

Ongoing and submitted projects in the field of media and freedom of expression online and offline

From 1 January 2018 to 30 April 2018

Summary

Four cooperation projects with external funding (voluntary contribution or jointly funded by the European Union) are currently underway amounting to 4 250 000 Euros in all. Some activities are also financed by the ordinary budget of the Council of Europe.

Approximately 59 activities were organised since January 2018. The work in the field of freedom of expression and media freedom encompassed a very broad range of activities such as legal expertise, training programs, seminars, conferences and other events with the participation mainly of public officials, media professionals and civil society. The constant strive to look for links and synergy between the various projects is an added value of cooperation activities. Best practices and results achieved are constantly shared with others through bilateral and regional networking.

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ONGOING PROJECTS

1. Gender equality and media freedom in Azerbaijan

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| Beneficiary | Azerbaijan |
| Funding | Council of Europe (Ordinary Budget) |
| Duration | 12 months (January 2018 - December 2018) |
| Total funds | € 250 000 |
| Objective | To promote gender equality in and through media in Azerbaijan: media contributes to changing attitudes and eliminating gender stereotypes and promotes gender equality and women's empowerment; and the general public has increased opportunity to access more information on gender equality through media. |
| Specific objectives | <p>-The Code of Ethics for journalists reflecting a gender equality perspective approach is widely recognized and promoted among journalists and media professionals.</p> <p>-Media coverage of gender issues in Azerbaijan complies with the Council of Europe standards on gender equality and media freedom as well as ethical rules.</p> <p>-The mandatory course on "Gender equality and media freedom" is part of the Master programme of Journalism faculties at three universities (Baku State University, Baku Slavic University and Azerbaijan University of Languages).</p> |
| Partners | Press Council of Azerbaijan; Union of Journalists of Azerbaijan; Women Journalist Network of Azerbaijan; Journalism faculties of the Baku State University, Baku Slavic University and Azerbaijan University of Languages. |
| Target groups | Ministry of Education of Azerbaijan Republic; National Assembly (Milli Məclis/Милли Мәчлис). |
| Final beneficiaries | Press Council of Azerbaijan; Union of Journalists of Azerbaijan; Women Journalist Network of Azerbaijan; Journalism faculties of the Baku State University, Baku Slavic University and Azerbaijan University of Languages. |
| Expected results | <p>-Specific provisions on media coverage of gender equality reflecting the Council of Europe standards are drafted by the working group of international and local experts and the Code of Ethics for journalists is revised accordingly.</p> <p>-7 training sessions in Baku and regions for 200 journalists and media professionals to improve their skills and knowledge on</p> |

gender equality and media in order to cover gender equality issues properly in media and promote gender equality in and through media.

-Translation and publishing the Council of Europe standards on gender equality and media into Azerbaijani language and presentation to stakeholders and general public at the public event in Baku.

-New curriculum and teaching course on "Gender equality and media freedom" is developed.

Main activities

Legal expertise, expert meetings, training, conferences, awareness-raising activities.

2. Reinforcing Judicial Expertise on Freedom of Expression and the Media in South-East Europe – regional (JUFREX)

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| Beneficiaries | Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, “the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia”, Kosovo ¹ , Montenegro and Serbia |
| Funding | Council of Europe/European Union - Joint Programme |
| Duration | 36 months (April 2016 – March 2019) |
| Total funds | € 3 100 000 |
| Main Objective | To promote freedom of expression and freedom of the media in line with Council of Europe standards, with a specific focus on the Judiciary in South-East Europe. |
| Specific Objectives | <p><u>Support to Judiciary</u></p> <p>Specific objective 1: To enhance the application of the European Convention on Human Rights (ECHR) and the European Court of Human Rights (ECtHR) case-law in the field of freedom of expression in the daily work of the judiciary through the interpretation and implementation of the legislation in line with European standards.</p> <p>Specific objective 2: To strengthen the capacity of the national training centres, judges’ and prosecutors’ academies and bar associations to train legal professionals on the ECtHR, the case-law of the ECtHR and other European standards on freedom of expression.</p> <p>Specific objective 3: To increase the awareness and capacity of judges, public prosecutors and lawyers dealing with freedom of expression issues on CoE standards and the case-law of the ECtHR.</p> <p><u>Support to media regulatory authorities</u></p> <p>Specific objective 4: To enhance the independence and effectiveness of the bodies responsible for broadcasting regulation, in line with European standards.</p> <p><u>Training of media professionals</u></p> <p>Specific objective 5: To promote rights and responsibilities of journalists and develop professionalism, responsibility and respect of ethical rules among journalists based on the ECtHR case-law and other CoE legal instruments.</p> |
| Target groups | Judges, prosecutors, lawyers, media regulatory authorities, public media services, journalists and other media actors |

