

**EXPLANATION FROM THE SLOVENIAN POLICE REGARDING THE CASE NUMBER
135/2020 OF THE PLATFORM FOR THE PROTECTION OF JOURNALISM AND SAFETY
OF JOURNALISTS OF THE COUNCIL OF EUROPE**

The following information is provided to you in the matter of Case No. 135/2020 of the Council of Europe's Platform to promote the protection of journalism and safety of journalists. Slovenia's police are actively investigating a number of crimes committed against three different journalists. As the pre-trial proceedings are still ongoing, we cannot provide any concrete details or information on the progress and results of the investigation.

On November 5 2020, between 14.00 and 20.30 hrs, participants gathered at a protest at Trg Republike (Republic Square). The event had not been formally announced and lacked organisation. It took place under the slogan »Vlada prihajamo« (»Government, we're coming for you!«) and was attended by approximately 500 protesters. The police were deployed, in accordance with their statutory duty, to maintain public order and to ensure safety of the involved attendants, bystanders and property.

The Criminal Police Division of Ljubljana Police Administration is investigating 28 criminal offences classified in the Criminal Code under the chapters defining offences against life and limb, offences against property and public order offences. Within this scope of incidents, the police are investigating one case involving a serious bodily injury as per Article 12/(1) of the Criminal Code (KZ-1), one case involving a light bodily injury as per Article 122/(1)(4) of the Criminal Code (KZ-1), and one case involving damaging of property as per Article 220/(1)(3) of the Criminal Code (KZ-1). These acts of violence were committed against three journalists. The identity of offenders has not yet been established. The police continue to work within their powers to detect and identify the perpetrators, to find and preserve potential trace evidence, including physical objects, and to collect intelligence in support of instituting criminal proceedings. With pre-trial proceedings still in progress, we cannot publicly comment the cases.