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RTVE Left without Board of Directors for the Past Two Years

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The Spanish public television RTVE has been managed for more than two years by a provisional administrator, Rosa María Mateo, who was initially supposed to remain in office for only a few months. According to a law of September 2017, the Presidency of RTVE and Board of Directors' members must be appointed through a public competition. The test was held and 19 candidates were pre-selected 21 months ago, but Parliament has still not appointed the President of RTVE or the members of its Board of Directors. The citizen platform Teledetodos, the Association of Communication Users (AUC) and journalists' unions have repeatedly denounced the lack of legitimate management and control bodies. The European report "Media Pluralism Monitor", published in July 2020, also denounces this shortcoming and calls, in its recommendations, the Spanish authorities to appoint RTVE's administrators, in order to meet the imperative of impartiality of public broadcasting.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

 Section regarding Spain in "Monitoring media pluralism in the digital era: application of the Media Pluralism Monitor in the European Union, Albania & Turkey"