

Co-regulated system for protection of minors in Slovenia

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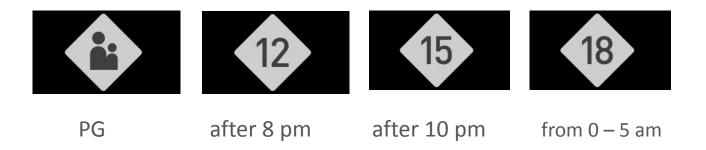
Protection of minors legal framework

- AKOS converged regulator since 2002
- Regulating telecommunication, radiocommunication, audiovisual, postal and railways services
- EU Audiovisual field: common European legal framework the AVMS Directive
- Implementation of AVMSD in Nov. 2012 Law on AVMS: consists of basic provisions on protection of minors ("might impair" and "seriously impair" content, age groups, watersheds, PIN code protection obligations...)
- April 2013 General act on protection of minors adopted by AKOS: prescribed potentially harmful elements for every age group of children and youth in terms of sexuality/nudity, violence, fear, discrimination, drugs/alcohol abuse, dangerous behaviour, coarse language.



SLO Labeling system

 'Might-impair' content allowed on TV (labels + wathersheds OR labels + PIN) and on VOD (labels, PIN for 18, no watersheds)



 'Seriously-impair' content forbidden on TV, allowed on VOD, provided that minors can not access it - technical protection obligatory, no watershed



AKOS powers

Inspection supervision:

- over TV and on non-linear services
- Proceeding/decision in the hand of one independent person - inspector



Sanctions:

- request to eliminate the violations and to comply with the law; temporary suspension of a license, revocation of a license or other measures AND/OR
- impose fines via the offense procedure:
 6.000-60.000 EUR (+ 600 EUR for responsible person)



Beyond monitoring and fining

- From the beginning of enforced provisons on PoM caused a lot of uncertainties in explanations of harmful elements arosed from the legal acts - AKOS efforts to unify perceptions
- In cooperation with Dutch NICAM we developed a practical tool for coding AV content
- Adaptation of the Dutch <u>www.kijkwijzer.nl</u> into Slovenian version of http://www.gledoskop.si/
- Broadcasters and VOD service providers signed coregulation agreement on cooperation with AKOS
- Coders are broadcaster's employees and employees from VOD service providers
- Coders are trained and licensed by the NICAM (the licence has to be renewed every year)























- Coders should code their own material/material will be offered in a catalogue
- After they view the content, they have to fullfill the questionnaire
- Questionnaire is based on 60 scientifically developed and tested questions adapted to SLO legislation
- 7 groups of questions with its own descriptors each group represents one potentially harmful element
- Almost every positive answer to the question opens a new subquestion(-s)
- Most of the (sub)questions leads to one particular age group



Questions for potentially harmful elements















- Basic characteristics of the production
- Violence
- Fear
- Sex / nudity
- Discrimination
- Dangerous behaviour
- Drugs / alcohol abuse
- Coarse language

5 questions

10 questions

20 questions

10 questions

3 questions

3 questions

7 questions

3 questions

















PRODUCTION DETAILS

Media: AV-productie (Formulier: AV / Web-only v1.0)

When assessing the content you must consider the context, the effects of the content and feelings it might provoke in viewers, the feasibility of acts, the framing of displayed acts and the manner in which an issue is treated from the aspect of appropriateness for a certain age group (Art. 3).

1.1.1 Is this production completely free of harmful elements? Harmful elements are violence, fear, sex, discrimination, alcohol/ drugs abuse or coarse language? In other words is this production fit for all ages?



This question may only be answered with 'yes' if you are absolutely sure that the production contains no harmful elements at all, including coarse language. In case of any doubt, please answer 'no' and complete the questionnaire.

Examples of productions for all ages are: Teletubbies, Who Wants to be a Millionaire, and Dora the Explorer.

1.2.1 Is the production type of cartoon or animation?



Examples of cartoons or animations are: The Lion King, Finding Nemo, Bob the Builder, Pokémon, South Park, Spirited Away, Pingu and Wallace & Gromit.

Hyperrealistic animations, those that are almost indistinguishable from reality, such as Beowulf are scored under question 1.2.2.