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| Final beneficiaries | Citizens and society in whole |
| Expected results | <p><u>Support to Judiciary</u></p> <p>Expected result 1: Domestic judgments reflecting application of Article 10 and ECtHR case-law are increased;</p> <p>Expected result 2: The training curricula on Article 10 are developed and the capacity of the national training institutions with regard to freedom of expression and the media are improved;</p> <p>Expected result 3: Regional forum of legal professions is established and it regularly meets to exchange good practices and provide mutual support for the development of domestic case-law in line with ECtHR case-law on media issues, namely Article 6, 8 and 10.</p> <p><u>Support to media regulatory authorities</u></p> <p>Expected result 4:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Studies on independence and effectiveness of the regulatory authorities continue to be provided after request of the national authorities; • Regulatory authorities' and employers' professional capacities are strengthened; • Regional co-operation between regulators is developed; exchange of good/bad practices is established. <p><u>Training of media professionals</u></p> <p>Expected result 5: Structural dialogue between media actors, self-regulatory bodies, judiciary, politicians, parliamentarians, police and human rights defenders is established at national and regional level. Media actors are aware of their duties and responsibilities and their professional capacities are strengthened.</p> |
| Main activities | Expert meetings, assessments, workshops, trainings and awareness-raising activities, seminars, round tables, regional forum and networks, curricula development, training of trainers, studies, publications, expert opinions. |

3. Promoting media freedom and pluralism in Republic of Moldova

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| Country | Republic of Moldova |
| Funding | European Union |
| Implementation | Council of Europe |
| Duration | 24 months (16 December 2016 – 16 December 2018) |
| Total funds | € 600 000 |
| Main objective | The main objective of the project is to strengthen or establish legal and institutional guarantees for a pluralistic media landscape in the Republic of Moldova. |
| Specific objectives | <p>Specific objective 1: Improvement of the regulatory framework related to media pluralism.</p> <p>The activities within Objective 1 aims at supporting the legislation process on media regulation in line with European Standards. In particular the project supports the law-makers, policy-makers, members and staff of regulatory bodies, civil society actors and media professionals in (1) drafting amendments to existing media related legislation in line with European standards and (2) putting into practice the regulatory framework.</p> <p>Specific objective 2: Enhancing the professionalism of public service broadcasters.</p> <p>The Objective 2 is focussed on direct assistance to public service supervisory bodies and to Teleradio Moldova and Teleradio Gagauzia. It is based on three modules focusing on: (1) public service broadcasters' supervisory bodies of Teleradio-Moldova and Teleradio-Gagauzia; (2) public service broadcaster Teleradio-Moldova; (3) public service broadcaster Teleradio-Gagauzia. The activities under Module 1 aim at ensuring the functioning of independent supervisory bodies in Teleradio-Moldova and Teleradio-Gagauzia and strengthening the cooperation between these two entities. The activities under Module 2 aim at: i) improving the editorial policies and the existing TV and radio programmes of the public broadcasters, in particular those on European Union policies; ii) setting up and ensuring the functioning of the Training Centre at Teleradio-Moldova which will offer professional media training workshops for TRM's employees. The activities under Module 3 will focus on providing support in implementation of the provisions of the Teleradio-Gagauzia's Strategic Guidelines 2012-2016, in particular related to enhancing the Teleradio-Gagauzia's professionalism in reporting unbiased, trustworthy and accurate, as well as of offering diverse and relevant programming to various segments of the public.</p> |
| Partner | Public authorities (Parliament, relevant ministries, Coordinating |

Council of the Audiovisual CCA– the broadcasting regulatory authority), civil society organisations, in particular the Association of Electronic Press.

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| Target groups | Teleradio-Moldova (public service broadcaster), Teleradio-Gagauzia (regional public-service broadcaster), CCA, public authorities etc. |
| Final beneficiaries | Media professionals, Moldovan public |
| Expected results | <p>The regulatory framework relevant to freedom of expression and media pluralism is aligned with Council of Europe standards to ensure transparency of media ownership and prevention of excessive concentration.</p> <p>The digital switch-over is implemented in accordance with best European practice while promoting media pluralism.</p> <p>The public service broadcasters' supervisory bodies are more independent, transparent and efficient.</p> <p>The public service broadcasters enhance their professionalism in covering unbiased, trustworthy and accurately the political and social issues and in producing quality programmes for various segments of the public.</p> |
| Main activities | <p>Purchase of specialized equipment for Teleradio Gagauzia multimedia unit.</p> <p>Setting up of a Training center at Teleradio Moldova.</p> <p>Production of EU integration documentaries</p> <p>Seminars, workshops, trainings, study tours, conferences, publications, legal assessment, TV and radio documentaries</p> |

4. Freedom of Media in Ukraine II

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| Beneficiary | Ukraine |
| Funding | Council of Europe/EU Partnership for Good Governance (PGG) 2018 |
| Duration | 12 months (January 2018 - December 2018) |
| Total funds | € 300 000 |
| Objective | To improve freedom, independence, pluralism and diversity of media in Ukraine. |
| Specific objectives | <p>Specific objective 1: To enhance the independence and effectiveness of the bodies responsible for broadcasting regulation through improvement of legal framework, its implementation and enabling the public-service broadcasting system to better fulfill its remit.</p> <p>Specific objective 2: To support completion of the communal printed media reform and development of community media.</p> |
| Expected results | <p>Expected result for Specific objective 1: Implementation of the Law on Public Broadcasting carried out in line with Council of Europe and European standards and other relevant national legislation and by-laws brought in compliance with the Law on Public Broadcasting; Law on Audio Visual Services (AVS) adopted and its implementation supported.</p> <p>Expected results for Specific objective 2: Capacity of relevant media outlets improved in order to enable them to complete the transition process under the reform of communal printed media; Capacity of community media outlets strengthened.</p> |
| Partners | Parliament Committee on Freedom of Speech and Information Policy; State Committee for TV and Radiobroadcasting; National Council on TV and Radiobroadcasting, Public Service Broadcaster |
| Target groups | Policy-makers, journalists, editors, media managers, relevant professional associations, officials of national authorities, civil society representatives. |
| Main activities | Expert meetings and seminars, workshops, trainings and awareness-raising activities, roundtables and conferences, publications. |

