

EVENTS OF MAJOR

This table gives an overview of the relevant regulations or the status of debate in Member States of the Observatory "Television without Frontiers" as amended by Directive 97/36/EC of the European Parliament and the Council

Member States	SPORTS				
	Olympic Games	Football World Cup	Football European Cup	International Competitions for Football Clubs	National Football Cup
AT	X	- semi-finals - final - national team	- semi-finals - final - national team		final
BE (*)	only summer games	X and qualifying matches of national team	X and qualifying matches of national team	European competitions: - semi-finals - final - national clubs	final
BG	X	X and qualifying matches of national team	X and qualifying matches of national team	X and qualifying matches of national clubs	all matches
CH	X	- semi-finals - final - national team and qualifying matches of national clubs	- semi-finals - final - national team and qualifying matches of national clubs	Champions' League and UEFA Cup (if national club is involved): - semi-finals - final	final
CY¹					
CZ²	X	- semi-finals - final - national team	- semi-finals - final - national team		
DE	X	- opening game - semi-finals - final - national team	- opening game - semi-finals - final - national team	Champions League, UEFA Cup: final	- semi-finals - final
DK	X	- semi-finals - final - national team including qualifying matches	- semi-finals - final - national team including qualifying matches		
ES	X			Champions League: - final - one game on each matchday with national participation UEFA Cup: - One match of the semi-finals - final Super Cup: national clubs Intercontinental Cup: final	- semi-finals - final
GB	X (A)	final (A)	final (A)		
IT	X	- final - national team	- final - national team	Champions' League and UEFA Cup (if national club is involved): - semi-finals - finals	
MK³	X	X	X	X	X
NL (*)	X (B)	X and qualifying matches of national team	X and qualifying matches of national team	- national clubs' matches and finals in European competitions - Super Cup and World Cup when a national club is playing	- quarter-finals (C) - semi-finals (A) - final (A)
NO (*)	X	- semi-finals - final - national team	- semi-finals - final - national team		
PL⁴	X	- semi-finals - final - national team	- semi-finals - final - national team	Champions League, UEFA Cup: national clubs	
PT	- opening and closing ceremonies - participation of nationals	- opening match - quarter-finals - semi-finals - final - national team	- opening match - quarter-finals - semi-finals - final - national team	- one game per round in each European competition, where national clubs are involved. - semi-finals and finals of all European competitions - finals of all club competitions organised by FIFA	- semi-finals - final
TR	X	- semi-finals - final - national team - qualifying matches of national team	- semi-finals - final - national team		all matches

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concerning the lists of “events of major importance to society” as foreseen in Article 3a of Council Directive 89/552/EEC of 19 June 1997 and in Article 9bis of the Protocol amending the European Convention on Transfrontier Television

