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Countries of intervention and thematic priorities

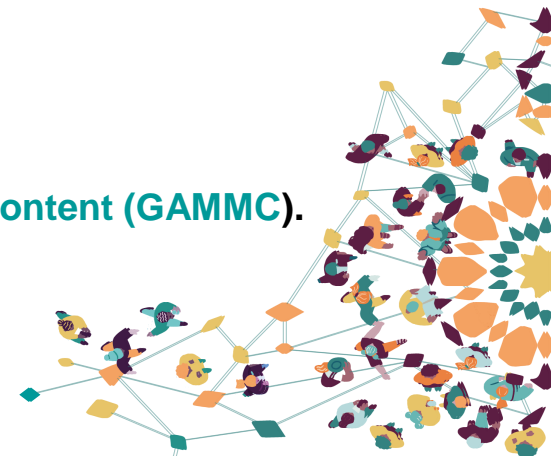
Countries of intervention : Morocco, Tunisia, Libya and Lebanon

Four main thematic priorities:

- I) To encourage the transformation of the traditional, legacy media sector to respond to the digital challenge
- II) To foster measures aiming at reinforcing quality journalism such as capacity building and awareness raising on media reporting on elections, hate speech and disinformation as well as on safety of journalists
- III) To support the further alignment of existing or building legal framework on freedom of expression in line with CoE standards
- IV) To sustain the expressed interests of two countries of the region to initiate the process aiming at examining the possibility of ratification of the Convention on Access to Official Documents (CETS No205) (Tromsø Convention).

Libya: a three-axes-cooperation has been initiated:

- 1) To support Capacity building of the Central Committee of Local Elections (CCLE).
- 2) To clarify the legal framework of the operating environment of the **General Authority for Media Monitoring Content (GAMMC)**.
- 3) To reinforce professional standards and ethic codes for Libyan journalists.



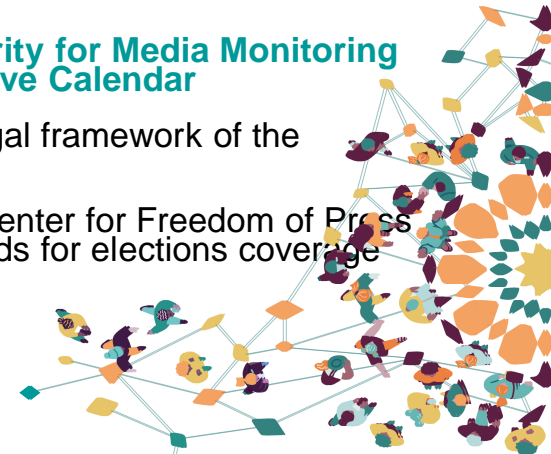
Inception operational actions and start up activities

I) OPERATIONAL ACTIONS AND START UP ACTIVITIES

1. Reinforcement / extension of Project-related professional contacts
2. Establishment of the Project Team
3. Establishment of the Project's Pool of Experts / Profiles
4. Development of the Project's Workplan

II) MAIN ACTIONS CARRIED OUT DURING THE INCEPTION PHASE

1. **Advise and research on Preliminary Steps** to initiate request and process for adherence Tunisia to the [The Council of Europe Convention on Access to Official Documents](#) , CETS 205 (*Tromsø Convention*).
2. **Review of the Tunisian legal framework on Access to Information** (internal document) and its compatibility with the Tromsø Convention.
3. Participatory elaboration of **Country Profiles/Baselines** by Project's main institutional beneficiaries concerning Tunisia, Morocco, Libya and Lebanon
4. Development of contacts and operational timeframe with the Libyan institutional stakeholders the **General Authority for Media Monitoring (GAMMC)** and **Central Committee of Local Elections (CCLE)** to agree on the **Intervention Logic and Indicative Calendar**
5. Provision of translation of documentation related institutional and legal documents to address and support the legal framework of the regulatory authority of Libya (GAMMC).
6. **Training preparation for journalists** in coordination with the Central Committee of Local Elections, the Libyan Center for Freedom of Press in Libya to identify potential journalists to enhance understanding and training on ethical and professional standards for elections coverage and reporting.
7. Coordination and negotiation with International Institute for Democracy and Electoral Assistance (IDEA)



Activities 2023	Outcomes	Immediate Outputs (expected results)
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2.1.1.1 REGIONAL ACTION: Capacity building of duty bearers (law enforcement and legal professionals) on protection of journalists in accordance with European Standards.

