

**APPROVED**  
**Protocol of the meeting of the**  
**Coordination Committee on the**  
**implementation of the Council of**  
**Europe campaign "Journalists**  
**matter" in Ukraine**  
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**ACTION PLAN**  
**on the implementation of the Council of Europe's "Journalists matter" campaign in Ukraine**

Task name	Name of the event, aimed at achieving the task	Time frame for completion	Responsible for implementation	Progress bar
1. Provide an assessment of the existing challenges and needs of journalists and other media actors	1. Overview of the types and number of violations of the rights of journalists and other media actors, the status of criminal investigations and court proceedings.	Constantly  (Once every 3 months)	The Ministry of Culture and Strategic Communications of Ukraine, the Prosecutor General's Office, National Police	The Coordination Committee has been informed about the state of affairs
	2. Overview of Russian crimes against the media, journalists and other media actors	Constantly	The Institute of Mass Information  The National Council of Television and Radio Broadcasting of Ukraine (by consent)	The information was published on the website of the Institute of Mass Information
	3. Preparation of positions on the messages, posted on the Platform Council of Europe Promoting the protection of journalism and the safety of journalists	Constantly	The Ministry of Culture and Strategic Communications of Ukraine, Ministry of foreign Affairs of Ukraine, Institute of Mass Media	Messages are accompanied by Ukraine's position

			The National Council of Ukraine for Television and Radio Broadcasting (by consent)	
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2. Facilitate the return to Ukraine of journalists and other media participants held in Russian captivity	1. Promoting exchange prisoners of war journalists	Constantly	The Ministry of Culture and Strategic Communications of Ukraine, the Prosecutor General's Office, the Ministry of Internal Affairs, The Ministry for Reintegration of the Temporarily Occupied Territories of Ukraine, The Security Service of Ukraine, and the Coordination Headquarters, Ukrainian Parliament Commissioner for Human Rights, The Verkhovna Rada Committee on Humanitarian and Information Policy, Verkhovna Rada Committee on Freedom of Speech	A prisoner of war exchange took place by journalists
	2. Facilitating the release of journalists and other media participants from Russian captivity	Constantly	The Ministry of Culture and Strategic Communications of Ukraine, the Prosecutor General's Office, the Ministry of Internal Affairs, The Ministry for Reintegration of the Temporarily Occupied Territories of Ukraine, the Security Service of Ukraine, the Ombudsman's Office Human Rights Council of Ukraine, The Verkhovna Rada Committee on Humanitarian and Information Policy,	Journalists released

		Verkhovna Rada Committee on Freedom of Speech	
	3. Facilitate the provision of state financial assistance to the families of journalists in Russian captivity (deprivation of personal liberty as a result of armed aggression against Ukraine)	Constantly	The Ministry of Culture and Strategic Communications of Ukraine, the Ministry for Reintegration of the Temporarily Occupied Territories of Ukraine, the Institute of Mass Media (by consent)
			The National Council of Television and Radio Broadcasting of Ukraine (by consent) is provided with the necessary information

3. Providing recommendations for the implementation of the Council of Europe's campaign on the safety of journalists "Journalists matter" on national level	1. Dissemination of information, training and other materials on issues related to the safety of journalists	Constantly	The Ministry of Culture and Strategic Communications of Ukraine, National Union of Journalists of Ukraine (by consent), The National Council of Ukraine for Television and Radio Broadcasting (by consent)	Materials distributed
	2. Conducting safety trainings for journalists (tactical medicine, physical, digital, psychological safety, countering gender-based online threats)	Constantly	National Union of Journalists of Ukraine (by consent), 2402 Foundation (by agreement), Reporters without Borders (by agreement), NGO "Women in Media" (by consent)	Trainings were held
	3. Conduct a communication campaign to disseminate information about the White List of Transparent and Responsible Media and the recommended media"	Constantly	The Ministry of Culture and Strategic Communications of Ukraine, the Institute of Mass Media (by consent)	The number of entities included in the list of media
	4. Information and organisational support for solidarity events in support of captured journalists and their families	Until 30 August (World Day of the Disappeared), to 2 November (International Day for the Elimination of Impunity for Crimes Against journalists)	The Ministry of Culture and Strategic Communications of Ukraine, the National Union of Journalists of Ukraine (by consent), the Office of the Ombudsman, Coordination Headquarters, the National Council of Television and Radio Broadcasting of Ukraine (by consent)	Activities carried out

	5. Appeal to partners to use the mechanisms of international law mechanisms for the release of illegally detained civilian journalists for the release of illegally detained civilian journalists.	Constantly	The Ministry of Culture and Strategic Communications of Ukraine the Reporters Without Borders (by consent), other international organisations (by consent), the National Council of Television and Radio Broadcasting of Ukraine (by consent)	Activities carried out
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	6. Take measures to counteract strategic lawsuits against public participation (SLAPP) in Ukraine	Constantly	The Ministry of Culture and Strategic Communications of Ukraine, Public organization "Human RightsPlatform" (by consent), Institute for Regional Press Development (by The National Council of Television and Radio Broadcasting of Ukraine (by consent)	Activities carried out
	7. Promotion of the Institute's project in the mass of Mass Information "Barometer of freedom of speech"	Constantly	The Ministry of Culture and Strategic Communications of Ukraine, the Institute of Mass Media (by consent)	The number of information views has been increased on the website
4. Providing recommendations and proposals for creating favorable conditions for the professional activities by journalists and other representatives of media entities in Ukraine	1. Providing free consultations on the implementation of gender equality and social inclusion (GESI) principles by media entities	Constantly	The Ministry of Culture and Strategic Communications of Ukraine, Public organization "Women in Media" (by consent), NGO "Centre for Democratic Reforms and Media" (by consent), the National Council of Television and Radio Broadcasting of Ukraine (by consent)	Provided consultations on all requests

