

COOPERATION ON FREEDOM OF EXPRESSION 2024 ACTIVITES CALENDAR

Title of the event	Date	Venue/place
Development of a curriculum for the Justice Academy of the Ministry of Justice on international legal standards pertaining to data protection and privacy	February-March	Baku, Azerbaijan
Trainings and capacity building events 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	1-5 February	Chisinau, Moldova
Steering Committee Meeting	07 February	Pristina
Fourth meeting of the Cross-Coordinating Working Group on Monitoring and Reporting on Freedom of Expression and Freedom of Information in Bosnia and Herzegovina	21-22 February	Banja Luka, Bosnia and Herzegovina
First training for the police officers and prosecutors (Points of Contact) on protection of journalists - Introduction to Protection of Journalists in Bosnia and Herzegovina	28-29 February	Sarajevo, Bosnia and Herzegovina
Training on the Safety of Journalists in Conflict Zones and Unrest Situations	21 March	Pristina
The Launching conference of the Project "Supporting Freedom of Expression and Media in Georgia (SFEM-GE)"	26 March	Tbilisi, Georgia
Steering Committee meeting of the Project "Supporting Freedom of Expression and Media in Georgia (SFEM-GE)"	26 March	Tbilisi, Georgia
Training of Trainers on Freedom of Expression for additional certification	26-29 March	Gevgelija, North Macedonia



Workshop: Preparatory consultation with Civil Society Organisations on the needs assessment in the field of media regulation and Safety of Journalists	27 March	Tbilisi, Georgia
Workshop on the mandate of the Special Investigation Service (SIS), including the investigative process with respect to journalists	2 April	Tbilisi, Georgia
Training for lawyers and journalists on protection of journalists and SLAPPs	3-4 April	Neum, Bosnia and Herzegovina
Additional Training of Trainers for certified trainers to upgrade the pool of trainers	15-16 April	Banja Luka, Bosnia and Herzegovina
Second Steering Committee	16 April	Skopje, North Macedonia
Thematic event for Upholding Journalistic Integrity: Safeguarding Journalists and Media Actors in North Macedonia	17 April	Skopje, North Macedonia
Regional event: "Euro-Mediterranean approaches on access to information"	22 April	Rabat, Morocco
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	Bijeljina, Bosnia and Herzegovina
Workshop on the draft law on Independent Media Commission	26 April	Pristina
Development of Access to Information Handbook for Azerbaijani Journalists	April-May	Baku, Azerbaijan
Development of Conflict Reporting Textbook in Azerbaijani for Azerbaijani Universities	April-May	Baku, Azerbaijan
Steering Committee Meeting	5 April	Podgorica, Montenegro
Presentation of Communication Strategy for Judicial Council and Courts	15 April	Podgorica, Montenegro
Training for judges and prosecutors on freedom of expression online	25-26 April	Podgorica, Montenegro
Expert support to the Serbian Regulatory Authority to upgrade media legislation monitoring mechanisms	April	Belgrade, Serbia
Support to the Audiovisual Council in promoting elections-related video materials through social media boosting	April-July	Chisinau, Moldova
Fourth Steering Committee meeting of the Project "Enhancing institutional capacities on freedom of	11 June	Sarajevo, Bosnia and Herzegovina

expression and information in Bosnia and Herzegovina” (EFEX)		
Ethical and Professional Media Election Reporting in Libya	13-14 May	Online
Training session on Transparency and Access to Government Information	21-22 May	Igman, Bosnia and Herzegovina
Training for Judges on Access to Information	16-17 May	Lviv, Ukraine
Lviv Media Forum 2024	16-18 May	Lviv, Ukraine
Training on Transparency and Access to Government Information	21-22 May	Igman, Bosnia and Herzegovina
"No Hate Alliance" event with students of journalism on curbing hate speech (Joint activity with Antidiscrimination action)	May	Tirana, Albania
Study on Article 10 of ECHR cases in Albanian courts	May-December	Tirana, Albania
Media Magistrates Training on Public Relations and Communication (Prosecutors)	May	Pogradec, Albania
Media Magistrates Training on Public Relations and Communication (Judges)	May	Pogradec, Albania
Provision of legal expertise on the draft law on Independent Media Commission – Legal Opinion on the Draft Law	24 May	Pristina
Video animation on SLAPPs	2 May – 30 September	Pristina
Publication: Translation and publication of CoE recommendation on SLAPP	May	Belgrade, Serbia
Participation of the Ombudsperson Office representative in the International Conference on Access to Information	1-4 June	Tirana, Albania
Round table discussion on the taxation of media	10 June	Kyiv, Ukraine
Training for judiciary and police officers on hate speech	18-20 June	Sarajevo, Bosnia and Herzegovina
Review of the Draft Law for the Independent Media Commission addressing the extent to which the recommendations of the Legal Opinion on the Draft Law on the Independent Media Commission [LEX/FoE (2024)6] were taken into account	21 June	Pristina

