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“Freedom of Expression and Accountability of
Media”***

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Draft Agenda

Sunday, 21 February, 2016

20:00 **Welcome dinner** (2nd floor, Hotel Splendid)

Monday, 22 February, 2016

9:30 **Registration of participants**

10:00 **Opening**

- Mr Ranko Krivokapić, **President of Parliament of Montenegro**
- Mr Thorbjørn Jagland, **Secretary General of Council of Europe**
- Mr Hoyt Brian Yee, **Deputy Assistant US Secretary for European and Eurasian Affairs** tbc

10:45 **Session I: *Public broadcaster - acting for the benefit of the power or the public?***

Possible issues and questions to be addressed:

- How to ensure that Public Service Media operate within a sustainable governance framework which secures both the necessary editorial and operational independence, as well as public accountability?
- What is the specific role of members of National Parliaments and other institutional stakeholders in this respect?
- What are the main challenges faced by the Public Service Media to fulfil the public service remit as conferred, i.e. contributing to a pluralistic public debate, providing a wide choice of programmes and promoting social cohesion and cultural diversity?

Moderator: Prof. Miodrag Perović PhD, **founder and co-owner of „Vijesti“ and newsweekly „Monitor“**

- Mr Gianni Buquicchio, **President of the Venice Commission**
- Mr Marko Filli, **General Director of Radio and Television of Slovenia**
- Mr Belmin Karamehmedović, **General Director Radio and Television of Bosnia-Herzegovina**

- Ambassador Gerard Stoudmann, **Former Special Representative of the OSCE Chairperson-in-Office for the Western Balkans**
- Mr Gvozden Srećko Flego, **Former Rapporteur on the protection of the safety of journalists and of media freedom in Europe for the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe (PACE)**

11:30 Coffee break

11:45 Debate

14:00 Lunch (2nd floor, Hotel Splendid)

15:00-18:30

Session II: *"Role of commercial media to ensure diversity and pluralism"*

Possible issues and questions to be addressed:

- What are the necessary measures to ensure that a sufficient variety of information and opinion disseminated by the media is available to the public?
- How to best guarantee editorial independence of media in law and in practice from government, media owners, political or commercial interests?
- How to ensure more transparency of media ownership and economic influence?
- How to ensure that commercial media can maintain and/or develop the public value of their programming in today's market?
- How to foster pluralism online and through new media?

Moderator: Ms Mirjana Tomić, **Forum Journalismus und Medien Wien (FJUM)**

- Mr Dirk Van Eeckhout, **Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary, Representative of Belgium at the Council of Europe, Thematic Coordinator on Information Policy (TC-INF)**
- Ms Doris Pack, **President Robert Schuman Institute Budapest**
- Mr Dragoljub Žarković, **Chief Editor, newsweekly VREME, Serbia**
- Mr Senad Hadžifejzović, **FACE TV, Bosnia and Herzegovina**
- Ms Daliborka Uljarević, **Executive Director of NGO Center for Civic Education, Montenegro**

- Mr Petar Komnenić, **Journalist and Editor of political talk show “Načisto”, TV Vijesti**

19:30 **Dinner** hosted by **Mr Ranko Krivokapić**, President of the Parliament of Montenegro and **Mr Thorbjørn Jagland**, Secretary General of the Council of Europe (**Restaurant Bruno in Hotel Avala, Budva**)

Tuesday, 23 February, 2016

10:00-12:00 **Session III: *Investigative journalism vs « Kompromat »***

Possible issues and questions to be addressed:

- Under which conditions is information in “the interest of the public”?
- What is the impact of practices such as « Kompromat » reporting in the media on the public debate?
- What are standards and best practices with respect to the promotion and protection of investigative journalism?
- What means can be used to support a genuine public interest reporting?
- What are the risks and opportunities of the Internet on these matters and on journalistic ethics in general?

Moderator: Ms Brankica Petković, **Head of the Center for Media Policy at the Peace Institute in Ljubljana**

- Mr Gavin MacFadyen, **Founder-Director, Centre for Investigative Journalism, London**
- Mr Saša Leković, **President of the Croatian Journalists’ Association**
- Mr Darko Šuković, **Editor of Antena M and host of the political talk show „Živa istina“**
- Mr Stevan Dojčinović, **Editor of Investigative Network KRIK in Serbia; investigative reporter for Organized Crime and Corruption Reporting Project (OCCRP)**

- Ms Gordana Igrić, **BIRN's Regional Director (Balkan Investigative Reporting Network)**
- Ms Ljiljana Zurovac, **Executive Director of Bosnia-Herzegovina Press Council**

12:00 Coffee break

12:30-14.00

Debate

14:30 Lunch (2nd floor, Hotel Splendid)

16:30 Field Trip

Please find below a list of Council of Europe relevant documents on the topics to be addressed during the conference.

***NB:** A more detailed list of Council of Europe documents will be distributed during the conference*

- **Related Council of Europe reference texts:**

Committee of Ministers of the Council of Europe

- [Declaration of the Committee of Ministers on the protection of journalism and safety of journalists and other media actors](#) *Adopted on 30 April 2014*
- [Recommendation CM/Rec\(2012\)1](#) of the Committee of Ministers to member States on public service media governance
- [Recommendation CM/Rec\(2011\)7](#) of the Committee of Ministers to member states on a new notion of media
- [Recommendation CM/Rec\(2007\)3](#) of the Committee of Ministers to member states on the remit of public service media in the information society
- [Recommendation CM/Rec\(2007\)2](#) of the Committee of Ministers to member states on media pluralism and diversity of media content
- [Declaration by the Committee of Ministers on the protection and promotion of investigative journalism](#) *Adopted on 26 September 2007*
- [Recommendation No. R \(2000\) 7](#) of the Committee of Ministers to member states on the right of journalists not to disclose their sources of information

Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe

- [Recommendation 2074 \(2015\)](#) and [Resolution 2065 \(2015\)](#) Increasing transparency of media ownership
- [Recommendation 2075 \(2015\)](#) and [Resolution 2066 \(2015\)](#) Media responsibility and ethics in a changing media environment
- [Recommendation 2062 \(2015\)](#) and [Resolution 2035 \(2015\)](#) Protection of the safety of journalists and of media freedom in Europe
- [Recommendation 1878 \(2009\)](#) The funding of public service broadcasting
- [Recommendation 1848 \(2008\)](#) and [Resolution 1636 \(2008\)](#) Indicators for media in democracy

Council of Europe Secretary General Report:

- Council of Europe Secretary General Report, ["State of Democracy, Human Rights and the Rule of Law in Europe - A shared responsibility for democratic security in Europe"](#), 2015