

EUROPEAN CENTRE FOR PRESS & MEDIA FREEDOM

Defending the right to freedom of information and promoting the transnational public debate on violations registered in the European Union as well as in the enlargement and Eastern Partnership countries are the objectives of the **European Centre for Press and Media Freedom - ECPMF**, of which OBC Transeuropa is one of the founding members.

The services OBCT provides to ECPMF include the development and curation of the **Resource Centre on Media Freedom** in Europe and an ongoing work of information and in-depth analysis on key issues for European democracy, in network with numerous media partners in Italy and South-Eastern Europe.

OBCT news on media and journalism



Croatia: Major challenges ahead to improve media freedom

25/9/2024

The international media freedom mission to Croatia has highlighted several significant concerns regarding media law reform, transparency of state advertising, and the safety of journalists including SLAPPs. While some promising initiatives have been noted, the path is still long ahead for Croatia to ensure a free and independent media landscape



Press freedom on trial in Greece: support Alterthess' appeal

19/9/2024

The Media Freedom Rapid Response (MFRR) consortium expresses its full support for Greek journalist Stavroula Poulmeni and media outlet Alterthess ahead of their appeal on 19 September 2024



Call for independent investigation into Emilia Şercan case

17/9/2024

OBCT joins free expression organisations and media outlets in urging Romanian authorities to ensure that the legal cases concerning investigative journalist Emilia Şercan are handled independently and swiftly, following recent court decisions that exposed prosecutorial mishandling of the investigations



MFRR Monitoring Report: January - June 2024

10/9/2024

In the first six months of 2024, the Media Freedom Rapid Response recorded 756 media freedom alerts across Europe



Romanian Court reopens investigation into smear campaign against journalist Emilia Şercan

9/9/2024

Court's decision acknowledges earlier failures to provide justice to Şercan



Croatia: International mission to assess media freedom challenges

9/9/2024

On 9 September, the Media Freedom Rapid Response (MFRR) will begin a press freedom mission to Croatia. The delegation will meet online with government representatives, journalists and journalistic associations, civil society, and renowned media experts to discuss the most pressing challenges to media freedom and pluralism in the country



MEDIA Croatia, media under attack

Zagreb | Giovanni Vale | 10/9/2024

Media campaigns and even kidnapping threats to marginalise and silence an inconvenient media outlet: this is what is happening in Croatia to the maritime affairs website "morski.hr", an episode that reopens concerns about freedom of the press in the country



Turkey: prison sentence for journalist Bülent Mumay is unacceptable

27/8/2024

The undersigned freedom of the press and expression organizations denounce the decision by Turkish appeals court to uphold the 20-month prison sentence against renowned journalist Bülent Mumay



International organisations call on the EU to act against Israel's killings of Palestinian journalists

26/8/2024

OBCT joins 59 other organizations in condemning Israeli authorities' killings of Palestinian journalists, and calling for the suspension of EU-Israel Association Agreement and further EU targeted sanctions



MEDIA BIRN Rejects Pressure to Delete News Reports About Turkish Fraudster

BIRN | 26/8/2024

The Balkan Investigative Reporting Network said it will not take down reports about convicted Turkish fraudster Yasam Ayavef and described an order from a Turkish court to remove the articles as an attack on media freedom



Italy: MFRR calls for constructive dialogue on media freedom recommendations

2/8/2024

The Media Freedom Rapid Response (MFRR) partners stand in solidarity with journalists in Italy and call for an immediate end to all forms of attacks against them. We encourage all key stakeholders, including institutional ones, to join forces in enhancing the protection of journalists and media professionals



REPORT Silencing the Fourth Estate: Italy's Democratic Drift

Redazione | 29/7/2024

The Media Freedom Rapid Response today publishes the final report of the advocacy mission that took place last May in Rome. Public service independence, legal threats, conflicts of interest and market concentration are the main themes