SUBMITTED PROJECTS

1. Strengthening Freedom of the Media and Establishing a Public Broadcasting System in Ukraine

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| Beneficiary | Ukraine |
| Funding | VC (Czech Republic, Estonia, Finland, Hungary, Ireland, Latvia, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Netherlands, Norway, Poland, Romania, Sweden, Switzerland, Turkey) |
| Duration | 26 months (January 2016 – February 2018) |
| Total funds | € 1 200 000 |
| Specific objectives | <p>Specific objective 1: To enhance the regulatory framework in the sphere of information policy and media in line with European norms and standards.</p> <p>Specific objective 2: To facilitate the establishment of the genuine public broadcasting system in Ukraine via providing expert assistance. To ensure respect for, professional and ethical standards of broadcasting.</p> <p>Specific objective 3: To improve access to official documents and information held by public authorities while individual rights to privacy and to control personal data are protected.</p> <p>Specific objective 4: To enhance the safety of journalists in Ukraine and to raise public awareness of existing international standards for the protection of journalists.</p> |
| Expected results | <p>Expected result for Specific objective 1: Concrete recommendations are developed regarding media regulatory framework, which foster media freedom and independence.</p> <p>Expected results for Specific objective 2:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Expert advice on consolidation of a genuine public broadcaster is provided in 2016-2017. 2. Capacity of the public broadcaster to enable the production of higher-quality programming is increased. 3. Ethical and professional standards with regard to broadcasting are promoted via co-regulatory solutions. <p>Expected results for Specific objective 3:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Expert assistance and extensive training is provided to public officials of national and local authorities with regard to applying |

public interest test in the process of classifying documents.

2. Capacity of an independent supervisory body for access to information is further reinforced.

3. Enabling environment for “*information champions*” is created in Ukraine via launching a sustainable annual independent award in line with best international practices.

Expected results for Specific objective 4:

1. Journalists are trained on means of protection (physical integrity and technical means of protecting communications, data and sources).

2. State authorities are better informed on their positive obligation under the ECtHR to protect the journalists.

3. Regular dialogue between law-enforcement bodies and journalists’ organisations on improving the investigation process involving media representatives is provided.

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| Partners | State TV and Radio Committee of Ukraine, National Broadcasting Council of Ukraine, Verkhovna Rada Committee for Freedom of Speech and Information Policy, new public broadcaster of Ukraine, civil society groups and professional associations. |
| Target groups | Policy-makers, journalists, editors, media managers, relevant professional associations, officials of national authorities, judges, civil society representatives. |
| Main activities | Legal expertise, expert meetings and seminars, workshops, trainings and awareness-raising activities, roundtables conferences, publications and public debates on TV. |

2. Promote ethical and professional standards in the media sector at the regional dimension

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| Countries | Morocco, Tunisia, Palestine, Jordan, Algeria, Egypt, Lebanon |
| Duration | 36 months |
| Requested contribution | 500,000€ <i>South Programme</i> |
| Objectives | <p>Specific objective 1:</p> <p>Support the creation of a regional network of good practice among 1) regulatory authorities and 2) media organisations</p> <p>Specific objective 2:</p> <p>Promote a positive image of women and fight against gender stereotypes in media through regional activities</p> <p>Specific objective 3:</p> <p>Reinforce ethical and professional standards in journalism having regards to the media coverage of public interest subjects such as elections, terrorism, the portrayal of women in the media</p> |
| Target group | Audio-visual regulatory bodies, Public service media (PSM), public authorities, journalists, editors, other media professionals, journalism trainers, media self-regulatory bodies, |
| Final beneficiaries | Journalists, other media professionals, civil society, public at large |
| Expected results | <p>Expected results for specific objective 1:</p> <p>Codes of conduct, glossaries and/or handbooks for regulatory authorities and media organisation are developed or improved in line with CoE standards. Co-operation is established and regional actions are carried out.</p> <p>Expected results for specific objective 2:</p> <p>A positive image of women in the media is promoted at the regional level implying stakeholders from different countries and common practices are developed.</p> <p>Expected results for specific objective 3 :</p> <p>Journalists and other media professionals are more aware of their rights and responsibilities focusing on the relevance of Council of Europe standards having regards to the media coverage of elections, positive image of women, terrorism;</p> |

3. Promotion of freedom of expression in Tunisia

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| Beneficiary | Tunisia |
| Funding | Requested contribution under EU PASC II |
| Duration | 36 months |
| Total funds | € 700 000 |
| Objectives | Reinforce the application of the legislative, institutional and professional framework aiming at promoting a pluralistic media landscape in Tunisia. |
| Specific objectives | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -The establishment of the constitutional independent body of the audiovisual sector is supported -The constitutional independent body is fully functioning and operates with transparence, independence, pluralism and in line with CoE standards -The Commission of rights and liberties and of external relations od the ARP (Tunisian Parliament) together with other bodies in charge of legislation is supported in performing its mandate -The transition to genuine public-service media, as required in a democratic society, is initiated; -Le Press Council recently established is supported in performing its functions of auto-regulation and in contributing to a pluralistic media landscape. -The actors of public and private media strengthen their capacities concerning their rights and responsibilities and their media professionals standards increase -The constitutional body for the right to information is supported in carrying out its activities and capacity building are ensured for its personnel |
| The project is implemented in consultation with international financial and technical partners | Public authorities (Members of the Parliament, relevant ministries, the Audiovisual Regulatory Authority (Haute autorité indépendante de la communication audiovisuelle - HAICA), journalism schools in Tunisia, journalism professional associations, self-regulatory bodies, national human rights NGOs |
| Beneficiaries involved in the support to the Tunisian media sector | Members of the Parliament, representatives of public authorities, members of the HAICA (Haute autorité indépendante de la communication audiovisuelle), representatives and staff of public and private media, networks of citizen journalists, civil society. |

Main activities Thematic round-tables and seminars, legal analysis and expertise, workshops and training sessions.

