

III MONITORING OF THE ADOPTION OF NEW LEGISLATION

The Parliament of the Republic of Serbia did not convene in January and there was only one extraordinary sitting in February concerning the Draft Law on Parliament, as the sole item on the agenda. In the coming period, concerning legislation directly relevant for the media sector, MPs are expected to discuss the draft law on the verification of the final acts of the regional conference on radio communications for the planning of the digital terrestrial broadcasting service in parts of the regions 1 and 3, in the 174-230 MHz and 470-862 MHz (RRC-06) frequency ranges, the adoption of which is also obligatory under the Digitalization Strategy. The Parliament is also expected to discuss the Law on the Amendments to the Law on Free Access to Information of Public Importance, as well as the Law on the Classification of Information in Texts, which has received the support of more than 35 thousand voters. However, the Parliament has recently adopted two identical laws, the texts of which were proposed by the Government. Hence it would be unrealistic to expect that the two above proposals will receive support. Currently there is no law relevant for the media on public discussion, while the drafts of the Broadcasting Law and the Advertising Law, which are currently worked on by the working groups, are yet to be publicly presented.