

DEMOCRATIC INSTITUTIONS AND FREEDOMS DEPARTMENT

DIVISION FOR COOPERATION ON FREEDOM OF EXPRESSION LIST OF ACTIVITES FOR 2024

Title of the event	Date	Venu/place
Development of a curriculum for the	February-March 2024	Baku, Azerbaijan
Justice Academy of the Ministry of		
Justice on international legal standards		
pertaining to data protection and		
privacy		
Trainings and capacity building events	1-5 February 2024	Chisinau, Moldova
for staff of the newly established		
Governmental Unit on Access to		
Information, responsible for the		
monitoring of the implementation of		
the new law on Access to Information		
of Public Interest		
Steering Committee Meeting	07 February 2024	Pristina, Kosovo
Communication and visibility	20 February 2024 –	TBC
activities	30 October 2026	
Fourth meeting of the Cross-	21-22 February 2024	Banja Luka, hotel
Coordinating Working Group on		Marriot
Monitoring and Reporting on Freedom		
of Expression and Freedom of		
Information in Bosnia		
First training for the police officers and	28-29 February 2024,	Sarajevo, BiH
prosecutors (POCs) on protection of		
journalists - Introduction to Protection		
of Journalists in BiH		
Translation of various supporting	01 March 2023 – 31	TBC
documents	December 2026	
Training on the SoJ in Conflict Zones	21 March 2024	Pristina, Kosovo
and Unrest Situations		
The Launching conference of the	26 March 2024	Tbilisi, Marriott
Project "Supporting Freedom of		Hotel, Georgia
Expression and Media in Georgia		
(SFEM-GE)"		

Project Steering Committee meeting	26 March 2024	Tbilisi, Marriott Hotel, Georgia
Training of Trainers on Freedom of Expression for additional certification	26-29 March.2024	Gevgelija, North Macedonia
Workshop: Preparatory consultation with CSOs on the needs assessment in the field of media regulation and SoJ	27 March 2024	Tbilisi, Georgia
Translation, proofreading and publishing of CoE publications	01 April 2023 – 31 December 2026	TBC
Workshop on the mandate of the Special Investigation Service (SIS), including the investigative process with respect to journalists	2 April 2024	Tbilisi, Georgia
Training for lawyers and journalists on protection of journalists and SLAPPs	3-4 April 2024,	Neum
Additional ToT for certified trainers for CoE to upgrade the pool of trainers	15-16 April 2024,	Banja Luka
II Steering Committee	16 April 2024	Skopje, North Macedonia
Thematic event for Upholding Journalistic Integrity: Safeguarding Journalists and Media Actors in North Macedonia	17 April 2024	Skopje, North Macedonia
Regional event: "Euro-Mediterranean approaches on access to information"	22 April 2024	Morrocco, Rabat
Fifth meeting of the Cross- Coordinating Working Group on Monitoring and Reporting on Freedom of Expression and Freedom of Information in Bosnia and Herzegovina	23-24 April 2024	Bijeljina, hotel Stanisic
Workshop on the draft law on IMC	26 April 2024	Pristina, Kosovo
Development of Access to Information Handbook for Azerbaijani Journalists	April-May 2024	Baku, Azerbaijan
Development of Conflict Reporting Textbook in Azerbaijani for Azerbaijani Universities	April-May 2024	Baku, Azerbaijan
Steering Committee Meeting,	5 April 2024	Podgorica, Montenegro

Presentation of Communication Strategy for Judicial Council and Courts	15 April 2024 25-26 April 2024	Podgorica, Montenegro
Consultancy: Expert support to the REM to upgrade media legislation monitoring mechanisms	April 2024	Serbia
Support to the Audiovisual Council in promoting elections-related video materials through social media boosting	April-July 2024	Chisinau, Moldova
Fourth meeting of the Steering Committee	11 May 2024	Sarajevo, hotel tbc
Ethical and Professional Media Election Reporting in Libya	13-14 Mai 2024	Online Training
CAPACITY BUILDING: Training session on Transparency and Access to Government Information	21-22 May 2024	Bosnia and Herzegovina, Igman
Training for Judges on Access to Information	16-17 May 2024	Lviv, Ukraine
Lviv Media Forum 2024	16-18 May 2024	Lviv, Ukraine
Training on Transparency and Access to Government Information	21-22 May 2024	Igman, hotel Monti
"No Hate Alliance" event with students of journalism on curbing hate speech (Joint activity with Antidiscrimination action)	May 2024	Uni of Tirana, Faculty of Journalism
Steering Committee Meeting 2024	May 2024	Europe House, Tirana
Study on Article 10 of ECHR cases in Albanian courts	May-December 2024	Deskwork
2-day Media Magistrates Training on PR and Communication (Prosecutors)	May 2024	Tushemisht, Pogradec
2-day Media Magistrates Training on PR and Communication (Judges)	May 2024	Tushemisht, Pogradec
Protocols/Manual for law enforcement for treating crimes against journalists	May-October 2024	Deskwork

