



Venue: Hemicycle – European Convention Centre (1, rue du Fort Thüringen, L-1499 Luxembourg)
Date: 29 April 2025

Annual Thematic Conference

BUILDING THE PARADIGM AGAINST IMPUNITY OF CRIMES AGAINST JOURNALISTS

Draft Agenda

08:30 – 09:00 Registration and welcome coffee

Screening of 'Journalists Matter' video dedicated to the prosecution pillar of the Campaign

09:00 – 09:30 Opening session

Moderator: Irena GUIDIKOVA, Head of Department, Democratic Institutions and Freedoms Department, Directorate for Democracy, Directorate General of Democracy and Human Dignity, Council of Europe

- **Elisabeth MARGUE**, Minister of Justice of Luxembourg
- **Matjaž GRUDEN**, Director, Directorate for Democracy, Directorate General of Democracy and Human Dignity, Council of Europe

09:30 – 10:20 Scene setting

- **Valentina GRIPPO**, General Rapporteur on Media Freedom and Safety of Journalists, Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe
- **Claude WILD**, Ambassador, Permanent Representative of Switzerland to the Council of Europe, Chair of the Group of Friends for the Freedom of Expression and Safety of Journalists, Strasbourg
- **Misch PAUTSCH**, Vice-President of the Luxembourgish Press Council, President of the Association of Luxembourgish Professional Journalists
- **Dr Tawfik JELASSI**, UNESCO Assistant Director-General for Communication and Information
- **Audrius PERKAUSKAS**, Deputy Head of Unit, DG for Communication Networks, Content and Technology – CONNECT, European Commission

10:20-10:30 Council of Europe 'Journalists Matter' Campaign Progress

- **Rodica CIOCHINA**, Campaign Manager, Freedom of Expression and CDMSI Division, Directorate for Democracy, Directorate General of Democracy and Human Dignity, Council of Europe

10:30 – 11:25 Session 1: Combating crimes against journalists: Challenges and applicable standards

Moderator: **Irena GUIDIKOVA**, Head of Department, Democratic Institutions and Freedoms Department, Directorate for Democracy, Directorate General of Democracy and Human Dignity, Council of Europe

- **Antoine BERNARD**, Director of Advocacy and Assistance, Reporters without Borders (RSF)
- **Ali BOZKAYA**, Lawyer, Freedom of Expression case-law Coordinator, Registry of the European Court of Human Rights (ECtHR)
- **Artemiza-Tatiana CHISCA**, Head of Freedom of Expression and CDMSI Division, Directorate for Democracy, Directorate General of Democracy and Human Dignity, Council of Europe
- **Caoilfhionn GALLAGHER KC**, International Human Rights Lawyer, Expert in Journalists' Safety and Media Freedom
- **Sylvie COUDRAY**, Director, Division for Freedom of Expression, Media Development, Media and Information Literacy, UNESCO
- **Q/A**

11:25 – 11:40 Coffee Break

11:40 – 12:45 Session 2: Combating impunity and a culture of impunity for crimes against journalists: effective prosecution and sanctioning of crimes against journalists

Moderator: **Tom GIBSON**, CPJ EU Representative, Committee to Protect Journalists (CPJ)

- **Jesper NYMARK**, CEO & Editor-in-Chief, DanWatch
- **Wiggo STORHAUG LARSEN**, Bureau Member, Consultative Council of European Judges (CCJE)
- **Stéphane PISANI**, Judge at the European Court of Human Rights in respect of Luxembourg
- **Darko MARTINČEVIĆ**, Cantonal Prosecutor's Office of the Sarajevo Canton, Bosnia and Herzegovina
- **Q/A**

12:45 – 14:00 Lunch Break

14:00 – 15:30 Session 3: Combating impunity and a culture of impunity of crimes against journalists: a multi-stakeholder endeavour

Moderator: **Tarlach MCGONAGLE**, Associate professor at IViR, University of Amsterdam & Professor of Media Law and Information Society at Leiden University

- **Tom GIBSON**, CPJ EU Representative, Committee to Protect Journalists (CPJ)

- **Rebecca WHITTINGTON**, Online Safety Editor, Reach plc
- **Sérgio GOMES DA SILVA**, Director, #PortugalMediaLab (Task Force for Media Public Policies), Coordinator of the National Plan for the Safety of Journalists and Campaign Focal Point, Portugal
- **Mihailo JOVOVIĆ**, President of the Commission for Monitoring the Actions of Competent Authorities in Investigations of Cases of Threats and Violence against Journalists, Murders of Journalists and Attacks on Media Property, Montenegro
- **Q/A**

15:30 – 15:45 Coffee Break

15:45 – 17:00 Session 4: Remedies and support for journalists who suffered from threats and attacks

Moderator: **Tarlach MCGONAGLE**, Associate professor at IViR, University of Amsterdam & Professor of Media Law and Information Society at Leiden University

- **Philippe SCHOCKWEILER**, Journalist and Communication Expert, Luxembourg
- **Julie POSETTI**, Professor, Global Director of Research, International Centre for Journalists & Professor of Journalism at City, University of London
- **Flutura KUSARI**, Legal Advisor, European Centre for Press and Media Freedom (ECPMF)
- **Ganna KRASNOSTUP**, Director of the Department for Strategic Communications and Promotion of Ukrainian Culture, Ministry of Culture and Strategic Communications of Ukraine
- **Liubov VELICHKO**, Journalist, Ukraine

17:00 – 17:20 Sum-up of discussions: Operational measures checklist under the Prosecution pillar of a National Action Plan for the safety of journalists

Tarlach MCGONAGLE, Associate professor at IViR, University of Amsterdam & Professor of Media Law and Information Society at Leiden University

17:20 – 17:40 Closing remarks

- **Irena GUIDIKOVA**, Head of Department, Democratic Institutions and Freedoms Department, Directorate for Democracy, Directorate General of Democracy and Human Dignity, Council of Europe
- **Lynn WARKEN**, President of the Luxembourg Press Council

19:00 – 21:00 Reception hosted by the Luxembourg Presidency of the Committee of Ministers of the Council of Europe