4.Promoting freedom of expression and media independence

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| Beneficiary | Morocco |
| Funding | Norwegian Ministry of Foreign Affairs |
| Duration | 36 months |
| Requested contribution | € 600 000 |
| Final beneficiaries | Public authorities, media professionals, civil society, public at large |
| Objectives | Reinforce the application of the legislative, institutional and professional framework aiming at promoting a pluralistic media landscape in Morocco |
| Specific objectives | A legal and institutional environment, which provides safeguards for freedom of expression, independence of the media, access to information and internet freedoms, is further strengthened and more conducive for the work of journalists |
| Expected results | <p>The development of the legislation in the field of freedom of expression and media freedom is supported</p> <p>Representatives of the Ministry of Culture and Communication, of the HACA, the judiciary, journalist associations and civil society have a better understanding of CoE standards on freedom of expression and media freedom</p> <p>Media self-regulation systems are supported, especially the establishment of the future national press council</p> <p>Journalists of "traditional" and "new media" are more aware of their rights and responsibilities and their capacities are on gender issues and coverage of migration.</p> <p>The capacities of the judicial authorities with regard to respect and protection of freedom of the media are further strengthened.</p> |

5. Enhancing the protection of human rights on the Internet

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| Country | Albania |
| Funding | European Union |
| Implementation | Council of Europe |
| Duration | 24 months |
| Requested contribution | € 800 000 |
| Main Objective | To enhance the protection of human rights on the Internet and contribute to sustainable democracy and development, in line with the Council of Europe’s Strategy on Internet Governance |
| Specific Objectives | <p>Specific objective 1: The capacity of public officials is enhanced to better understand policies and practices relating to human rights and new technologies, including CoE standards and European Court of Human Rights’ case law related to the Internet</p> <p>Specific objective 2: The national Strategy on Information Society is reviewed in order to support Internet policies which maximise the protection of human rights</p> <p>Specific objective 3: The capacity of the private sector is raised to understand and respect human rights and transparency of services provided to internet users</p> <p>Specific objective 4: A National Internet Governance Forum is established to promote Albanian participation in European and global discussions on Internet governance</p> <p>Specific objective 5: Media literacy skills are developed, a safe Internet for children is promoted, in line with CoE instruments including the CoE Internet Strategy, and relevant Committee of Ministers’ Recommendations, notably the Guide to human rights for Internet users</p> <p>Specific objective 6: Awareness-raising activities take place to further public knowledge of human rights on the Internet, notably by promoting the Guide to human rights for Internet users</p> |
| Target groups | Judges, prosecutors, lawyers, media regulatory authorities, public media services, journalists and other media actors |
| Final beneficiaries | Citizens and society in whole |

Expected results

Expected result 1:

The capacity of public officials is enhanced to better understand policies and practices relating to human rights and new technologies, including CoE standards and European Court of Human Rights' case law related to the Internet

Expected result 2:

The national Strategy on Information Society is reviewed in order to support Internet policies which maximise the protection of human rights

Expected result 3:

The capacity of the private sector is raised to understand and respect human rights and transparency of services provided to internet users

Expected result 4:

A National Internet Governance Forum is established to promote Albanian participation in European and global discussions on Internet governance

Expected result 5:

Media literacy skills are developed, a safe Internet for children is promoted, in line with CoE instruments including the CoE Internet Strategy, and relevant Committee of Ministers' Recommendations, notably the Guide to human rights for Internet users

Expected result 6:

Awareness-raising activities take place to further public knowledge of human rights on the Internet, notably by promoting the Guide to human rights for Internet users

Main activities

Expert meetings, assessments, workshops, trainings and awareness-raising activities, seminars, round tables, regional conferences, study visits, studies, expertise.

6. Promoting freedom of expression and information and freedom of the media

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| Country | Albania |
| Funding | European Union |
| Implementation | Council of Europe |
| Duration | 24 months |
| Requested contribution | € 600 000 |
| Main Objective | To develop legal and institutional guarantees for freedom of expression, higher quality journalism and a pluralistic media landscape, in line with Council of Europe standards |
| Specific Objectives | <p>Specific objective 1:</p> <p>To contribute to full decriminalisation of defamation and promote best practices in the field</p> |
| Target groups | Judges, prosecutors, lawyers, media regulatory authorities, public media services, journalists and other media actors |
| Final beneficiaries | Citizens and society in whole |
| Expected results | <p>Expected result 1:</p> <p>To contribute to full decriminalisation of defamation and promote best practices in the field</p> |
| Main activities | Expert meetings, assessments, workshops, trainings and awareness-raising activities, seminars, round tables, regional conferences, study visits, studies, expertise. |