Provision of legal expertise on the draft law on IMC – Legal Opinion on the Draft Law	08 May 2024	Desk work
Video animation on SLAPPs	02 May – 15 July 2024 (underway)	Desk work
Publication: Translation and publication of CoE recommendation on SLAPP	May 2024	TBC
Participation of the Ombuds Office representative in the International Conference on Access to Information	1-4 June	Tirana, Albania
Round table discussion on the taxation of media (, dates and the exact title tbc	10 or 11 June, tbc	Kyiv, Ukraine
Training for judiciary and police officers on hate speech	18-20 June	Sarajevom BiH
Round table discussion on the registration of cinema	2nd half of June	online
Visit of the Ukrainian media actors to Strasbourg (25-27 June), connected to the PACE side event "Journalists matter: a call to free Ukrainian journalists held in captivity by Russia" and screening of the movie "Big Russian Lies: How Russia is stealing history" (26 June).	25-27 June	Strasbourg, France
Sixth meeting of the cross-coordinating working group on monitoring and reporting on freedom of expression and freedom of information in Bosnia and Herzegovina	12 – 13 June 2024	Bosnia and Herzegovina, Sarajevo
Participation of the Media Advocacy Coalition and Communications Commission representatives in the Annual Conference on European Media Law 2024	5-8 June 2024	Trier, Germany
Preparation of ToRs for technology procurement for the upgraded monitoring studio	April, June 2024	Tirana & Deskwork

1st Regular Cascade Training: Standards foreseen by ECHR and ECtHR case law and their application in the Albanian context (Legal professionals)	June 2024	School of Magistrates, Tirana
Action SC meeting 2	11 June 2024,	Sarajevo, tbc
Training of Trainers (ToT)	June – July 2024 (TBC)	Brezovica, Kosovo (TBC)
Training for lawyers with the Bar		
Association on Freedom of Expression	June – July 2024 (TBC)	Pristina, Kosovo (TBC)
Training for Prosecutors of Pristina		
Basic Prosecution on SLAPPs	June – July 2024 (TBC)	PristinaM Kosovo (TBC)
Research on final judgments on FoE issued by local courts	June – December 2024	Desk & fieldwork
Regional Exchange on the role of regulators in Countering Harmful Content	25-26 June 2024	Budva
Training: Workshop for Regulatory Authority (REM) staff on advertising rules and commercial communication, planned	June or July 2024,	Belgrade, Serbia
Advanced Training of Trainers (ToT) on Freedom of Expression	02 -05 July2024	Struga, North Macedonia
Round table on models of coregulation of harmful content online	2 July 2024	Sarajevom BiH
Round table "The challenges faced by the Georgian anti-SLAPPs platform"	July 2024 (TBC)	Tbilisi, Georgia
Conference "Anti-SLAPPs initiatives and actions in Georgia"	July 2024 (TBC)	Tbilisi, Georgia
Human Rights Documentary Tour in Moldova The screening of the documentaries developed with the support of the Council of Europe in five (5) regions across Moldova in the context of the	10-15 July 2024	Chisinau and five regions of Moldova
Council of Europe week in Moldova		

