The TISC shall have the following responsibilities:

a. To establish policies, procedures and priorities for the maintenance, support, promotion and development of the Thema Subject Classification Scheme, and to monitor their execution;

b. To resolve any disagreements arising during the agreed processes of development and review of new releases of the Thema Subject Classification Scheme; and to approve the issue of new releases of the Scheme after the development and review procedures have been successfully completed;

c. To approve new Thema National Groups which shall be recognised by EDItEUR.

8. So far as is possible, the TISC shall make decisions on the basis of consensus (defined as “lack of sustained opposition”). In the event of a failure to achieve consensus within a reasonable time, at the discretion of the Chair, a formal vote will be taken among members of the committee present, with decisions made on the basis of simple majority; in the event of a tied vote, the chair shall have the casting vote.