7. Media Cooperation Armenia: Supporting the development of journalism teaching, Monitoring of the media coverage of elections

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| Country | Armenia |
| Funding | European Union |
| Implementation | Council of Europe |
| Duration | 24 months |
| Requested contribution | € 675 000 |
| Main Objective | Media Cooperation Armenia: Supporting the development of journalism teaching, Monitoring of the media coverage of elections |
| Specific Objectives | <p>Specific objective 1: Journalists have a better understanding of their rights, respect ethical rules and are trained to exercise their work in a professional and responsible manner, as recommended under the applicable CoE standards and ECHR case law.</p> <p>Specific objective 2: The quality of journalism education is improved, notably through introducing new courses, or enhancing existing ones, on the rights and responsibilities of journalists (graduates have better knowledge and understanding of European standards).</p> <p>Specific objective 3: New curricula, new textbooks and other teaching materials are prepared.</p> <p>Specific objective 4: The implementation of the media-related regulatory framework and self-regulation are improved in line with CoE standards and ECHR case law.</p> |
| Target groups | Judges, prosecutors, lawyers, media regulatory authorities, public media services, journalists and other media actors |
| Final beneficiaries | Citizens and society in whole |
| Expected results | <p>Expected result 1: Journalists have a better understanding of their rights, respect ethical rules and are trained to exercise their work in a professional and responsible manner, as recommended under the applicable CoE standards and ECHR case law.</p> <p>Expected result 2: The quality of journalism education is improved, notably through introducing new courses, or enhancing existing ones, on the rights and responsibilities of journalists (graduates have better knowledge and understanding of European standards).</p> |

Expected result 3:

New curricula, new textbooks and other teaching materials are prepared.

Expected result 4:

The implementation of the media-related regulatory framework and self-regulation are improved in line with CoE standards and ECHR case law.

Main activities

Expert meetings, assessments, workshops, trainings and awareness-raising activities, seminars, round tables, regional conferences, study visits, studies, expertise.

8. Supporting Freedom of Expression through professional and ethical Media in Kosovo*

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| Country | Kosovo* |
| Funding | European Union |
| Implementation | Council of Europe |
| Duration | 18 months |
| Requested contribution | € 200 000 |
| Main Objective | To enhance the professional and technical skills of journalists, media professionals, public officials and the various regulatory and self-regulatory bodies based on CoE Standards and ECtHR jurisprudence |
| Specific Objectives | <p>Specific objective 1: Independence and effectiveness of the public service broadcasting system enabled to better fulfil its remit</p> <p>Specific objective 2: Professionalism, responsibility and respect of ethical rules among journalists developed</p> <p>Specific objective 3: Awareness raised among citizens on media standards and importance of professional media reporting</p> |
| Target groups | Public service media, journalists and other media actors |
| Final beneficiaries | Citizens and society in whole |
| Expected results | <p>Expected result 1: Independence and effectiveness of the public service broadcasting system enabled to better fulfil its remit</p> <p>Expected result 2: Professionalism, responsibility and respect of ethical rules among journalists developed</p> <p>Expected result 3: Awareness raised among citizens on media standards and importance of professional media reporting</p> |
| Main activities | Expert meetings, assessments, workshops, trainings and awareness-raising activities, seminars, round tables, regional conferences, study visits, studies, expertise. |

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9. Promoting Freedom of Expression, Freedom of Media in line with EU standards

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| Country | Turkey |
| Funding: | European Union |
| Duration | 36 months (May 2018 – May 2021) |
| Requested contribution | € 3 000 000 |
| Main objective | To improve freedom of expression and media in Turkey through trainings and awareness-raising activities for media regulatory bodies, law enforcement officials, judicial bodies, journalists, other media actors and civil society organisations in line with Council of Europe standards concerning the rights of media and journalists, and in particular on coverage of security-related threats, including the Venice Commission findings. |
| Specific objectives | <p>Specific objective 1:</p> <p>Strengthen freedom of the media in Turkey using legal and technical advice and training to media professionals and other relevant stakeholders</p> <p>Specific objective 2:</p> <p>Improve the awareness of law enforcement officials and judiciary bodies about the Council of Europe standards concerning journalists and media rights</p> <p>Specific objective 3:</p> <p>Develop professionalism, responsibility and respect of ethical rules among journalists as well as better awareness and understanding of their rights</p> <p>Specific objective 4:</p> <p>Improve professionalism of journalists in the issues of coverage of security-related threats based on the Council of Europe standards and findings of the Venice Commission</p> |
| Target groups | Journalists, editors, other media professionals, journalism trainers, prosecutors, police officers, judges, journalist organisations and NGOs, TV and Radio Regulator and self-regulatory bodies (Press councils, etc.) |
| Final beneficiaries | Journalists, other media professionals, civil society, public at large |