1.1.1 Council of Europe standards on freedom of expression, media freedom and access to information are promoted (through awareness and adherence processes)

1.1 Beneficiaries of the region engage in promoting the compliance with Council of Europe conventions and Partial Agreements, including in monitoring mechanisms as relevant, especially concerning Access to the Information

2.1.2.1 REGIONAL ACTION: Regional media exchange on country profiling on digital transformation needs and challenges: **Tunisia Sub-action; Morocco Sub-action; Lebanon Sub-action**

2.1.1 National mechanisms on protection of journalists and advocacy initiatives ensure further compliance with European standards are promoted

2.1. Tools, mechanisms and strategies regarding global challenges to human rights, democracy and Rule of Law are developed to ensure a consistent understanding and approach to these phenomena.

2.1.2.1.5 REGIONAL / Country Sub-Action – Policy Advice on support measures/ necessary actions on digital transformation (legislation, technical support)

2.1.2 Enabled media sector to implement digital transformation of the traditional legacy media sector

2.2.2.1 LIBYA ACTION - Support the institutional building and the legal framework of the GAMMC.

2.2.1 Strengthened capacities (through regional exchanges) of Audio-visual Regulatory bodies and Press Self-Regulatory bodies when exercising their own mandates

2.2. Strengthen and develop capacities among representatives of relevant bodies, civil society and professional organisations understanding and applying common tools deriving from European standards

2.2.1.2 LIBYA ACTION - Support through capacity building of the Central Committee of Local Elections (CCLE) in performing their mandate

2.2.2 Enhanced application and understanding/ awareness raised of the codes of conduct/ethic codes and ethical journalism through regional exchanges and custom-made trainings, including media coverage of electoral campaigns

2.2.2.1 LIBYA ACTION -Provision of 10 Training sessions for 200 Libyan journalists on reporting on elections online or in Tunisia

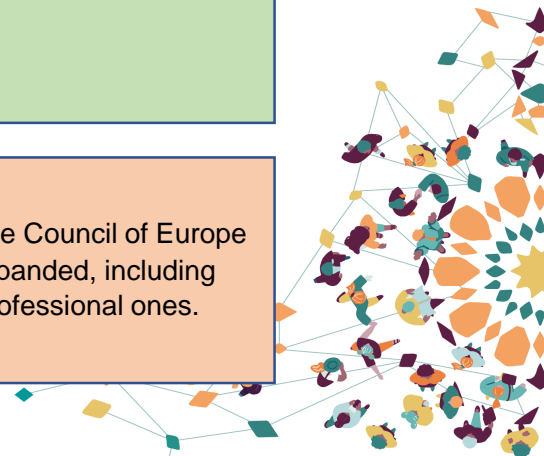
2.2.3 Built capacities of the media sector for proper personal data management policies and practices

3.1.1 .1 TUNISIA ACTION - Policy Advise and Capacity Building on adherence to Treaty Law: Access to information Legal framework compliance with CETS 205 (Tromsø Convention)

