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## Media and Internet Division

# 2017

46th EPRA Meeting

Vienna, 11-13 Oct. 2017

# Highlights

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2017

HIGHLIGHTS

OUR  
OBJECTIVE

... is that member States' legislation in respect of freedom of expression media, including protection of journalists and internet governance, is in line with Council of Europe standards.



## 2017

### HIGHLIGHTS

Recommendation on the roles and **responsibilities of internet intermediaries**

Study on the **human rights dimensions of algorithms**

Recommendation on **media pluralism and transparency of media ownership**

Feasibility study on a standard-setting instrument on media **coverage of elections with a specific focus on gender equality**

Feasibility study on the **use of internet in electoral campaigns**

## expert committees

CDMSI MSI-NET MSI-MED

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## 2017

### HIGHLIGHTS

“In 17 member states conditions which were previously considered satisfactory are now threatened by increasing reports of physical attacks and threats.”

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**Legal Guarantees** for Freedom of Expression

**Protection of journalists** and other media actors

Media **independence**

Media **pluralism** and diversity

Freedom of expression on the **internet**

**freedom of expression** report by the Secretary General



## 2017

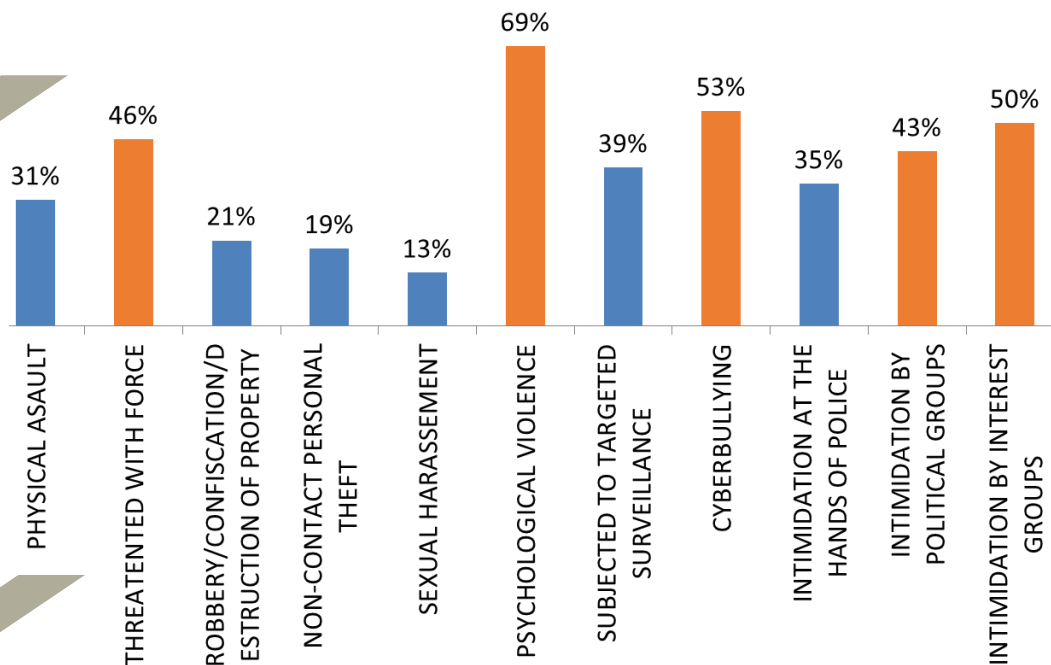
### HIGHLIGHTS

940 participants

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47 member States

46% female



Pan-European survey and study  
**Journalists under Pressure**

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KEY FINDINGS

**Huge pressure on journalists**

**Insufficient protection**

**Self censorship**

**Resilience**

Pan-European survey and study

**Journalists under Pressure**

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**2017**

HIGHLIGHTS

19 June 2017

**Strasbourg**

**Dilemmas and challenges** faced by media professionals covering terrorist acts and threats in today's changing media environment