Summer school on freedom of expression for law students	8-9 July 2024,	Trebinje
Round table "Practical issues of regulation and co-regulation of printed media in accordance with the law "On	17 July 2024	Kyiv, Ukraine
Media". Challenges for the sustainability of printed media"		
CONFERENCE: Conference with key duty-bearers and right-holders on the FOE gap analysis report.	TBC: July/September 2024	TBC
Consultancy: Expert support to the legislative reforms on Data protection May-July 2024, Planned, Serbia	May-July 2024	Serbia tbc
CONFERENCE: Conference with key duty-bearers and right-holders on the FOAI gap analysis report (combined with activity 8).	TBC: July/September 2024	TBC
Study on mapping and countering information disorder in Serbia	July-December 2024	ТВС
Awareness raising awareness campaign aimed at the general public concerning the new provisions of the Law on Access to Information of Public Interest - five (5) informative videos on the key elements of the law	Throughout May- August 2024	Chisinau, Moldova
Communications Campaign to support the institutional strengthening and visibility of the newly set-up Centre for Strategic Communication and Countering Disinformation	Throughout May- August 2024	Moldova tbc
Publication: Guide on legal remedies in addressing threats and safety of journalists, including online	July-August 2024,	ТВС
Round table discussion with the Georgian journalists on the safety aspects	September 2024 (TBC)	Tbilisi, Georgia
Regional Peer-Support Workshop of Audiovisual Regulators	4-5 September 2024	Outside Chisinau (exact venue TBC), Moldova

International conference of	12-14 September	Kyiv, Ukraine
investigative journalists	2024	TtyTV) Chrame
Training on Hate Speech	TBC: September 2024	TBC
Conference on Best practices in	TBC: September 2024	TBC
monitoring and reporting	1	
(comparative analysis)		
Seventh meeting of the Cross-	TBC: September 2024	TBC
Coordinating Working Group on	-	
Monitoring and Reporting on Freedom		
of Expression and Freedom of		
Information in Bosnia and		
Herzegovina/SOJ Committee		
Capacity building activity – peer visit –		
for media regulatory authority	September –	Dublin, Ireland
employees on non-linear and online	December (TBC)	
media and video-sharing platforms		
Roundtable discussion on SLAPPs -	September –	
with a focus on the environment	December (TBC)	Pristina, Kosovo
Second training for police officers and	second half of	TBC
prosecutors (POCs) on protection of	September 2024,	
journalists	exact date and place	
	tbc	
Training for lawyers and journalists on	first half of	Sarajevo, BiH
SLAPPs	September 2024,	
Training for Prosecutors and Journalist	September –	Podgorica,
on Obligation to report on court	December 2024	Montenegro
proceedings		
Roundtable on the Right to Free Access	27.09.2024	Skopje, North
to Public Information, with the	(28 September -	Macedonia
presentation of the Analysis of the	International Day for	
case-law	Universal Access to	
	Information)	
Launch of two HELP courses	September-October,	Tbc
"Freedom of Expression" and "Safety	tbc	
of Journalists" (dates tbc).		
Visit of Ukrainian judges to Strasbourg	September-October,	Tbc
on Access to Information", November-	tbc	
December tbc		

Round Table on co-regulation of printed media	September-October, tbc	Tbc
Seminar on SLAPPs	September-October, tbc	Tbc
School for local and young journalists (tbc) – in partnership	September-October, tbc	Tbc
Donbas Media Forum 2024 (November, tbc) – in partnership	September-October, tbc	Tbc
Conference of investigative journalists (mid-September), tbc – in partnership	September-October, tbc	Tbc
Round table on the execution of judgements of the ECtHR on Article 10 (tbc)	September-October, tbc	Tbc
2nd Regular Cascade Training Activity on a FoE Topic (Legal professionals)	September- November 2024	TBC
Guide on Article 10 of the European Convention on Human Rights (Freedom of Expression)	September- December 2024	N/A
Trainer handbook (Freedom of Expression and the Media)	September- December 2024	N/A
"No Hate Alliance" National Conference on a topic TBD by the Alliance	September- December 2024	TBC
Roundtable discussion with broadcasters on responsibilities deriving from the transposed EU Directive	September- December 2024	TBC
Follow-UpLegal expertise in support of the drafting of the new criminal code of Albania (Media and journalist protection areas)	September- December 2024	TBC
FoE Intro Course for Lawyers	September- November 2024	TBC
Consultations for the preparation of the new Code of Ethics and Professional Standards	September- December 2024	Podgorica, Montenegro
Training on Safety of Journalists	TBC: October 2024	TBC

