



JOURNALISTS MATTER
**2024: LAUNCHING
THE DIALOGUE
AND ENHANCED
JOINT ACTION**

COUNCIL
OF EUROPE
CAMPAIGN FOR
**THE SAFETY OF
JOURNALISTS**



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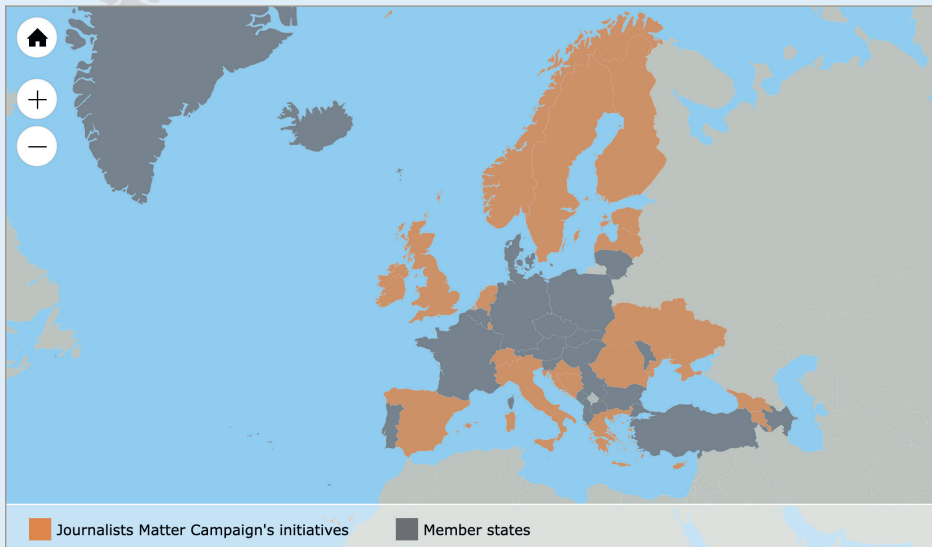
The Protection Year

FOCUS OF 2024

In 2024, the Campaign activities focused on effective measures under the Protection pillar of the Recommendation CM/Rec(2016)4 of the Committee of Ministers to member States on the protection of journalism and safety of journalists and other media actors. Such measures encompass interim protection, early warning and rapid response mechanisms, safeguarding lives from real and immediate risks, including legislative protection, specialised trainings for various stakeholders, public awareness initiatives, etc. These initiatives are expected to enable journalists and other media actors to engage in the public debate effectively and without fear.

EXPLORE OUR INTERACTIVE MAP

Find initiatives and activities in your country



Impact in Numbers

2024 IN FIGURES



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Campaign Focal Points appointed

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Existing Campaign Committees or coordination structures in member States

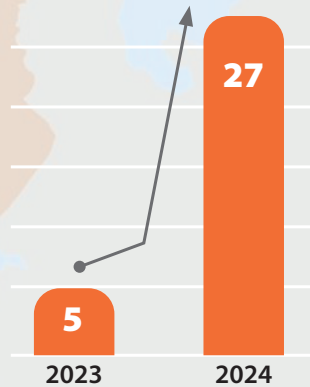
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Committees and structures created since the launch of the Campaign

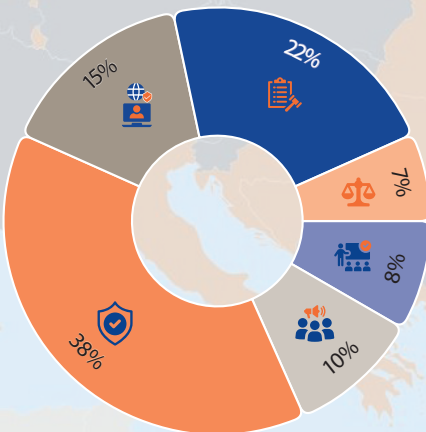
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Initiatives and activities launched by member States under the Campaign

CAMPAIGN INITIATIVES PROGRESS



AREAS OF ACTION



Legislative safeguard measures

Investigation and prosecution related measures

Media and Information Literacy

Protection measures

Public awareness

Trainings

About the Campaign

INTRODUCTION

Launched in 2023 and largely based on the Council of Europe Recommendation CM/Rec(2016)4 of the Committee of Ministers to member States on the protection of journalism and safety of journalists and other media actors, the Journalists Matter Campaign emphasises the crucial role of journalists in upholding democracy, human rights and the rule of law. It also puts into the spotlight the urgent need to more effectively protect journalists' safety.

KEY FOCUS

The Campaign highlights the dangers journalists face, including violence, harassment, abusive lawsuits and censorship, and calls upon member States to join efforts and ensure their safety.

OUR APPROACH

Dialogue

By establishing Campaign Committees and other domestic coordination structures, it ensures an inclusive multistakeholder dialogue for lasting efforts and impact.



Collaboration

By working together with authorities, civil society, media organisations and journalists themselves, both domestically and at international levels.

Action Plans for the safety of journalists

By encouraging the adoption and efficient implementation of Action Plans and other dedicated safety measures.

Major Events in 2024



Seminar on "The Role of the Police in Protecting Journalists,"
Strasbourg

**Enhancing cooperation
between law enforcement
and the media**

29-30
October
2024

Annual Conference:
"Protection of Journalists –
A Multistakeholder Dialogue",
Strasbourg

**Exploring international standards
and practical measures under
the Protection pillar of the
Recommendation (2016)4**



26-27
September
2024

2nd Meeting of National Focal
Points, Strasbourg

**Sharing progress and strategies
to address challenges**



20-21
June
2024

Launch of National Chapter,
Ukraine
**Focus on journalists' safety
in conflict zones**

9
April
2024



Meeting with Platform Partners,
Thessaloniki, Greece

**Joining efforts for media
freedom and safety of
journalists**



5-6
March
2024

Gala of Excellence in Journalism,
Bucharest, Romania

**Awarding 50+ conflict zones
journalists for their courage
and dedication**

29
February
2024





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