	<p>2. Providing free legal aid for journalists and other media actors. Such consultations, if necessary, include:</p> <p>legal support for editorial offices and journalists civil, administrative and criminal court cases at the national level;</p> <p>representation the interests of media professionals in the European Court of Human Rights;</p>	Constantly	<p>The Ministry of Culture and Strategic Communications of Ukraine, Public organization "Human Rights Platform" (by consent),</p> <p>the National Council of Television and Radio Broadcasting of Ukraine (by consent)</p>	Provided consultations on all requests
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	preparation of legal documents, such as objections, claims, statements, etc; legal support in implementing the revised version of the Law of Ukraine "On Media"; written advice.			
	3. Facilitate consultations on the organisation of interaction between the Armed Forces of Ukraine, other components of the defence forces and media representatives during the period of martial law	Constantly	The Ministry of Culture and Strategic Communications of Ukraine, the Ministry of Defence of Ukraine, the National Council of Television and Radio Broadcasting of Ukraine (by consent)	Provided consultationson all requests
5. Holding public events to protect the professional activities of journalists with the involvement of representativesof the relevant committees of the Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine, specialists from the Office of the Prosecutor General, mediaexperts, lawyers and representatives of media communities	1. Facilitating to the Lviv Media Forum (LMF)	Every year inMay	The Ministry of Culture and Strategic Communications of Ukraine, members of theCoordination Committee	The event was held
	2. Facilitate the National Media Talk (NMT)	Every year in September	The Ministry of Culture and Strategic Communication of Ukraine, members of the Coordination Committee	The event was held
	3. Facilitating the DonbasMedia Forum	Every year in November	The Ministry of Culture and Strategic Communications of Ukraine, members of the Coordination Committee	The event was held

	4. Prepare and disseminate a series of publications and videos under the slogan "Journalists are important!" about the value of journalists' work, risks and challenges they face in reporting the truth about the war	Constantly	The National Union of Journalists of Ukraine (by consent), the National Council of Television and Radio Broadcasting of Ukraine (by consent)	Publications and videos created and disseminated
	5. Participation in the Partnership for Information and Democracy	Every year	The Ministry of Culture and Strategic Communications of Ukraine, the National Council of Ukraine for television and radio broadcasting (by consent)	The international community was informed about the situation with freedom of speech in Ukraine

6. Creating favourable conditions for the conduct of professional activities by journalists	1. Creating favourable conditions for the operation of the network of NUJU journalists' solidarity centers, as well as promoting the services they provide	Constantly	The Ministry of Culture and Strategic Communications of Ukraine, the National Union of Journalists of Ukraine (by consent), development partners (by consent)	NUJU journalists' solidarity centers are provided with the necessary equipment
	2. Creating favorable conditions to support the operation of regional hubs of the Institute of Mass Information's 'Mediabaza' and promoting them	Constantly	The Ministry of Culture and Strategic Communications of Ukraine, the Institute of Mass Media (by consent)	'Mediabaza' hubs are provided with the necessary equipment
	3. Conducting activities to support the relations of media actors, including regional and local ones, with development partners and donor organisations	Quarterly	The Ministry of Culture and Strategic Communications of Ukraine, Ukrtelebroadcasting institute (by consent)	Activities carried out
7. Facilitating the exchange of experience with foreign partners in the framework of the Council of Europe's security campaign in Ukraine of journalists "Journalists matter"	1. Facilitate participation of representatives of the Institute of Mass Information, the National Union of Journalists of Ukraine, the Commission on Journalistic Ethics and other media experts in international events aimed at raising awareness of best practices for protecting the professional of journalists' professional activities	Constantly	The Ministry of Culture and Strategic Communications of Ukraine, the National Council of Television and Radio Broadcasting of Ukraine (by consent)	Participation of media experts in the international events
	2. Systematic updating of information in the section "For journalists" of the official MCSC website	Monthly	The Ministry of Culture and Strategic Communications of Ukraine	Up-to-date information is available on the MCSC website

	3. Disseminate information among foreign colleagues about the implementation of the Council of Europe's campaign on the safety of journalists in Ukraine "Journalists matter" in Ukraine	Constantly	The Ministry of Culture and Strategic Communications of Ukraine, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Ukraine, the National Council of Television and Radio Broadcasting of Ukraine (by consent)	Information was disseminated to all Council of Europe campaign coordinators about the activities implemented in Ukraine events
	4. Systematic updating of the information of the national section of the Council of Europe Campaign Platform for the Safety of Journalists "Journalists matter"	Monthly	The Ministry of Culture and Strategic Communications of Ukraine	The latest information is available in The national chapter of the Council of Europe's Security Campaign Platform journalists "Journalists matter"