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| <p>Expected results</p> | <p>Expected result 1:</p> |
| | <p>Journalists and other media professionals are better aware of their rights and responsibilities focusing on the relevance of Council of Europe standards</p> |
| | <p>Expected result 2:</p> |
| | <p>Law enforcement officials respect the rights of journalists and other media professionals</p> |
| | <p>Expected result 3:</p> |
| <p>Journalists trained to exercise their work in a professional and responsible manner as recommended under the applicable Council of Europe standards, notably to respect ethical rules and have better understanding of their rights</p> | |
| <p>Expected result 4:</p> | |
| <p>Media professionals start working towards an effective self-regulatory mechanism</p> | |
| <p>Expected result 5:</p> | |
| <p>Security-related issues in Turkey are covered in media in more professional and ethical way, in line with the Council of Europe standards</p> | |
| <p>Main activities</p> | <p>Seminars and master classes for media professionals and other media players as well as regulatory bodies on modern reporting technics based on the Council of Europe standards;</p> |
| | <p>Series of seminars for law enforcement and judiciary officials on the Council of Europe standards concerning rights of media and journalists in line with the European Convention on Human Rights and the case-law of the European Court of Human Rights, ensuring safety of journalists and other media players. To enable them to contribute to better protection of the safety of journalists and other media actors;</p> |
| | <p>Seminars for civil society organisations and media NGOs on ensuring rights and safety of journalists and other media players;</p> |
| | <p>Activities aimed at bringing together legal experts, representatives of state authorities and the media professionals to discuss issues of safety of journalists;</p> |
| | <p>Series of trainings and awareness raising seminars with the regulatory bodies on the Council of Europe standards concerning rights of media and journalists and ensuring safety of journalists and other media players;</p> |
| | <p>Creating a sustainable platform of dialogue among the relevant stakeholders by means of organising several round tables with the</p> |

participation of regulatory authorities, NGOs, media professionals, law-enforcement agencies of Turkey and others;

Supporting the development and improvement of codes of conduct, glossaries and handbooks for journalists, photographers and editors on the relevance of Council of Europe standards with self-regulatory bodies;

Supporting the development and improvement of codes of conduct and handbooks for journalists, photographers and editors concerning reporting on security-related issues and threats focusing on the relevance of the Council of Europe standards.

10. Media freedom and coverage of terrorism in Turkey

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| Country | Turkey |
| Duration | 24 months (January 2018 – December 2019) |
| Requested contribution | € 750,000 |
| Objectives | Strengthening media pluralism in Turkey and empowering journalists and other media professionals in coverage of terrorism in line with Council of Europe standards |
| Target group | Journalists, editors, other media professionals, journalism trainers, media self-regulatory bodies and/or audio-visual regulatory bodies, judges, law-enforcement agencies |
| Final beneficiaries | Journalists, other media professionals, civil society, public at large |
| Expected results | <p>Expected result 1:</p> <p>Journalists and other media professionals are better legally protected and more aware of their rights and responsibilities focusing on the relevance of Council of Europe standards having regards to the media coverage of terrorism</p> <p>Expected result 2:</p> <p>Judges and law-enforcement officials are more aware about the Council of Europe standards with regard to protection of journalists and journalists' rights</p> <p>Expected result 3:</p> <p>Codes of conduct, glossaries and/or handbooks for journalists, photographers and editors dealing with terrorist acts and threats are developed or improved through their professional organisations, self-regulatory mechanisms and/or regulation authorities.</p> |

Main activities

The project plans in total about 20 activities in Turkey during two years

Developing and organising training sessions for journalists on their rights and responsibilities focusing on:

- the exercise of their right to access to information, the protection of journalistic sources and journalistic information;
- the importance of providing accurate, factual and comprehensive information in media coverage of terrorist attack, being attentive to the rights of others (presumption of innocence, privacy and human dignity of victims) and avoiding hate speech;

Series of seminars for law-enforcement officials on Council of Europe standards concerning rights of media and journalists and ensuring safety of journalists and other media players;

Supporting the development and improvement of codes of conduct and handbooks for journalists, photographers and editors dealing with terrorist acts and threats focusing on the relevance of Council of Europe standards.

11. Ethical journalism and media literacy to embrace migration and diversity while fighting hate speech and populism in South East Europe

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| Country | The “former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia”, Serbia, Montenegro, Croatia, and Bosnia and Herzegovina |
| Duration | 24 months |
| Requested contribution | € 1.400.000 |
| Objectives | <p>Specific objective 1:</p> <p>Strengthening ethical and professional standards in journalism and empowering journalists, media actors, self-media regulatory bodies, Public Service Media and Media Regulatory Authorities to ensure that independent and pluralistic media provide accurate and balanced coverage of the migratory phenomenon while resisting the spread of populism, hate speech and intolerance, in line with the Council of Europe standards</p> <p>Specific objective 1:</p> <p>Empowering young generations as well as the wide public through media literacy, in order to reinforce the capacity to filter consciously the information received through the media and to develop an analytical approach, with a specific focus on the migratory phenomenon and the value of diversity</p> |
| Target groups | Journalists (especially young journalists) and other media professionals, editors, Press Councils, Universities, High Schools, Media Regulatory Authorities (MRA), Public Service Media (PSM) |
| Final beneficiaries | Journalists and other media professionals, students, civil society, public at large |
| Expected results | <p>Expected result 1:</p> <p>Journalists and other media professionals are more aware of their responsibilities focusing on the relevant Council of Europe standards related to promoting diversity and pluralism while fighting populism, hate speech and intolerance in media;</p> <p>Expected result 2:</p> <p>PSM act as role model in distributing appropriate programmes on the migratory phenomenon and counteracting populism and nationalism in line with European standards;</p> <p>Expected result 3:</p> <p>MRA develop guidelines at national and regional level on how to address the migratory phenomenon, to curtail populism and hate</p> |

speech, to enhance diverse and pluralistic media

Expected result 4:

Relationships are strengthened between Media NGOs and Migrant-related NGOs – ideally even through the creation of a network on Media and Migration at national level

Expected result 5:

Harmonisation and exchange at regional level takes place among MRA, PSM, Press Councils, NGOs and civil society, students, with a specific focus on the fight against populism and nationalism, and the understanding of the migratory phenomenon;

Expected result 6:

Codes of conduct, glossaries and/or handbooks for journalists and editors dealing with raising nationalism, discrimination, migration are developed by self-media regulatory bodies and are harmonised at regional level;

Expected result 7:

New legal instruments on media coverage of elections are prepared based on the Council of Europe standards and disseminated.