INTERVIEW Digital security in Serbia: another challenge to media freedom

Serena Eps | 22/7/2024

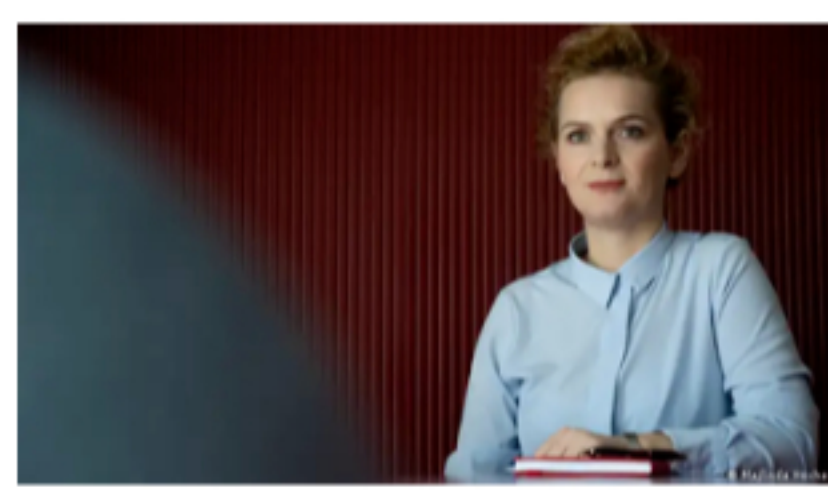
Media outlets in the country are increasingly exposed to cyber attacks, online threats and manipulations. We talked about digital security and its impact on independent journalism in Serbia with Bojan Perkov, digital policy coordinator at SHARE Foundation



INTERVIEW Media in Montenegro

Podgorica | Sava Mirković | 10/7/2024

After the dissolution of Yugoslavia and a transition period, in Montenegro - now a candidate country for EU membership - the evolution of the media landscape continued in parallel with the attempts to accelerate democratic developments. Interview with Mihailo Jovović, editor-in-chief of the independent newspaper Vijesti



Kosovo: Dangerous attack by MP Dimal Basha on ECPMF's Senior legal advisor Flutura Kusari

1/7/2024

The Media Freedom Rapid Response Partners (MFRR) strongly condemn Lëvizja Vetëvendosje MP Dimal Basha's abusive speech against ECPMF Senior legal advisor Flutura Kusari during a speech in the Kosovo parliament. Kusari, found herself singled out in a personal attack aimed at silencing the prominent activist, and resulting in a wave of online abuse and sex-based insults



INTERVIEW Albania: freedom of the press crushed by the weight of politics

Luisa Chiodi | 28/6/2024

Almost non-existent professional ethics, capture of the media by politics and financial unsustainability are just some of the main issues that make the Albanian media landscape particularly alarming. An interview

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The **Media Freedom Resource Centre** is an open online platform that facilitates quick and systematic access to an ever-growing collection of resources on media freedom and pluralism, such as region-wide and country-specific publication and practical tools for journalists, practitioners, policy makers. Whether you are journalist, a media expert or an organisation, use this crowd-sourcing platform to share and disseminate your materials!

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Wiki4Media Freedom

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Building on a previous Wiki GLAM initiative, **Wiki4MediaFreedom** aims at boosting the availability of accurate knowledge on media freedom and pluralism in Europe on Wikipedia. People who are willing to contribute, learn and help disseminate in languages other than English relevant information on these topics are very welcome to join!