1.2.2 Is it any (other) type of fiction/drama product?



Examples of other types of fiction/drama production are: The Dark Knight and CSI.

Hyperrealistic animations fall under this category. Examples of hyperrealistic animations: Beowulf and The Adventures of Tintin: The Secret of the Unicorn.



















VIOLENCE

2.2.1 Does the production contain one or more of types of physical violence?

Once or more

2.3.1 Are there acts of violence that are intrusive?

Never

2.4.1 Are there images of injuries sustained as a result of visible acts of violence?

Never

2.5.1 Do violent acts occur that people may, in principle, actually be able to carry out?

Yes

2.6.1 Does the production contain scenes of sexual violence which are only implied/ justified by the context?

No

2.6.2 Are there scenes of occasional sexual violence?

No

2.6.3 Does the production contain scenes of explicit sexual violence?

No Yes

2.7.1 Is the violence extremely ruthless?

Never

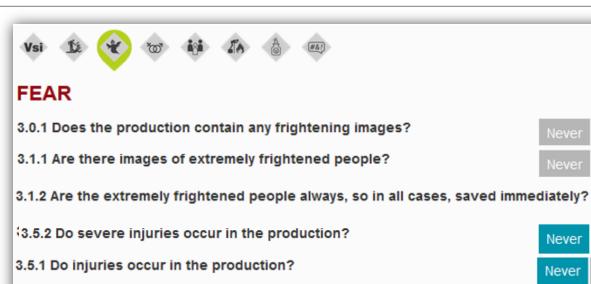
2.8.1 Is all the violence slapstick violence?

No Yes

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3.5.2 Do severe injuries occur in the production?

of someone who has committed suicide?

3.6.1 Are there images of mutilated dead human bodies?

3.8.1 Does the production include scenes of self-mutilation?

3.9.1 Are there images of visible threats of violence?

3.7.1 Are there images and/ or scenes of suicide, an attempted suicide or

3.12.1 Do the frightening situations occur in a realistic environment?

3.12.2 Do one or more unrealistic characters feature in the frightening scenes?

Never Once or more

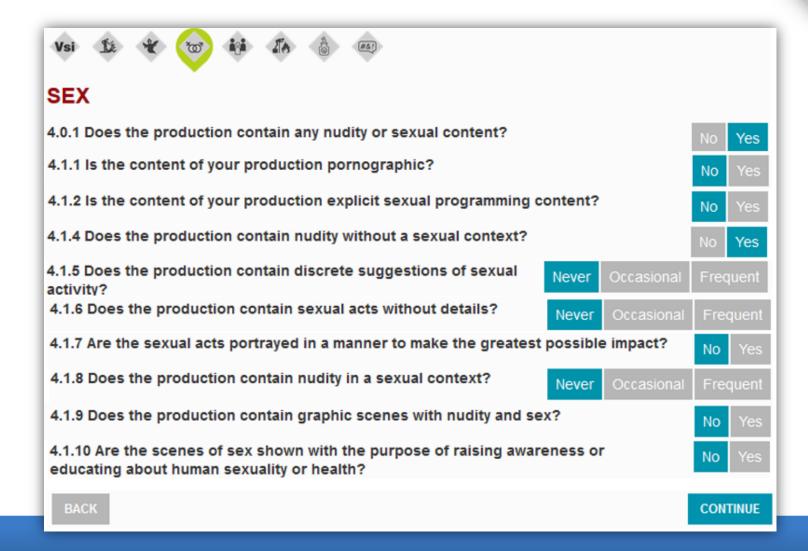
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Once or more



























5.1.1 How often do scenes of discrimination occur in the production?

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The term discrimination includes any expression that implies the inferiority of a group/ particular sections of the community are portrayed as inferior on the basis of race, religion, skin colour, sex, nationality, sexual preference or ethnic origin. Discrimination may also take of an 'us and them' mentality and jokes about foreigners, women, men or ethnic groups.

Often here means that it covers a relatively large part of the production.

5.1.2 Does the production contain scenes of severe or explicit discrimination?

Never Occasional Off

Often

Example: Hotel Rwanda.

