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Regular Report to the Permanent Council
For the period from 28 November 2025 – 23 April 2026

VISITS

The OSCE Representative on Freedom of the Media conducts visits to discuss media legislation, and address challenges to press freedom with authorities. These visits are often part of broader efforts to monitor media freedom developments and offer assistance in line with OSCE commitments.

23 March 2026: I visited Latvia, where I had bilateral meetings with Foreign Minister Baiba Braže, Minister of Culture Agnese Lāce and other officials as well as with journalists and civil society representatives. Discussions focused on the advancement of media freedom and ethical journalistic standards, support to independent journalism, and strengthening the safety of journalists in a rapidly evolving information environment. I was pleased to discuss the implementation of Latvia’s Media Policy Guidelines 2024-2027 — a comprehensive framework designed to support a diverse and independent media landscape, as well as the recent reforms in the area of public service broadcasting. I also gave a keynote speech at the Conference on the Role of Media in National Security held in Riga, where I highlighted the importance of promoting free and independent media as a foundation of security and democracy.

24-26 March 2026: I conducted a high-level visit to the EU institutions. I had constructive exchanges with Executive Vice-President of the European Commission for Tech Sovereignty, Security and Democracy Henna Virkkunen, the European External Action Service, the European Data Protection Supervisor, the Chair of the European Parliament’s DROI Committee, and representatives of the International Federation of Journalists, the European Federation of Journalists and the Committee to Protect Journalists. My Office held additional meetings with civil society, the European Commission, the Media Board and the European Broadcasting Union. Ahead of the visit, I met with the Director of the EU Fundamental Rights Agency and with Commissioner for Democracy, Justice, the Rule of Law and Consumer Protection Michael McGrath during his visit in Vienna. Following the EU visit, I met with the EU Special Representative on Central Asia Eduards Stiprais. On 27 April, I will have an online meeting with the European Commissioner for Enlargement Marta Kos.

14-15 April 2026: I conducted a bilateral visit to Switzerland on the occasion of the National Focal Point meeting taking place in Bern. I met with the OSCE Chairperson-in-Office Ignazio Cassis, the Swiss Foreign Ministry's Human Rights Division, the Swiss Federal Office of Communications, the Swiss Press Council, Swiss journalistic associations and civil society as well as the public broadcaster.

ENGAGEMENT WITH PARTICIPATING STATES

The OSCE Representative on Freedom of the Media regularly engages with participating States in a variety of ways, ranging from public statements to confidential diplomatic exchanges, aimed at addressing media freedom developments, promoting compliance, and supporting participating States in upholding their media freedom commitments.

Diplomatic correspondence

During the reporting period, I have written **61** letters on issues related to media freedom to **25** participating States. I have also received **15** letters from **8** participating States.

Public statements

During the reporting period, I have issued **60** public statements. These are circulated to all OSCE participating States on a regular basis, through the internal documents distribution system.

Meetings

During the reporting period, I discussed media freedom issues and engaged in **45** official meetings with representatives from **33** OSCE participating States. Furthermore, I held **35** individual meetings with more than **100** representatives from various media outlets, civil society, and international organizations across the OSCE area.

LEGAL REVIEWS

To help the participating States conform to their media freedom commitments, the OSCE Representative on Freedom of the Media provides legal reviews on proposed media legislation, which include thorough analyses and recommendations of how the legislation might be amended to comply with international standards.

Kazakhstan

My Office's legal team provided preliminary commentaries to the Draft Constitution of Kazakhstan. Commentaries have been provided via bilateral exchange with the delegation.

PUBLICATIONS

Reporting the Environment & Teaching Environmental Reporting

Over the reporting period, my Office has been working with UNESCO to publish two handbooks on environmental journalism. “Reporting the Environment: Practical Manual for Journalists” and “Teaching Environmental Reporting: A Handbook for Journalism Educators” offer accessible, global resources for journalists covering one of the defining stories of our time, and their trainers. The handbooks offer practical guidance on how to:

- Investigate environmental harm and accountability;
- Use data and AI tools responsibly;
- Ensure journalists’ safety in the field;
- Build newsroom capacity for environmental coverage; and
- Strengthen accuracy, inclusion, and a rights-based approach in storytelling.

The handbooks will be published in the coming months.

Outcomes Report for the Central Asia Media Conference: In January 2026, my Office published the Conclusions and Recommendations of the 25th Central Asia Media Conference, consolidating key findings and region-specific recommendations to support follow-up and implementation. Among other key findings, the document emphasizes that independent public-interest journalism across Central Asia is facing growing challenges due to fragile business models, declining advertising revenues, political pressure, and emerging technological challenges brought about by AI and the Big Tech — all of which undermine editorial independence and visibility of quality content. The document also highlights that media freedom is inseparable from economic viability, requiring a supportive legal, regulatory and financial environment, as well as stronger protections for journalists. The key recommendations addressed to State bodies, the media community, civil society and academia therefore call for comprehensive, coordinated action to strengthen enabling legal and economic frameworks, ensure fair and transparent market conditions, support innovation and sustainable business models, enhance professional standards and safety of journalists, deepen research and capacity-building, and foster inclusive, cross-sector cooperation to safeguard independent and resilient media ecosystems in the region.

In the coming period, my Office will be working on the following reports and policy recommendations:

- Strategic Lawsuits Against Public Participation (SLAPPs)
- Foreign Agent Laws
- Compendium of Media Literacy Curricula
- Countering Disinformation

- Public Interest Framework for the future of media freedom
- Study on achievements and gaps in efforts to counter online violence against women journalists
- Promoting the Independence of Public Service Media

EXTRA-BUDGETARY PROJECTS

Repository Programme: This fund allows contributing participating States to allocate funding to the RFoM flexibly, whereby the exact allocation of funds will be determined according to needs within the six extra-budgetary projects below that are part of it.