Visit of the Ukrainian media actors to Strasbourg 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”	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	Sarajevo, Bosnia and Herzegovina
Participation of the Media Advocacy Coalition and Communications Commission of Georgia representatives in the Annual Conference on European Media Law 2024	5-8 June	Trier, Germany
ToRs for technology procurement for the upgraded monitoring studio	April-June	Tirana, Albania
First Cascade Training: Standards foreseen by ECHR and ECtHR case law and their application in the Albanian context (Legal professionals)	June	Tirana, Albania
Regional Exchange on the role of regulators in Countering Harmful Content	25-26 June	Budva, Montenegro
		Belgrade, Serbia
Advanced Training of Trainers (ToT) on Freedom of Expression	2 -5 July	Struga, North Macedonia
Round table on models of coregulation of harmful content online	2 July	Sarajevo, Bosnia and Herzegovina
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 Council of Europe week in Moldova	10-15 July	Chisinau and five regions of Moldova
Summer school on freedom of expression for law students	8-9 July	Trebinje, Bosnia and Herzegovina
Training of Trainers (ToT) on Freedom of Expression	8-9 July	Pristina
Consultancy: Expert support to the legislative reforms on data protection	May-July	Belgrade, Serbia
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	May-August	Chisinau, Moldova
Communications Campaign to support the institutional strengthening and visibility of the newly set-up Centre for Strategic Communication and Countering Disinformation	May-August	Chisinau, Moldova
Workshop on data protection with local stakeholders	8 August	Belgrade, Serbia
10 training sessions on "Monitoring audiovisual content of electoral nature" for the staff of the Audiovisual Council of Moldova	3-30 August	Chisinau, Moldova

Training for lawyers and journalists on SLAPPs	3-4 September	Sarajevo, Bosnia and Herzegovina
Regional Peer-Support Workshop of Audiovisual Regulators	4-5 September	MiMi Castle, Moldova
Workshop for Regulatory Authority (REM) staff on advertising rules and commercial communication	5 September	Belgrade, Serbia
Premiere night for public to screen three documentaries on human rights and social issues, produced by young filmmakers	11 September	Chisinau, Moldova
Training on “Freedom of Information and Personal Data Protection” for Azerbaijani young lawyers and human rights defenders	16-18 September	Baku, Azerbaijan
Training on Hate Speech for the members of the Working Group on monitoring and reporting on freedom of expression and freedom of information in Bosnia and Herzegovina	18-26 September	Jahorina, Bosnia and Herzegovina
Training for Judges on administration of justice and freedom of expression	19-20 September	Podgorica, Montenegro
Albania: Steering Committee Meeting of the Horizontal Facility	24 September	Tirana, Albania
Serbia: Steering Committee Meeting of the Horizontal Facility	26 September	Belgrade, Serbia
Training for Prosecutors and Journalist on Obligation to report on court proceedings	30 September – 1 October	Podgorica, Montenegro
Training on free access to information standards	September	Podgorica, Montenegro
“Vilnius Dialogue. Fostering the Culture of Public Debate in Europe” International conference	24 October	Vilnius, Lithuania
Coordination meeting on the implementation of the Council of Europe project to Foster a Culture of Public Debate on Freedom of Expression in Europe	25 October	Vilnius, Lithuania
Training with AoJ - FoE and Judicial Protection in Cases of Infringement of Freedom of Expression – SLAPPs	2-3 October	Prizren
Conference on Best practices in monitoring and reporting (comparative analysis)	October	Sarajevo, Bosnia and Herzegovina
Presentation of the FoE gap analysis report to the members of the Working Group on monitoring and reporting on freedom of expression and freedom of information in Bosnia and Herzegovina	October	Sarajevo, Bosnia and Herzegovina
Presentation of the Freedom of Access to Information gap analysis report to the members of the Working Group on monitoring and reporting on freedom of expression and freedom of information in Bosnia and Herzegovina	October	Sarajevo, Bosnia and Herzegovina
Study on mapping and countering information disorder	October-December	Belgrade, Serbia
Seventh meeting of the Cross-Coordinating Working Group on Monitoring and Reporting on Freedom of Expression and Freedom of Information in Bosnia and Herzegovina/Safety of Journalists Committee	October	Sarajevo, Bosnia and Herzegovina

