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Within the framework of the provisions of article 37(3) of the Radio and Television Organizations Law (L.7(I)/1998), as well as of article 109(3) of the Fiscal Liability and the Financial Framework Law of 2014 (L.20(I)/2014), a performance audit and a compliance audit were carried out for the year 2018.

The most important findings of the audit concern the following:

- Examination of violations by television and radio stations - non-equal treatment among Organisations.
- Failure to prepare a manual for the recording of procedures for the imposition and collection of fees.
- Sending letters instead of issuing invoices to the various organisations for the imposition of administrative fines.
- Failure to take the necessary measures (including judicial ones) for the collection of arrears.
- The sum owed by debtors as at 31.12.2018 amounted to €785.835, which included an amount of €18.507 and related to organisations that had closed down.
- The President of the Authority travelled business class during a business trip, without being entitled to.
- A former official of the Authority failed to return a mobile phone and a tablet.
- Four salary increments were granted to an Assistant Secretarial Officer.
- Provision of technical support in IT issues - assignment of the specific service to an employee.
- An amount of €22.358 was spent for a different purpose other than that approved in the Explanatory Memorandum of the Budget.
- Failure to charge organisations for license fees in a timely manner, which is carried out by sending a letter instead of issuing an invoice.
- Advertisement fees - failure to submit information on the part of organisations.
- Failure to check the time employees arrive at and leave from work.