

## Committee of experts on protection of journalism and safety of journalists (MSI-JO)

*Set up by the Committee of Ministers under Article 17 of the Statute of the Council of Europe and in accordance with Resolution CM/Res(2011)24 on intergovernmental committees and subordinate bodies, their terms of reference and working methods.*

**Type of committee:** Subordinate body

Terms of reference valid from: **1 January 2014 until 31 December 2015**

<b>Main tasks</b>
Under the supervision of the CDMSI, the MSI-JO will work on the protection of journalism and the safety of journalists and other media actors, taking account of Committee of Ministers thematic debates and decisions and also of the UN Action Plan on the Safety of Journalists. The MSI-JO will consider other challenges that confront journalism having regard to the resolutions adopted at the Belgrade Council of Europe Conference of Ministers responsible for Media and Information Society.
<b>Pillar/Sector/Programme</b>
<b>Pillar:</b> Rule of Law <b>Sector:</b> Common standards and policies <b>Programme:</b> Information Society and Internet Governance
<b>Expected results</b>
The Council of Europe contributes to the better protection of journalists and journalism and, at a regional level, to the implementation of the UN Action Plan on the Safety of Journalists. To this end, the MSI-JO prepares and submits to the CDMSI:  (i) Draft recommendation on the protection of journalism and safety of journalists and other media actors.
<b>Composition</b>
<b>Members:</b> The Committee shall be composed of 11 governmental experts and 2 scientific experts, designated by the CDMSI. The Council of Europe will bear the travel and subsistence expenses of all 13 members.  Other member States may designate representatives without defrayal of expenses.  The composition of the Committee will reflect an equitable geographic distribution amongst the member States and will take account of the gender equality dimension.  The following may send representatives, without the right to vote and without defrayal of expenses: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- European Union;</li><li>- Organisation for Security and Co-operation in Europe (OSCE);</li><li>- UNESCO;</li><li>- Representatives of civil society, professional and academic communities.</li></ul>
<b>Working methods</b>
<b>Meetings:</b> 13 members, 2 meetings in 2014, 2 days 13 members, 2 meetings in 2015, 2 days  The Committee will also appoint a Gender Equality Rapporteur from amongst its members.  The rules of procedure of the Committee are governed by Resolution CM/Res(2011)24 on

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**Budgetary information\*****2014**

Meetings per year	Number of days	Members	Plenary €	Bureau €	Subordinate structures/ Working groups	Secretariat (A, B)
2	2	13	-	-	32 200	0.5 A ; 0.5 B

**2015**

Meetings per year	Number of days	Members	Plenary €	Bureau €	Subordinate structures/ Working groups	Secretariat (A, B)
2	2	13	-	-	32 200	0.5 A ; 0.5 B

\*The costs presented above take into consideration the per diem, travel, interpretation, translation and document printing. Costs calculated on the basis of the per diem and recharged services costs at their 2014 level.