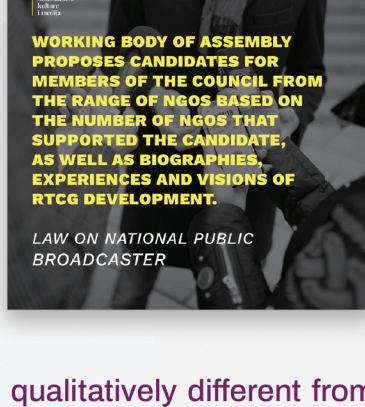
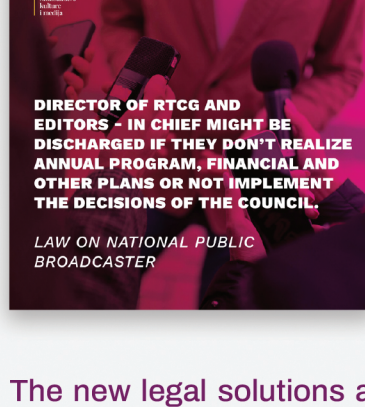
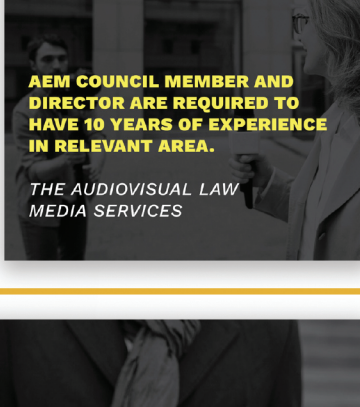
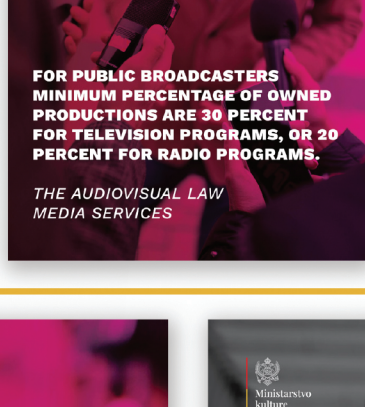
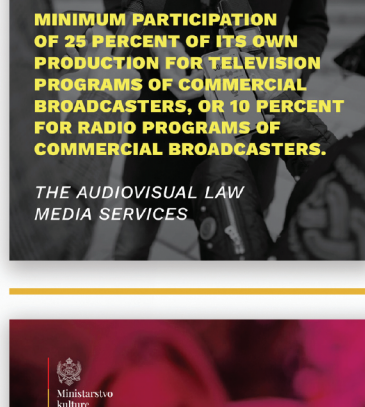
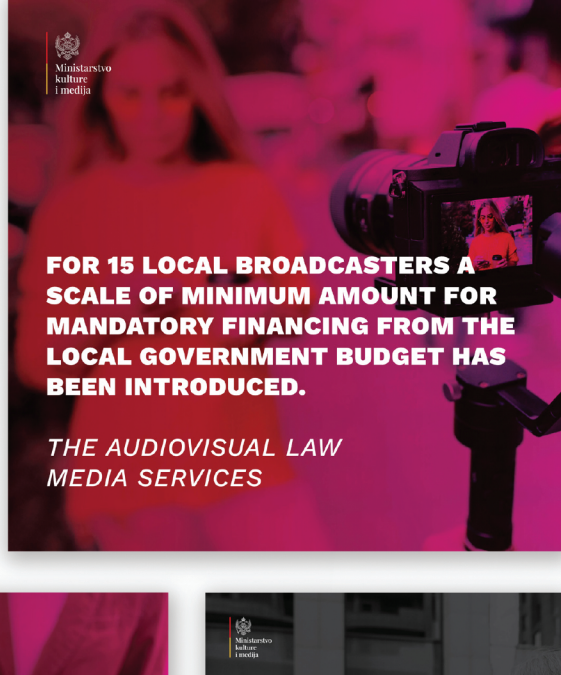
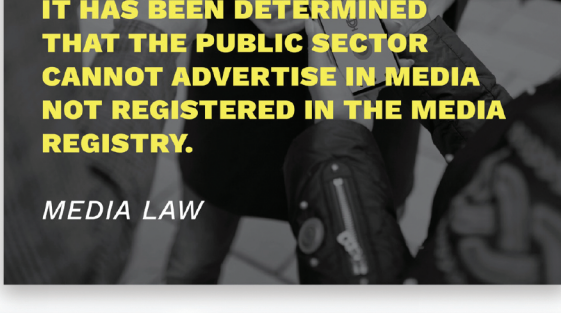
Diversity of perspectives and opinions was provided by a working group composed of representatives of the Government, the civil sector, the media, and trade unions.

The experts of the Council of Europe gave their opinion on draft media laws TWICE, the first time after putting the draft of the law on public discussion, in November 2022, and the second time immediately before sending the texts of the draft law to the European Commission in March 2024.

The European Commission gave a positive opinion on the proposals for media laws immediately before their adoption in the Parliament of Montenegro.

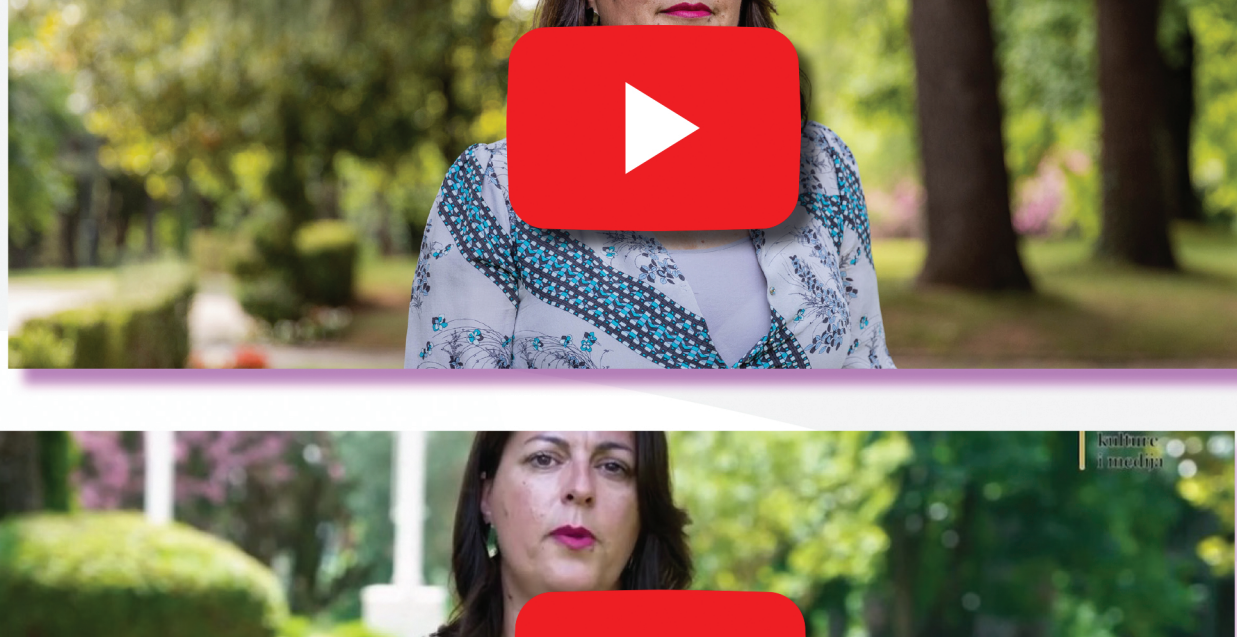
KEY NOVELTIES OF THE MEDIA LAW

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