**Use of digital media** and platforms and the role of internet actors

Regulation/co-regulation/self-regulation **responses**

international colloquium on **media and terrorism**

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## 2017

HIGHLIGHTS

**First Draft Partner  
Network Meeting**

July 3<sup>rd</sup> , 2017

Strasbourg

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**Impact of Closed Networks** on the French Election

**Impact of Fighting Fake News** as they Are Being Spread

**Newship** as a Tool for Identifying whether and how Misinformation is Spreading Online

**Launch of the InVId** Verification Toolbox

**CrossCheck** project

seminar on fake news and

**addressing disinformation**

## 2017

HIGHLIGHTS

**Working Seminar**

December 2017

**High Level  
Conference**

December 2016

**Europe-wide programme** to support national mechanisms to protect journalists, such as ombudsman institutions, press commissioners and non-governmental organisations:

to **strengthen the capacities** of such mechanisms;

to **promote networking** and exchanges of experience in the area of safety of journalists;

to **raise the visibility** of the issue in the member States.

cooperation with national

**human rights institutions**

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## 2017

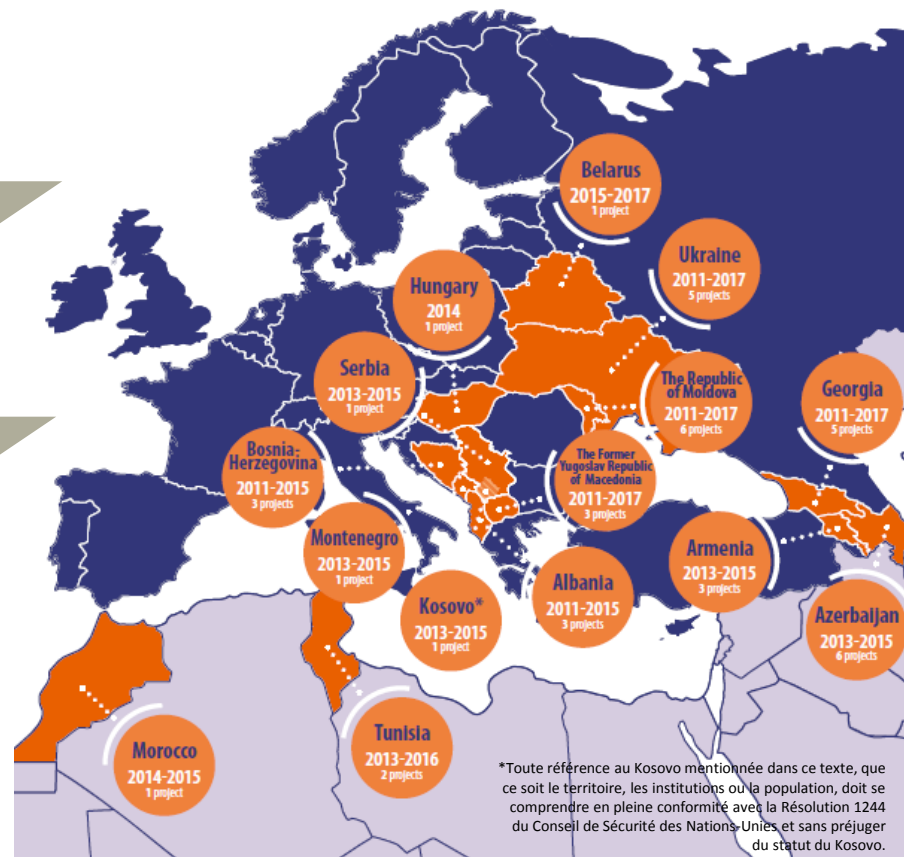
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publication  
on “Media  
regulatory  
authorities and  
Hate speech”

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Programmes  
and **Projects**

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assistance programme  
**co-operation projects**

2017  
HIGHLIGHTS

Freedom of expression

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