2-day In-Depth Law Enforcement ToT on Safety and Protection of Journalists (Local trainers)	October-December 2024	ТВС
AMA Staff Training on Monitoring	October-December 2024	ТВС
Media Actors discuss media freedom and protection of journalistsa high level event follow-up from HF2	October 2024	ТВС
Training for the Agency for protection of personal data and Free Access to information	October 2024	Podgorica, Montenegro
Third training for police officers and prosecutors (POCs) on protection of journalists	second half of October 2024, exact date and place tbc	TBC
Training for judges on defamation and SLAPPs	first half of October 2024, exact date and place tbc	ТВС
Training with AoJ - FoE and Judicial Protection in Cases of Infringement of Freedom of Expression – SLAPPs	02 October 2024	ТВС
Training: 2nd training for the staff of the Commissioner for Access to Information of Public Importance and Personal Data Protection	October 2024	Fruske Terme, Serbia
Publication and workshop: Design and publication of information materials on "Media literacy & media service providers"	October 2024	Belgrade, Serbia
Training: workshop for journalists and journalism students on freedom of expression and safety of journalists	October-December 2024	Belgrade, Serbia
Roundtable with the Ministry of Economy about Tromso Convention requirements	November 2024 (TBC)	Tbilisi, Georgia
Workshops for CSOs and Public Defender's Office about European standards for safety of journalists and relevant tools for its protection	November 2024 (TBC)	Tbilisi, Georgia

Roundtable Law Enforcement bodies about Tromso Requirements	November 2024 (TBC)	Tbilisi, Georgia
Workshop on effective monitoring methodology in the field of media regulation	November 2024 (TBC)	Tbilisi, Georgia
Fourth training for police officers and prosecutors (POCs) on protection of journalists	second half of November 2024, exact date and place tbc	TBC
Eight meeting of the Cross- Coordinating Working Group on Monitoring and Reporting on Freedom of Expression and Freedom of Information in Bosnia and Herzegovina/SOJ Committee	TBC: November 2024	TBC
Conference: annual national conference between public, judicial and civil society sector on media freedoms	November 2024	Belgrade, Serbia
2-day Training of court reporters	November- December 2024	TBC
Training on Defamation and SLAPPs	November/December 2024	TBC
Consultancy services for providing a legal expert review on a draft by-law on accessibility of AVM content for persons with disabilities in line with European standards, including a public debate	01 November 2023 – 15 March 2024 (legal expert review) 13 March 2024 (public debate)	Desk-work, two online meetings, Skopje, North Macedonia
I Cascade training with BA on Freedom of expression and/or protection of journalists	Around 02 November 2024 (the International Day to end Impunity for Crimes against Journalists)	Skopje, North Macedonia
Training on Access to Information for Information Officers	TBC: December 2024	Various locations - Sarajevo, Banja Luka and Brcko

Fifth meeting of the Steering Committee	December 2024, tbc	TBC
Enhancing media reporting on gender- based violence in North Macedonia (Workshop for professionals from local media)	25 November - 10 December 2024 (date within the 16 days of activism)	Skopje, North Macedonia
CONFERENCE: TUNISIA ACTION: Establish mechanisms for monitoring the implementation of access to information laws, evaluating judicial decisions, and identifying areas for improvement.	TBC	Tunis
"REGIONAL ACTION_Capacity building of national authorities as duty bearers concerning protection of journalists (law enforcement and legal professionals)"	TBC	Tunis
TRAINING - LEBANON ACTION- Standardized guidelines for judges and legal professionals regarding Access to Information (ATI)	TBC	Online Training
TRAINING - REGIONAL ACTION- Access to Information and Privacy Protection Online Training in the media sector (Tunisia, Morocco, Lybia, Lebanon, Jordan, Egypt)	TBC	Online Training
CONSULTANCY: REGIONAL ACTION- Presenting Performance Evaluation Benchmarks related to Access to Information in the region.	TBC	Online Meeting
Sixth meeting of the Cross- Coordinating Working Group on Monitoring and Reporting on Freedom of Expression and Freedom of Information in Bosnia and	TBC	TBC

Herzegovina and establishment of the	
SOJ Committee	