SPORTS

World & European Athletics Championships	Tennis	Other Sports Events
		World Championships of alpine and nordic skiing
- semi-finals - finals - national participation and <i>Memorial Ivo Van Damme</i>	Wimbledon and Roland Garros: - semi-finals - finals	<i>Tour de France</i> ; Worldcup, National and World Championships for cycling; <i>Veldrijden</i> cycling; World and European Championships Judo and Swimming semi-finals and finals with Belgian competitor; <i>Grote Prijs van België Formule 1</i> car racing; <i>Grote prijzen van België motorcross</i> motor races
national participation		All football national team's qualifying matches to championships
X	Davis Cup (if national team is involved): - semi-finals - final Fed Cup (if national team is involved): - final	World Cup for Downhill Skiing in Switzerland, World Downhill Skiing Championship, Athletissima meeting in Lausanne, LCZ Meeting in Zurich <i>Tour de Suisse</i> (Swiss Cycling Tour) Ice Hockey World Championship: national participation Ice Hockey Swiss Championship: play-off final Federal Festival of Swiss wrestling and alpine games
X		Ice Hockey World Cup - semi-final - final - national team
		National football team's matches
		World and European handball championships: - semi-finals - finals - national team - qualifying matches for women
World Championship (field): - semi-finals (only with Spanish participation) - finals	Davis Cup, Fed Cup (only when Spanish team participates) Roland Garros: (only when Spanish players participate in single) - quarter-finals - semi-finals - finals	Football: all matches involving the national team Basketball: Saporta Cup, Korac Cup (if any Spanish club is playing): - semi-finals - finals Handball: official matches of national team Cycling: <i>Tour de France</i> and <i>Vuelta Ciclista a España</i> (Cycling Tour of Spain) Motorcycle racing: World Championships
	Wimbledon: - finals (A) - other matches (B)	(A) Rugby World Cup Final (B) All other matches in the Rugby World Cup Finals Tournament, Six Nations Rugby Tournament matches involving home countries, Commonwealth Games, World Athletics Championship, Cricket World Cup (final, semi-finals and matches involving home nations' team), Cricket Test matches played in England, Ryder Cup, Open Golf Championship
		All matches involving the national football team in official competitions, <i>Giro d'Italia</i> (Tour of Italy) cycling competition, Formula One Italian Grand Prix.
X	- Australian Open - Wimbledon - US Open	NBA; World and European Handball Championships Boxing; World and European Skating Championships European Basketball Championships
outdoor C)	Wimbledon, Roland Garros: - semi-finals singles (with national competitors) and singles finals (A), Wimbledon, Roland Garros, US Open, Australian Open: - singles with national competitors (C)	(A) National football team's matches, World and European Championships ice-scating (all-round, sprint, distances), Dutch ice-scating tour <i>Elfstedentocht</i> , (B) <i>Tour de France</i> , Amstel Gold Race, TT Assen, World Championships cycling final weekend, (C) Paralympics, all matches of football <i>eredivisie</i> (Premier League), World and European Championships for Volleyball (men) and Hockey if national team is playing
World Championships		World and European Championship in handball; World Championship Ski (board, alpine, nordic ski); World Championship Biathlon
participation of nationals		Football: all matches of national team; Premier League – one game per round (involving successful clubs) Handball, basketball, ice hockey: all matches of national teams (including World & European Cup), World & European Club's competitions – finals with national team; National Cup finals Volleyball: all matches of national teams (including World & European Cup) Formula I Grand Prix if national participates; Rally of Portugal; National bicycle Tour (<i>Volta</i>); Motorcycling Grand Prix of Portugal
		- Turkish Cup matches (Basketball, Volleyball, Handball) - European Championships semi-finals and finals (all branches) - World Championships semi-finals and finals matches (all branches) - <i>Kirkpinar</i> Traditional Wrestling

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3. These are proposals which the Broadcasting Council has submitted to Parliament and to the government.

4. Under the terms of the Broadcasting Act, the National Broadcasting Council will be able to add further events to the list. With this in mind, the NBC is organising a seminar with experts on 9 May 2001 in order to prepare the future list.

5. See p.11 in this IRIS issue.

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7. See p.13 in this IRIS issue.

Member States	Culture		Other requirements/e.g. deferred coverage; grouping according to the coverage/reception; necessity to secure transmission rights	Period of validity
	International	National		
AT		- New Year's Day Concert - Vienna Opera Ball		listed events are drawn up for an unlimited period subject to amendments
BE (*)	Queen Elisabeth Contest			
BG	Sofia Musical Weeks; March Musical Weeks; International Festival "Varna Summer"; International Folklore Festival, Bourgas; International Festival of Romantic Movies "Love is A Madness", Varna	Bulgarian Film Festival "Golden Rose", Varna	free public access	listed events are drawn up for an unlimited period subject to amendments
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DE				listed events are drawn up for an unlimited period subject to amendments
DK			a substantial proportion of the public is deemed deprived of being able to follow the events if they are broadcast on a channel received by less than 90% of the Danish public	1998 and after ³
ES			Olympic Games: if due to schedule problems it is not possible to provide live coverage of an event in which Spanish athletes and teams are participating, broadcasters may make these events available via whole or partial deferred coverage. Cycling: the broadcast of these events shall include, at least, the last hour of each stage. According to Article 5 of the Law No. 21/1997 (Law on Broadcasting of Sport Events) a match from every league or cup competition game day, for those sports in which such competition systems apply, must be broadcast live, free and throughout the entire national territory	2000/2001
GB			sports events are categorised as Group A & Group B; ⁴ a substantial part of the public is defined as 5%.	2000 and after. listed events are drawn up for an unlimited period subject to amendments
IT		San Remo Italian Music Festival	The Authority reserves the right to amend the list in particular by including the following events: finals of basketball, water polo and volleyball world championships involving the national team; final and semi-finals of the Davis Cup involving the national team; road-cycling world championship	Revision of the list possible after two years following the entry into force ⁵
MK⁶				
NL(*)		(A) Christmas concert and Prinsengrachtconcert of the Royal Concertgebouw Orchestra, Eurovision Songfestival (C) Pinkpop	The events listed are split into three groups A, B and C: - Category A: events must be broadcast live and in full on free television. - Category B: events must be broadcast live, but only in part. - Category C: highlights of these events can be broadcast later in the day.	
NO(*)				
PL⁷				listed events are drawn up for an unlimited period subject to amendments
PT				2000/2001
TR				2001

