

Reply by the Government of the Republic of Slovenia regarding the alert published on the Platform to promote the protection of journalism and safety of journalists on 22 June 2020 titled "Reporter Eugenia Carl Receives Threatening Letter with White Powder"

Regarding the case of above-mentioned journalist, the competent Slovenian law enforcement authorities have responded and launched an investigation on suspicion of committing a criminal offense under Article 135 of Criminal Code-1 (*Threat - Whoever seriously threatens another person, with the intention of intimidating or upsetting this person, with an attack on his life or limb or his liberty, or threatens to destroy his property of substantial value or commit any of these acts against a person close to him, shall be punished by a fine or sentenced to up to six months in prison*).

At the same time, we would like to reiterate the already known position that the Government of the Republic of Slovenia is committed to free and pluralistic journalism, independent media and a plural media space. The Government of the Republic of Slovenia strongly opposes any form of communication that could be understood as a threat to the work of the journalists and will continue to provide the necessary conditions for free and independent work of journalists.