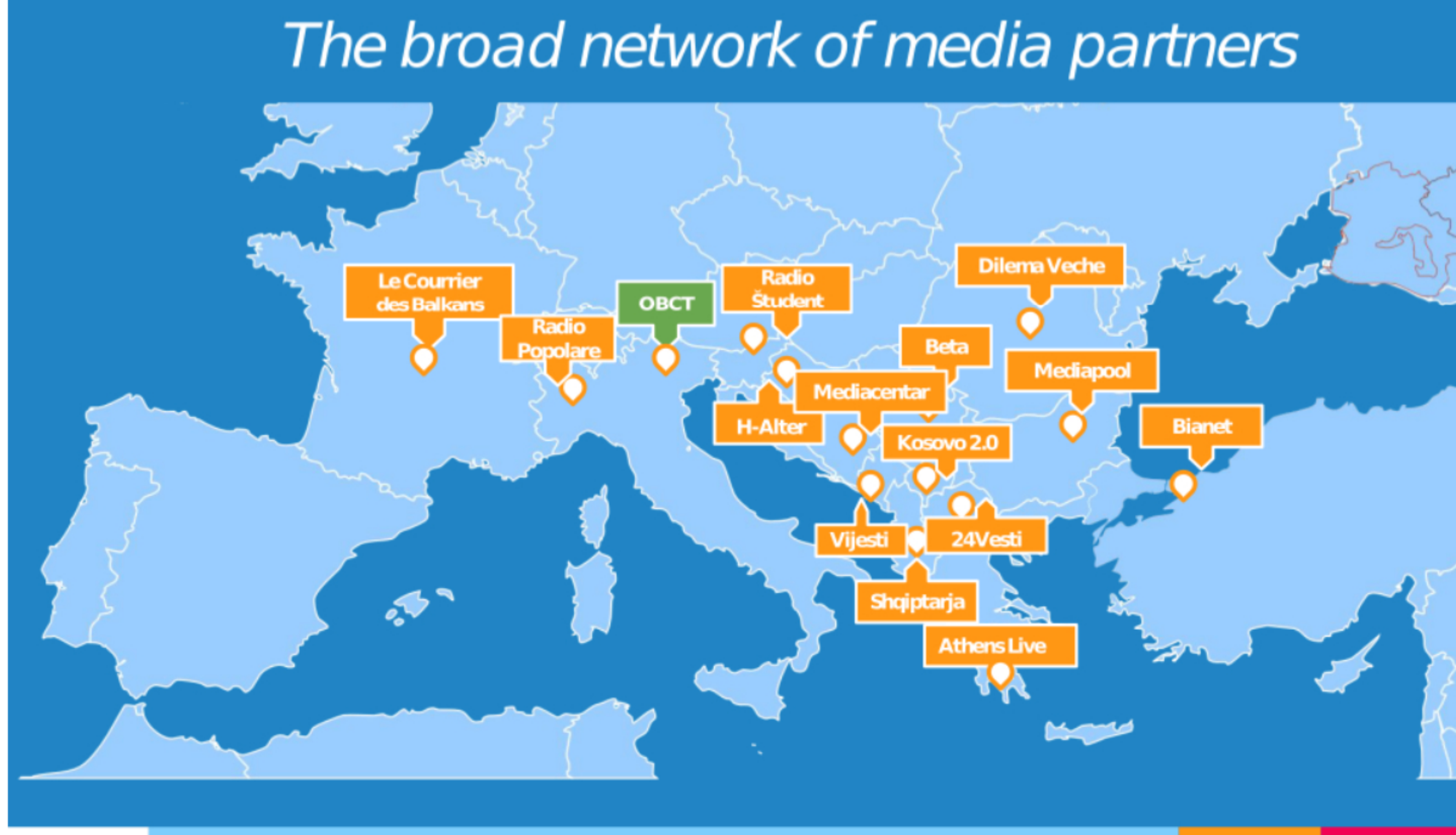
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Mapping Media Freedom

Through a partnership between Index on Censorship, European Federation of Journalists and Reporters Without Borders **Mapping Media Freedom** monitors and visualises the state of media freedom in Europe by crowdsourcing reports of violations and limitations from journalists and press freedom watchdogs. Get involved!

Safety net for European Journalists

OBCT took part in the European project **Safety Net for European Journalists**. A Transnational Support Network for Media Freedom in Italy and South-east Europe



The network of media partner ECPMF

- 24 Vesti** [Macedonia](#) - The first Macedonian all news TV channel and on-line news provider
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- Media Center** [Bosnia Herzegovina](#) - Supporting the development of independent and professional journalism in Bosnia and Herzegovina
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- Kosovo 2.0** [Kosovo](#) - is an online magazine which, since 2010, involves talented young media professionals in Kosovo. All content is published in Albanian, English and Serbian. It has 14.200 fans in Facebook and 4.900 Twitter followers
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- Mediapool** [Bulgaria](#) - Created in 2001, it is the oldest Bulgarian on-line news provider
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- Radio Popolare** [Italy](#) - Broadcasting from Milan, Popolare is both a radio and a network of 17 of the Italian main radio stations covering among other Rome, Florence, Turin, Venice
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- Shqiptarja** [Albania](#) - Independent media-group based in Tirana
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- Vijesti** [Montenegro](#) - The main daily newspaper in Montenegro. It has both a paper and an on-line version. It started its publications in 1997
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Former partner of the network (2015-2016): **The Press Project** [Greece](#) - Daily on-line news provider on Greece. Specialized in features and analyses
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