



## Freedom of expression and freedom of the media in Bosnia and Herzegovina - JUFREX

### What is the goal?

- ▶ To promote freedom of expression and freedom of the media and to improve the application of European standards in this domain
- ▶ To strengthen skills and knowledge of the actors responsible to apply such standards as part of their daily work (judges, prosecutors, lawyers, police officers, representatives of media regulatory authorities, journalists, students, other media actors)

### Who benefits from the Action?

- ▶ Local training institutions for legal professionals (Two Academies of Judges and Prosecutors and Bar Associations, of both entities)
- ▶ Communications Regulatory Authority
- ▶ Universities/Faculties of Law and Journalism
- ▶ Press Council of Bosnia and Herzegovina, BiH Association of Journalists
- ▶ judges, prosecutors, police officers, lawyers
- ▶ students
- ▶ Civil society organisations
- ▶ Citizens of Bosnia and Herzegovina who will gain better legal protection of freedom of expression, as well as access to more quality information

### How will the Action work?

- ▶ The Action builds upon a previous EU/CoE Regional Joint Programme (JUFREX)
- ▶ The capacity building activities for the various professional categories adopt a dynamic methodology for adult learning and peer-to-peer model.
- ▶ The action uses an inclusive approach in order to generate dialogue between the different actors and relevant stakeholders.
- ▶ The strong interconnection between regional and Beneficiary-specific Actions ensure strengthened co-operation, exchange of good practices and lessons learnt

### What do we expect to achieve?

- ▶ Members of the judiciary, legal professionals and police officers improve application of the European Convention on Human Rights and the Court case-law on freedom of expression
- ▶ The minors' protection in audio-visual media services in Bosnia and Herzegovina improve
- ▶ Media actors and relevant stakeholders, including Universities contribute to an enabling environment for freedom of expression and freedom of the media

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## How much will it cost?

- ▶ The total budget of the Action is 520,000 EUR
- ▶ The budget allocated to the overall Horizontal Facility programme amounts to ca. 41 Million EUR (85% funded by the European Union, 15% by the Council of Europe).

## How to get more information?

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