SOUTH PROGRAMME V: C11, Freedom of Expression and Pluralistic Media

Objective: To better protect human rights, Rule of Law and democracy in the Southern Mediterranean region in line with European and international standards.

Intermediate Outcomes

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1.1 Beneficiaries of the region engage in

Outputs

- 1. Council of Europe standards become the policy guidance of major country reforms in the region
- promoting the compliance with Council of Europe conventions and Partial Agreements, including in monitoring mechanisms as relevant, especially concerning Access to the Information
- **1.1.1** Council of Europe standards on freedom of expression, media freedom and access to information are promoted (through awareness and adherence processes)

- 2. Capacities to address global challenges through common tools and responses are enhanced and based on **European and international**
- 2.1. Tools, mechanisms and strategies regarding global challenges to human rights, democracy and Rule of Law are developed to ensure a
- **2.1.1** National mechanisms on protection of journalists and advocacy initiatives ensure further compliance with European standards are promoted

- standards. 3. Co-operation and dialogue
- consistent understanding and approach to these phenomena.
- 2.1.2 Enabled media sector to implement digital transformation of the traditional legacy media sector

- and networking on Human Rights, Rule of Law and **Democracy** is enhanced within the Southern Mediterranean region and between the region and **Europe on the understanding** and application of European standards
- 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** Strengthened capacities (through regional exchanges) of Audiovisual Regulatory bodies and Press Self-Regulatory bodies when exercising their own mandates

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

- **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
 - 2.2.3 Enabled media sector to implement digital transformation of the traditional legacy media sector
 - **2.2.4** Improved educational curricula on journalism
- **3.1.1** Enhanced standard understanding through regional and professional network on Access to Information via peerto-peer exchanges within MENA region and with Europe.

1.1. Actions/Inputs

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REGIONAL ACTION - Regional

event on awareness raising on standards and trends on FOE and Media freedom, Access to Information (ATI), safety of journalists and ECHR treaty law.

TUNISIA Sub-ACTION - Tunisia' framework and challenges on FOE and Access to Information (ATI)

MOROCCO Sub-ACTION -

Morocco's framework and challenges on FOE and Access to Information (ATI)

LEBANON Sub-ACTION-

Lebanon's framework and challenges on FOE and Access to Information (ATI)

LIBYA Sub-ACTION-Libya's framework and challenges on FOE and Access to Information (ATI) REGIONAL ACTION- Capacity building of duty bearers (law enforcement and legal professionals) on protection of journalists in accordance with European Standards.

REGIONAL ACTION-Regional media exchange on country profiling on digital transformation needs and challenges

TUNISIA Sub-ACTION -Regional media exchange on country profiling on digital transformation needs and challenges

MOROCCO - Sub ACTION -Regional media exchange on country profiling on digital transformation needs and challenges

media exchange on country profiling on digital transformation needs and challenges

REGIONAL / Country Sub-Action –

Policy Advice on support measures/ necessary actions on digital transformation (legislation, technical support

REGIONAL/ Country Sub-Action -

Capacity Building to support digital transformation (if requested)

LIBYA ACTION- Support the institutional building and the legal framework of the General Authority for Media Monitoring (GAMMC).

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

LIBYA ACTION- Provision of 10

Training sessions
for 200 Libyan journalists on
reporting on elections online or in
Tunisia

activities on ethical and professional standards concerning election coverage and reporting

REGIONAL ACTION- Regional
Event on policies and practices
concerning personal data
management in the media sector
(Tunisia, Morocco, Libya,
Lebanon)

MOROCCO ACTION- Development of curricula and delivery of master classes for journalists in Morocco: (mobile/online journalism, media management and safety of journalists).

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

MOROCCO ACTION-Policy Advise and Capacity Building on adherence to Treaty Law: Access to information Legal framework compliance with CETS 205 (Tromso Convention)

LEBANON ACTION-Policy Advise and Capacity Building on adherence to Treaty Law: Access to information Legal framework compliance with CETS 205 (Tromso Convention)

LIBYA ACTION- Policy Advise and Capacity Building on adherence to Treaty Law: Access to information Legal framework compliance with CETS 205 (Tromso Convention)

REGIONAL ACTION-Regional event on Reinforcing the MENA region network of Access to Information Authorities (Tunisia, Morocco, Libya, Lebanon)

REGIONAL ACTION - Stock taking event to measure actions and challenges of the region with regard to FOE, Media Freedom and Safety of Journalists.