Second training for police officers and prosecutors (Points of Contact) on protection of journalists	October	Mostar, Bosnia and Herzegovina
Second Training for the staff of the Commissioner for Access to Information of Public Importance and Personal Data Protection	October	Fruske Terme, Serbia
Access to Information and Privacy Protection Online Training in the media sector (Tunisia, Morocco, Lybia, Lebanon, Jordan, Egypt)	October	Online Training / Tunis
Presentation of the Performance Evaluation Benchmarks related to Access to Information in the MENA region	October	Online meeting
Publication and workshop: Design and publication of information materials on “Media literacy & media service providers”	October-November	Belgrade, Serbia
Peer visit – for media regulatory authority employees on non-linear and online media and video-sharing platforms	12-13 November	Dublin, Ireland
European Anti-SLAPP Conference	14 November	Strasbourg, France
Regional Exchange on countering the use of SLAPPs in the Western Balkans	15 November	Strasbourg, France
Pristina: Steering Committee Meeting of the Horizontal Facility	19 November	Pristina
North Macedonia: Steering Committee Meeting of the Horizontal Facility	21 November	Skopje, North Macedonia
Montenegro: Steering Committee Meeting of the Horizontal Facility	26 November	Podgorica, Montenegro
Training on Safety of Journalists	November	Sarajevo, Bosnia and Herzegovina
Conference: annual national conference between public, judicial and civil society sector on media freedoms	November	Belgrade, Serbia
Eight meeting of the Cross-Coordinating Working Group on Monitoring and Reporting on Freedom of Expression and Freedom of Information in Bosnia and Herzegovina/ Safety of Journalists Committee	November	Sarajevo, Bosnia and Herzegovina
Workshops for Civil Society Organisations and Public Defender’s Office about European standards for safety of journalists and relevant tools for its protection	November	Tbilisi, Georgia
Roundtable with the Ministry of Economy about Tromso Convention requirements	November	Tbilisi, Georgia
Online Training for the High National Elections Commission (HNEC) in Libya	November	Online Training
Media Actors Discuss media freedom and protection of journalists - high level event	November	Tirana, Albania
ToT on SLAPP EU Directive and CoE Recommendation-- implications for local cases (Legal professionals)	5-6 December	Tirana, Albania
Roundtable discussion on SLAPPs - with a focus on the environment	11 December	Pristina
Bosnia and Herzegovina: Steering Committee Meeting of the Horizontal Facility	12 December	Sarajevo, Bosnia and Herzegovina

Consultations for the preparation of the new Code of Ethics and Professional Standards	September-December	Podgorica, Montenegro
Research on final judgments on FoE issued by local courts	September – December	Pristina
Training for lawyers with the Bar Association on Freedom of Expression	September – December	Pristina
Training for Prosecutors of Pristina Basic Prosecution on SLAPPs	September – December	Pristina
Training for the Agency for protection of personal data and Free Access to information	October-December	Podgorica, Montenegro
Third training for police officers and prosecutors (Points of Contact) on the protection of journalists	December	Banja Luka, Bosnia and Herzegovina
Training: workshop for journalists and journalism students on freedom of expression and safety of journalists	October-December	Belgrade, Serbia
Expert support in the development of the new provisions of the Audiovisual Code of Moldova, in light of the required EU legal approximation process of the law	25 November -10 December	Chisinau, Moldova
Training on Access to Information for Information Officers	December	Sarajevo, Banja Luka and Brcko, Bosnia and Herzegovina
Training for the Police Academy on Safety of Journalists	October – December	Podgorica, Montenegro
FoE Intro Course for Lawyers on CoE HELP Platform	September-December	Tirana, Albania
Roundtable discussion with broadcasters on responsibilities deriving from the transposed EU Directive	December	Tirana, Albania
"No Hate Alliance" National Conference	December	Tirana, Albania
Law Enforcement ToT on Safety and Protection of Journalists (Local trainers)	December	Tirana, Albania
Albanian Regulatory Authority Staff Training on Monitoring	December	Tirana, Albania