Expected result 8:

Young journalists, bloggers and other media professionals are active against populism and hate speech in Internet;

Expected result 9:

Youth and students in particular are aware of the need to have a critical approach towards news, especially online, and have a conscious approach to issues such as migration, nationalism, populism, etc.

Main activities

The project plans in total about 7 activities at the regional level and about 32 activities in individual countries (with the exception of Bosnia and Herzegovina) during two years.

Two Regional Conferences for Media Regulatory Authorities to develop common guidelines on how to address the migratory phenomenon, to curtail populism and hate speech, to enhance diverse and pluralistic media

One Regional Meeting of Media NETichs, the Regional network of Press Councils to address the above mentioned issues and develop common guidelines for code of conducts

One Regional Conference for Media and Migrants NGOs/civil society to reinforce the liaison between these 2 sectors of civil

society

One Regional Conference for PSM to exchange on strategies to address these phenomena and best practices in terms of existing programmes

Two Regional Summer Schools for students of journalism, law, political science focusing on media and migration

At national level (8 per country):

Training sessions for journalists on their rights and responsibilities focusing on:

- Confining populism and intolerance in media;
- Coverage of the migratory phenomenon;
- Fighting Hate Speech

Media literacy trainings for young generation of journalists and students, on how to read, filter, analyse information, with a specific focus on the internet

Roundtables involving both NGOs working with migrants, refugees and asylum seekers as well as Media NGOs, ideally leading to the creation of a Media/Migration network at national level

Inter-professional meetings including journalists, migrants associations, politicians

Trainings for Media Regulatory Authorities and development of national guidelines on how to address the migratory phenomenon, to curtail populism and hate speech, to enhance diverse and pluralistic media, following up the regional exchange

PSM workshops to develop strategies and programmes on the migratory phenomenon and counteracting populism and nationalism

Supporting Press Councils to develop codes of conduct, specific glossaries and/or handbooks for journalists and editors dealing with raising nationalism, discrimination, migration, based on the guidelines developed at Regional level by Media NEThics

Preparing and disseminating new legal instruments on media coverage of elections based on the Council of Europe standards

**12. Media against hate speech, populism and intolerance:
Strengthening professional and ethical standards of journalists to
avoid hate speech and populism in media**

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| Countries | Hungary, Poland, Slovakia, Czech Republic, Greece, Slovenia and Croatia |
| Duration: | 24 months |
| Requested contribution | € 2.500.000 |
| Main Objective | Strengthening ethical and professional standards in journalism and empowering journalists and other media professionals through media literacy and exercise of their rights having regards to the media coverage of populism, hate speech and intolerance in line with Council of Europe existing standards. |
| Target group | Journalists (especially young journalists), editors, other media professionals, journalism trainers, journalism students, media self-regulatory bodies and/or audio-visual regulatory bodies |
| Final beneficiaries | Journalists, other media professionals, civil society, public at large |
| Expected results | <p>Expected result 1:</p> <p>Journalists and other media professionals are more aware of their responsibilities focusing on the relevant Council of Europe standards having regards fighting populism, hate speech and intolerance in media</p> <p>Expected result 2:</p> <p>-Codes of conduct, glossaries and/or handbooks for journalists and editors dealing with political issues developed or improved through their professional organisations, self-regulatory mechanisms and/or regulation authorities at the national or regional level</p> <p>Expected result 3:</p> <p>Harmonisation and exchange at regional level takes place among MRA, PSM, Press Councils, NGOs and civil society, students, with a specific focus on the fight against populism and nationalism, and the understanding of the migratory phenomenon</p> <p>Expected result 4:</p> <p>New legal instruments on media coverage of elections are prepared based on the Council of Europe standards and disseminated</p> <p>Expected result 5:</p> <p>Young people (journalists, bloggers and other media professionals)</p> |

are active against populism and hate speech in internet

Expected result 6:

Co-operation and meetings with and between professionals and self-regulatory bodies on fighting populism and intolerance in media are encouraged at the regional level

Main activities

The project plans in total about 6 activities at the regional level and about 20 activities in individual countries during two years

Developing and organising hands-on training sessions (in individual countries) for journalists on their rights and responsibilities focusing on:

- Coverage of populism and fighting intolerance in media

The importance of providing accurate, factual and comprehensive information, being attentive to the rights of others (presumption of innocence, privacy and human dignity), avoiding sensationalist media reports, refraining to increase through their news and comments the negative effect and to disseminate any kind of hate speech, etc.

Regional conferences on addressing the Council of Europe standards in media coverage of elections as well as avoiding hate speech and intolerance

Media literacy trainings for young generation of journalists and journalism students (in individual countries and at regional level) focusing on avoiding populism and intolerance in their reporting

Preparing and disseminating new legal instruments on media coverage of elections based on the Council of Europe standards

Supporting the development and improvement of codes of conduct, specific glossaries and/or handbooks for journalists and editors dealing with political issues at national and European level focusing on the relevance of Council of Europe standards

Encouraging the co-operation and exchange of experiences between journalists and other media professionals and national media self-regulatory bodies by supporting the participations in professional networks and the organisation of regional conferences.