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Legal Basis		Source Reference		Date of Notification with	
EC	CoE	Draft	Final	Standing Committee***	EC Commission
X	X	- Regierungsvorlage für ein Bundesgesetz, mit dem ein Bundesgesetz über die Ausübung exklusiver Fernsehübertragungsrechte (FERG) erlassen wird und das Kabel- und Satelliten-Rundfunkgesetz sowie das Rundfunkgesetz geändert werden (285 der Beilagen zu den stenographischen Protokollen des Nationalrates XXI. GP); - Entwurf für eine Verordnung auf Grund des § 4 FERG.		01.10.2000	September 2000
X					
	X		- definition of "major event": additional provisions to Radio and Television Law, enacted by the 38th National Assembly on the 23rd of September, 1998 - securing the right of access: Art. 13 Radio and Television Law - list of important events (**)	15.03.2000	
	X		<i>Departement für Umwelt, Verkehr, Energie und Kommunikation, Liste der Ereignisse mit erheblicher gesellschaftliche Bedeutung vom 21. August 2000</i>		
	X	X		24.02.2000	
		X			
X	X		<i>Art. 5a des Fünften Rundfunkänderungsstaatsvertrages der Bundesrepublik Deutschland</i>	01.10.2000	28.04.1999
X			Order No. 809 of 19 November 1998 on the Use of TV Rights to Events of Major Importance for Society		14.12.1998
X			<i>Resolución de 31 de julio de 2000, del Consejo de Emisiones y Retransmisiones Deportivas, por la que se ordena la publicación del Acuerdo del Pleno del Consejo de Emisiones y Retransmisiones Deportivas por el que se aprueba el Catálogo de Competiciones o Acontecimientos Deportivos de Interés General para la temporada 2000/2001, BOE n. 191, of 10.08.2000, p. 28656</i>		
X			Part IV of the Broadcasting Act 1996, The Television Broadcasting Regulations 2000, the Independent Commission's Code on Sport and other Listed Events and several declarations by the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sports, OJ C 328, 18.11.2000, 2		05.05.2000
X			Decision no 8/1999 of the Communications Authority adopted on 09.03.1999		10.05.1999
		X			
X		Amendment of the <i>media besluit</i> (Media Decree)			
X		<i>Liste over begivenheter av vesentlig samfunnsmessig betydning Følgende begivenheter anses for å være av vesentlig samfunnsmessig betydning</i>			
X			Art. 20 Broadcasting Act adopted on 29.12.1992; amended: 1995, official gazette <i>Dziennik Ustaw</i> No 66; 1995, official gazette <i>Dziennik Ustaw</i> No 142, item 701; 1996, official gazette <i>Dziennik Ustaw</i> No 106, item 496; 1997, official gazette <i>Dziennik Ustaw</i> No 121, item 770; 2000, official gazette <i>Dziennik Ustaw</i> No 29, item 356 and 358.	01.10.2000	
X			<i>Despacho 21380/2000 published in Diário da República (Official Journal), II Série, 24.10.2000</i>		
X			X (**)	01.10.2000	

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3. The order entered into force on 1 December 1998. Listed events are drawn up for an unlimited period subject to amendments.

4. Group A events are those events that may not be covered live on an exclusive basis unless certain criteria are met. Group B events may not be broadcast live on an exclusive basis unless adequate provision has been made for secondary coverage.

5. Entry into force: 24 May 1999.

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