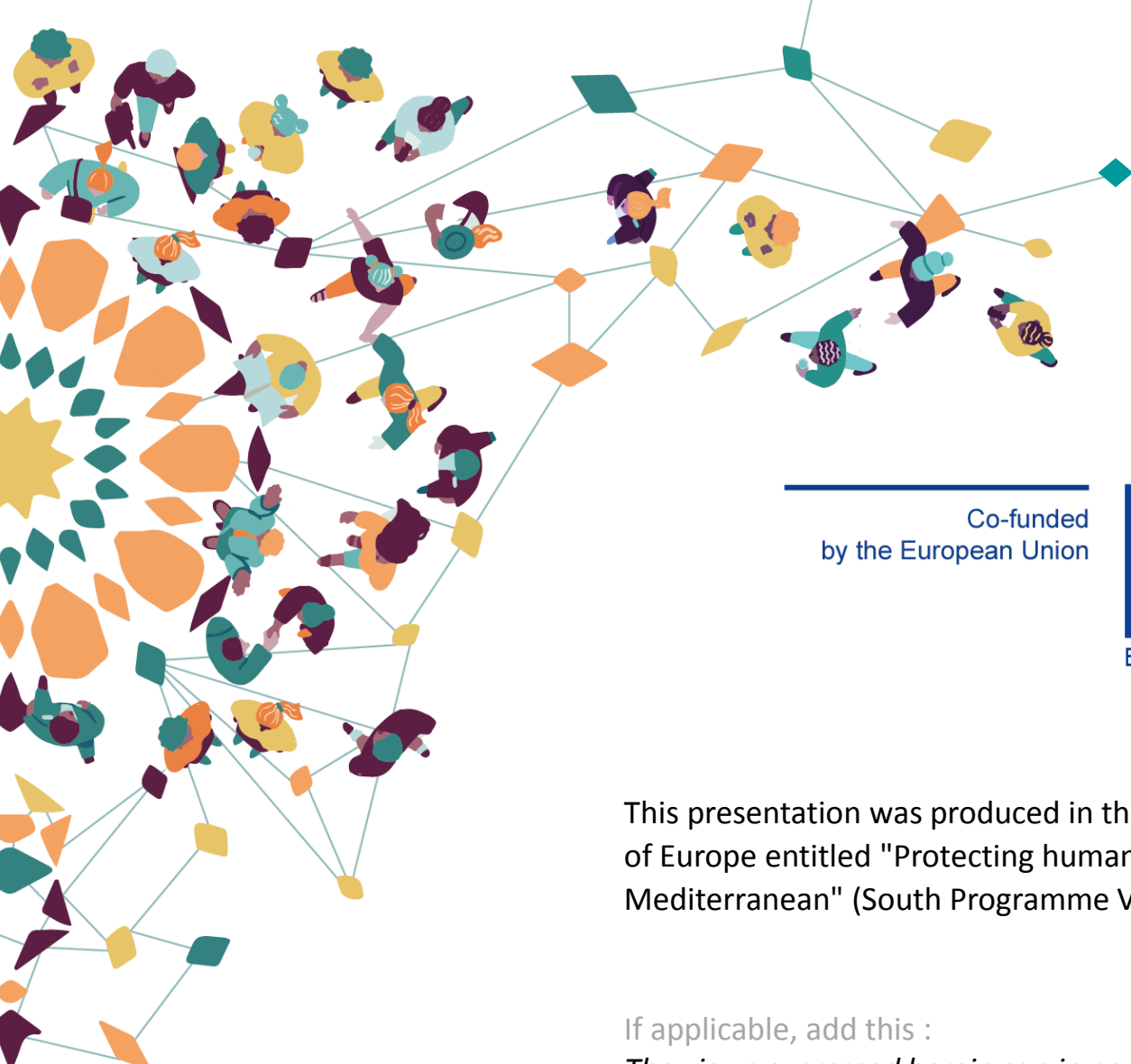
2.2.4 Improved educational curricula on journalism

3.1.1 Enhanced standard understanding through regional and professional network on Access to Information via peer-to-peer exchanges within MENA region and with Europe.

3.1. Existing networks of the Council of Europe are consolidated and expanded, including development of new professional ones.