13. Media and Migration in transit countries

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| Countries | Italy, Hungary, Greece, Montenegro, Croatia, Serbia, Slovenia |
| Duration | 24 months |
| Requested contribution | € 1 500 000 |
| Objectives | <p>Specific objective 1:</p> <p>To strengthen journalist ethical and professional standards in reporting on migration and refugees and combat hate speech also in local broadcasting</p> <p>Specific objective 2:</p> <p>To enhance journalists rights in access to information about migrants at national and sub-national level</p> |
| Target group | Journalists (especially young journalists) and other media professionals, editors, Press Councils, Universities, High Schools, Media Regulatory Authorities (MRA), Public Service Media (PSM) |
| Final beneficiaries | Journalists and other media professionals, students, civil society, public at large |
| Expected results | <p>Expected result for specific objective 1:</p> <p>1.1. Journalists in the targeted countries applies ethical and professional standards in reporting on migration and refugees and combat hate speech, especially at the local level</p> <p>1.2 Migrants and refugees positive image is present in local broadcasting and press</p> <p>Expected results for specific objective 2:</p> <p>1.1. Journalists are trained on means of protection (physical integrity and technical means of protecting communications, data and sources).</p> <p>2.2. State authorities are better informed on their positive obligation under the ECtHR to protect the journalists</p> <p>3.3. Regular dialogue between law-enforcement bodies and journalists' organisations on accessing information migrants is fostered at the local and national level</p> |

Main activities

The project will carry out in total 4 activities at the regional level and at least 14 activities in individual countries during two years.

1.1.1 Regional Conference on addressing CoE standards in media coverage of migration and refugees crisis (to be organised together with regional project on populism and migration)

1.1.2 developing and organising hands on training sessions (in individual countries) for journalists on existing standards and good practices on reporting on migration (Culture of tolerance recommendation) also at the sub-national level (to be linked with regional project on populism and migration)

1.1.3 Supporting the dissemination at the local level of codes of conducts, handbooks or working methods for journalists and editors concerning migration and refugees report

2.1 Training for journalists on how to report on success stories about migration and refugees protection and integration

2.2 Regional and national round table between law-enforcement bodies and journalists on journalists access to information

2.3 National and local training for police bodies on journalist's right in access to information

14. Media and terrorism- Strengthening professional and ethical standards in media coverage and empowering media professionals to exercise their rights

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| Countries | France, Germany, Italy, United Kingdom, Belgium, Spain, Morocco and Tunisia |
| Duration | 24 months |
| Requested contribution | € 1,500,000 |
| Objectives | <p>Specific objective 1:</p> <p>Strengthening ethical and professional standards in journalism having regards to the media coverage of terrorism in line with Council of Europe existing standards</p> <p>Specific objective 2:</p> <p>Empowering journalists and other media professionals through the exercise of their rights in line with Council of Europe existing standards</p> |
| Target group | Journalists, editors, other media professionals, journalism trainers, Public service media (PSM), media self-regulatory bodies, audio-visual regulatory bodies, public authorities |
| Final beneficiaries | Journalists, other media professionals, civil society, public at large |
| Expected results | <p>Expected results for specific objective 1:</p> <p>Codes of conduct, glossaries and/or handbooks for journalists, photographers and editors dealing with terrorist acts and threats are developed or improved through their professional organisations, self-regulatory mechanisms and/or regulation authorities at the national or European level;</p> <p>Co-operation and meetings with and between professionals, self-regulatory bodies, civil society, PSM and students on media coverage of terrorism acts and threats are encouraged at the regional and national level.</p> <p>Expected results for specific objective 2:</p> <p>Journalists and other media professionals are more aware of their rights and responsibilities focusing on the relevance of Council of Europe standards having regards to the media coverage of terrorism;</p> <p>At the national level, the establishment of voluntary fora contributing to building a constructive dialogue among relevant stakeholders such as governmental bodies, regulatory authorities, non-governmental organisations to facilitate the exercise of the right</p> |

to freedom of expression and information in such crisis situations, are considered.

Main activities

The project plans to implement 16 activities at the national and regional level:

Developing and organising hands-on training sessions for journalists on their rights and responsibilities focusing on:

the exercise of their right to access to information, the protection of journalistic sources and journalistic information;

the importance of providing accurate, factual and comprehensive information, being attentive to the rights of others (presumption of innocence, privacy and human dignity of victims), avoiding sensationalist media reports, refraining to increase through their news and comments the terrorising effect and to disseminate any kind of hate speech, etc.

Supporting the organisation of round-tables and inter-professional meetings to discuss the development and improvement of codes of conduct, specific glossaries and/or handbooks for journalists, photographers and editors dealing with terrorist acts and threats at the national and regional level.

Supporting the organisation of round-tables involving media professionals and all relevant stakeholders such as governmental bodies, regulatory authorities, non-governmental organisations to support collective engagement in constructive dialogue to facilitate the right to freedom of expression when facing terrorism.

Supporting the participations of media professionals in professional networks and the organisation of regional conferences to encourage the co-operation and exchange of experiences between journalists and other media professionals and national media self-regulatory bodies.