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DRAFT AGENDA

1st Meeting of the National Committee for the Protection and Safety of Journalists

23 November 2026 | Venue: Skopje Marriott Hotel, Skopje, North Macedonia

09:30–10:00 Registration of participants

Group Photo and Press Statements

10:00–10:30 Opening remarks

- **Panche TOSHKOVSKI**, Minister of Interior of North Macedonia
- **Oleg SOLDATOV**, Head of Council of Europe Programme Office in Skopje
- Representative of the European Union Delegation to North Macedonia (TBC)
- **Rodica CIOCHINA**, Campaign Manager, Council of Europe "Journalists Matter" Campaign for the Safety of Journalists

Moderator: Mersiha Usein, Senior Project Officer, Council of Europe

10:30–11:00 Establishment and mandate of the National Committee

- **Muhamed ISMAILJI**, Assistant Minister for the Department of Public Relations and Strategic Issues, Ministry of Interior of North Macedonia, and National Focal Point for the Council of Europe "Journalists Matter" Campaign for the Safety of Journalists
- **Rodica CIOCHINA**, Campaign Manager, Council of Europe "Journalists Matter" Campaign for the Safety of Journalists

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11:00-11:15 Group Photo

11:15–11:45 National Action Plan for the Protection and Safety of Journalists (2027–2030)

- **Dragan SEKULOVSKI,** Council of Europe consultant

- **Marija JAKOVLESKA**, Head in the Section for Public relations, Ministry of Interior of North Macedonia

Discussion on next steps towards finalisation and implementation

Moderator: **Goce ANDREEVSKI**, Head of the Public Relations Sector and Spokesperson of the Ministry of Interior of North Macedonia

11:45–12:00 Coffee break

12.00–12:30 Operationalisation of the National Committee – Discussion and exchange

- **Muhamed ISMAILJI**, Assistant Minister for the Department of Public Relations and Strategic Issues, Ministry of Interior of North Macedonia, and National Focal Point for the Council of Europe "Journalists Matter" Campaign for the Safety of Journalists

12:30–13:00 Conclusions and next steps

- **Muhamed ISMAILJI**, Assistant Minister for the Department of Public Relations and Strategic Issues, Ministry of Interior of North Macedonia, and National Focal Point for the Council of Europe "Journalists Matter" Campaign for the Safety of Journalists
- **Rodica CIOCHINA**, Campaign Manager, Council of Europe "Journalists Matter" Campaign for the Safety of Journalists (TBC)

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13:00–14:00 Networking lunch