Outputs	Activities	Inputs/Actions	Beneficiary Institutions	Target Groups	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	
Output 2.1.1 National mechanisms on protection of journalists and advocacy initiatives to ensure further compliance with European standards are promoted	2.1.1.1 REGIONAL ACTION - Capacity building of duty bearers (law enforcement and legal professionals) on protection of journalists in accordance with European Standards.	Guidelines/manual Workshop and training in Materials	International Federation of Journalists (IFJ) National Syndicate of journalists (SNJT), Lebanese Press Order, National press Council, Ministry of Interior of Morocco, Tunisia, Lebanon Libya Ministry of Justice Morocco, Tunisia, Lebanon Libya	Law enforcement, Ministry representatives Interior and Justice per country											Tunisia		
Output 2.1.2 Enabled media sector to implement digital transformation of the traditional legacy media sector	2.1.2.1 REGIONAL ACTION - Regional media exchange on country profiling on digital transformation needs and challenges	Conference - Country Profiles and Policy Orientations	State Authorities, Trade Unions, Regulatory bodies, technological experts, business model experts	State Authorities, Trade Unions, Regulatory bodies, technological experts, editors, donors, media, journalists						Morocco							
	2.1.2.2 TUNISIA Sub-ACTION - Regional media exchange on country profiling on digital transformation needs and challenges	Conference - Country Profiles and Policy Orientations	'State Authorities, Trade Unions, Regulatory bodies, technological experts, business model experts	'State Authorities, Trade Unions, Regulatory body, technological experts, business model experts						Morocco							
	2.1.2.3 MOROCCO - Sub ACTION - Regional media exchange on country profiling on digital transformation needs and challenges	Conference - Country Profiles and Policy Orientations	'State Authorities, Trade Unions, Regulatory bodies, technological experts, business model experts	'State Authorities, Trade Unions, Regulatory body, technological experts, buinsness model experts						Morocco							
	2.1.2.4 LEBANON Sub-ACTION - Regional media exchange on country profiling on digital transformation needs and challenges	Conference - Country Profiles and Policy Orientations	"State Authorities, Trade Unions, Regulatory bodies, technological experts, business model experts	'State Authorities, Trade Unions, Regulatory body, technological experts, buinsness model experts						Morocco							
	2.1.2.5 REGIONAL / Country Sub-Action – Policy Advice on support measures/ necessary actions on digital transformation (legislation, technical support	Technical papers with recommendations - Consultative meetings	State Authorities, Trade Unions, Regulatory bodies, technological experts, business model experts	State Authorities, Trade Unions, Regulatory bodies, technological experts, editors, donors, media, journalists													Lisbon
Output 2.2.1 Strengthened capacities (through regional exchanges) of Audio-visual Regulatory bodies and Press Self-Regulatory bodies when exercising their own mandates	2.2.1.1 LIBYA ACTION - Support the institutional building and the legal framework of the General Authority for Media Monitoring (GAMMC).	Technical paper/advises recommendations/ workshops/translation	General Authority for Media Monitoring Content (GAMMC)	GAMMC, experts, media organizations, journalists					Ttunisia								
	2.2.1.2 LIBYA ACTION - Support through capacity building of the Central Committee of Local Elections (CCLE) in performing their mandate	technical papers/workshops/ recommendations	Central Commission for Local Elections (CCLE)	CCLE staff, experts, NGO's						Ttunisia							
Output 2.2.2 Enhanced application and understanding/ awareness raised of the codes of conduct/ethic codes and ethical journalism through regional exchanges and custom-made trainings, including media coverage of electoral campaigns	2.2.2.1 LIBYA ACTION - Provision of 10 Training sessions for 200 Libyan journalists on reporting on elections online or in Tunisia	Training module/ Training materials/ Guidelines document/ (to be potentially co-financed by IDEA) (Number of participants: 20 participants each for each session.)	General Authority for Media Monitoring Content (GAMMC) / Central Commission for Local Elections (CCLE)	Staff of competent authorities, journalists,						Ttunisia				Ttunisia			
Output 3.1.1 Enhanced standard understanding through regional and professional network on Access to Information via peer-to-peer exchanges within MENA region and with Europe.	3.1.1.1 TUNISIA ACTION - Policy Advise and Capacity Building on adherence to Treaty Law: Access to information Legal framework compliance with CETS 205 (Tromso Convention)	Technical paper/ legal opinions	The Tunisian Access to Information Authority (INAI), Parliament	Representatives of competent authority, experts, Parliament, Government									Tunisia/Sxb				



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