

## **Protection and safety of journalists**

### **Training for judges and prosecutors in Serbia**

The joint European Union/Council of Europe action "[Freedom of expression and freedom of the media in Serbia \(JUFREX 2\)](#)" has organised a training for judges and prosecutors in Serbia on "Protection and safety of journalists" on 10-11 May 2021. The event was held in co-operation and under the Grant Agreement with the Judicial Academy of Republic of Serbia with the aim to improve protection of journalist and media actors and contribute to the creation of enabling environment for freedom for expression.

The training contributed to awareness of the position of journalists at risk and improvement of the implementation of the legal framework of the Republic of Serbia, especially in accordance with the European Convention on Human Rights and other European standards on freedom of expression. It was based on the Trainer's Handbook developed and adapted to the national context of Serbia within the JUFREX 2 project and delivered by judges, prosecutors - JUFREX national certified trainers on freedom of expression.

JUFREX action is a part of the joint European Union and the Council of Europe initiative "Horizontal Facility for the Western Balkans and Turkey 2019-2022", which assists its beneficiaries in aligning of their practice with Council of Europe and European Union standards, within the enlargement process, where relevant.