5.1.3 Are all the scenes of discrimination justified by the context?

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Justified by the context means that the production contains acts that could by themselves harm the development of children or minors, however acts related to them or the context of such content mitigate the display. For example by its purpose, genre, educational, historical, or comic context, the manner in which such acts are shown, or their framing.

This includes but is not limited to explicit condemnation of discrimination.

Example of a production in which discrimination is explicitly condemned: Australia.

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BEHAVIOUR

5.2.1 Does the production feature any scenes of dangerous behaviour that children could copy?



Examples of dangerous behaviour include, but are not limited to: instructions on how to harm (oneself), make explosives or how to commit suicide.

5.2.2 How dangerous is the behaviour in the production?

Mildly

Moderately

Very

Factors to take into account to determine how dangerous an act is, are:

- Are they performed by a rolemodel, with whom children will identify? For example: Jackass.
- · What kind of harm do they cause? Ranging from a bruise to death.
- . How easy it is for a child to replicate the act?
- · Does it involve readily accessible items or appliances? For example: drinking bleach.
- The level of detail. For instance: a very detailed description of, or instruction on, how to make a bomb or harm (your)self.

5.2.3 How often do scenes occur of dangerous behaviour which children could copy?

Occasional

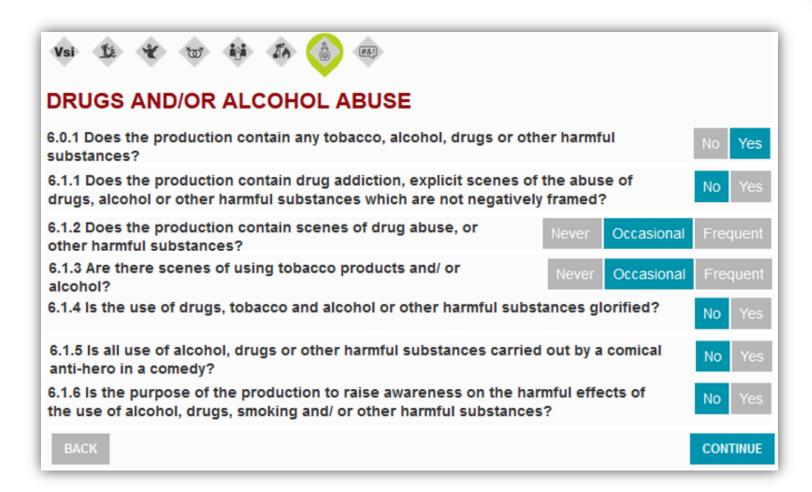
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Occasional in this question means that the scenes do not cover a large proportion of the production.

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Rihanna - Bitch Better Have My Money (Explicit) 4

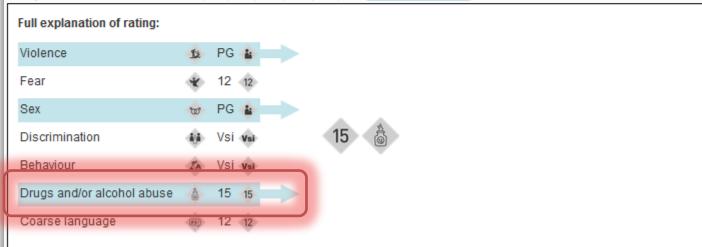
Please find the classification result below. Check the result and if you would like to change something go back.

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This production has been saved and published

Complete classification result: GPG,A12,SPG,DVsi,BVsi,H15,T12 (show explanation)



Questionnaire: AV / Web-only v1.0 Organization: AKOS / Coder: Igor Zabjek

Media: AV-productie / Type of production: Amusement (view production details)



The future of protection of minors?

- PoM area needs constant adjustment and development of regulatory approaches – according to the changing media practices and patterns of media consumption.
- Although the enforcement of rules is essential, restrictive regulation may not be sufficient to effectively tackle the issues related to protection of minors in the complex digital environment.
- It is very important to keep raising awareness of AV service providers and educating viewers for informed and responsible use of media services.
- Convergence of media and new ways of content distribution and abundance of transborder and not regulated services require new approaches and enhanced cooperation both with service providers and with other NRAs.
- More than ever it is needed to promote and support the production of quality content for children and youth – the role of Gledoskop in the future!



Thank you!

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