



FREEDOM OF MEDIA AND SAFETY OF JOURNALISTS IN THE WESTERN BALKANS

Venue: Hotel Podgorica, Podgorica, Montenegro

Thursday, 22 November 2018

- 09:00 – 09:30 **Registration and welcome coffee**
- 09:30 – 10:30 **Welcoming and introduction session (plenary session)**
- Zoran Pažin, Vicepresident of the Government of Montenegro
 - Aivo Orav, Head of EU Delegation to Montenegro
 - Henk van den Dool, ambassador of Netherlands
 - Snežana Trpevska, project's Head researcher
 - Marijana Camović – President of Trade Union of Media of Montenegro, host
- 10:30 – 11:30 **Political and economic pressures on journalists, media and professional journalists associations (*plenary session*)**
- Marija Vukasović, Independent Association of Journalists' of Serbia
 - Igor Micevski, coauthor of the Indicators on the level of media freedom and journalists' safety in the Western Balkans
 - Hrvoje Zovko, Croatian Journalists Association
 - Dragan Sekulovski, Association of Journalists of Macedonia - moderator
- 11:30 – 11:45 **Coffee break**
- 11:45 – 12:45 **WG1: State advertising and financing the media projects by the state: legal and practical consequences on media and journalists' freedoms in the region**
Moderator: Kristina Četković
- WG2: Working conditions and economic position of the journalists in the region, problems of censorship and self-censorship**
Moderator: Radomir Kračković
- 12:45 – 13:00 **Working groups conclusions (plenary session)**
- Lunch**
13:00 – 14:00
- 14:00 – 15:00 **Media legislation and lack of media strategy in the Western Balkans (*plenary session*)**

- Vukašin Obradović, Independent Association of Journalists' of Serbia
- Petrit Collaku, Association of journalists of Kosovo
- Rodoljub Šabić, Commissioner for information of public importance and personal data protection of Serbia (via Skype)
- Borka Rudić, Association of BH Journalists, moderator

15:00 – 16:15 **WG3: The role of regulatory bodies in strengthening media freedom**

Moderator: Vukašin Obradović

WG4: Digital and new media in the Western Balkans: regulatory landscape, working conditions and economic position of journalists

Moderator: Milena Bubanja Obradović

16:15 – 17:00 **Working groups conclusions (plenary session)**

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9:00 – 9:30 **Welcome coffee**

09:30 – 11:00 **State of journalists' safety in the Western Balkans (plenary session)**

- Lejla Dervišagić, representative of the Council of Europe
- Dalibor Tomović, Commission for investigation of attacks on journalists of Montenegro
- Naser Selmani, Association of Journalists of Macedonia
- Marijana Camović, Trade Union of Media of Montenegro
- Mogens Blicher Bjerregard, president of the European Federation of Journalists, moderator

11:00 – 11:15 **Coffee break**

11:15 – 12:30 **WG5: State's mechanisms of journalists' safety: police, prosecutors and judges**

Moderator: Nevenka Ćirović

WG6: The role of professional associations in protection of journalists' safety

Moderator: Saša Leković



12:30 – 13:30 **Working groups conclusions and event wrap up (plenary session)**

13:30 – 14:30 **Lunch and departure**

** The languages used will be Montenegrin and English,
simultaneous translation will be secured **



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