Regional Conferences: This project aims to assist the participating States in Central Asia and South East Europe in their implementation of OSCE media freedom commitments. The project offers annual media conferences in both regions in 2025-2027, as well as the development and publication of conference outcomes with actionable recommendations stemming from these flagship regional events.

FoM Dialogues – No Security without Media Freedom: This project seeks to bridge the gap between media freedom and the security sector by promoting human rights-based, whole-of-society approaches to countering disinformation. Its flagship events, the Media and Security Structured Dialogues, bring together cross-sectoral experts and practitioners to identify policy frameworks and cooperative strategies that integrate media freedom into broader national and international security agendas. This work will culminate in an OSCE RFoM publication, “**Strategies against Disinformation**”, to be released in 2026. In parallel, the Office is developing a **Public Interest Framework (PIF)**, which will provide guidance on how future regulatory approaches, infrastructure, and education systems can better support media freedom as a foundation for democracy and security. This framework is also expected to be published in 2026.

Safety of Journalists: This project is designed to provide guidance to the participating States on how to strengthen implementation of relevant OSCE principles and commitments, with particular reference to the pledges outlined in Ministerial Council Decision No. 3/18 on the Safety of Journalists. Against this backdrop, the Office has launched the Safety of Journalists Toolbox, a user-friendly platform that highlights existing safety measures from across the OSCE region and encourages further action. A major component of the project is the regular updating of the Toolbox with national instruments, best practices, legislative developments, and mechanisms that enhance journalists' safety. Furthermore, the project has established a **Network of National Focal Points** to promote and update the Toolbox and facilitate the continuous exchange of national initiatives and reporting on the state of implementation of Ministerial Council Decision No. 3/18 in their respective participating States. After the recent extension, the

project is also providing targeted trainings to different stakeholders such as journalists, law enforcement and prosecutors.

Safety of Female Journalists Online (SOFJO): This project supports women journalists in freely practicing their profession and engaging in the public sphere without fear of online violence. Over the years, SOFJO has empowered women in journalism through tailored support mechanisms, awareness campaigns, and advocacy for stronger protections. Additionally, it has highlighted the far-reaching impact of widespread online violence against women journalists on the information landscape. The development of specific indicators has enhanced the systematic monitoring of online violence, revealing that violence against women journalists in digital spaces can escalate into offline intimidation and physical harm. These initiatives have been instrumental in promoting a safer and more inclusive online space.

Healthy Online Information Spaces: This project develops and advances policy guidance on free expression and media freedom within an algorithmic information environment, seeking to address existing and emerging challenges at the intersection of technology, governance and human rights. In particular, it explores the evolving relationship between media and Big Tech, as well as issues of digital authoritarianism, surveillance and information operations, while fostering networks in view of leveraging technology in support of media freedom and the OSCE's broader peace and security agenda.

Journalists Under Severe Political Pressure: This project focuses on raising political-level awareness of specific needs and challenges faced by journalists under severe political pressure, including journalists in exile, and advocating for provision of protection responses to facilitate more secure and sustainable continuation of professional activities of journalists concerned.

EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES

27-29 November 2025: My Office participated in the DataFest 2025 in Tbilisi, Georgia, to present and discuss the policy manual on Safeguarding Media Freedom in the Age of Big Tech Platforms and AI, which had been launched in October 2025 in Vienna, Austria.

2 December 2025: My Office presented the policy manual on Safeguarding Media Freedom in the Age of Big Tech Platforms and AI, and discussed challenges and opportunities for freedom of expression with regard to AI in an interview with the local Austrian radio station 'Radio FRO'.

2 December 2025: My Office took part in a panel discussion held in Vienna on threats, work pressure and gender-based violence targeting women journalists, co-organized by

the Austrian Women's Association Column V and the Austrian Commission for UNESCO as part of the 16 Days Campaign Against Gender-Based Violence. The panel addressed the challenges faced by women journalists, including threats, workplace pressure and gender-based violence, and included a presentation of the SOFJO initiative.

3 December 2025: I addressed the OSCE Parallel Civil Society Conference, ahead of the 32nd OSCE Ministerial Council meeting in Vienna, in which I highlighted the importance of civil society engagement in the OSCE to safeguarding media freedom for comprehensive security.

4 December 2025: I addressed the high-level side event "No Security Without Media Freedom," held on the margins of the 32nd OSCE Ministerial Council 2025 in Vienna, co-hosted by Finland and Germany in cooperation with the Media Freedom Coalition. The event brought together ministers, journalists and media freedom experts to reaffirm the link between media freedom and security. Discussions focused on the role of independent journalism in addressing disinformation, hybrid threats and increasing pressures on journalists, including online harassment, legal intimidation and surveillance.

4-5 December 2025: During the 32nd OSCE Ministerial Council meeting in Vienna, I met with various representatives from OSCE participating States to discuss media freedom issues, including with H.E. Maka Bochorishvili, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Georgia; H.E. Igor Sekret, Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Belarus; H.E. Elisa Spiropali, Minister for Europe and Foreign Affairs of Albania; H.E. Audra Plepytė, Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs of Lithuania; H.E. Yermek Kosherbayev, Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Kazakhstan; H.E. Asein Isaev, First Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Kyrgyz Republic; H.E. Battsetseg Batmunkh, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Mongolia; H.E. Espen Barth Eide, Minister of Foreign Affairs of Norway; and H.E. Dag Hartelius, Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs of Sweden.

8-9 December 2025: My Office organized a high-level session jointly with the Deutsche Welle Akademie on "The Development of Journalism in the Age of Tech Giants and AI", at the 2025 Moldova Media Forum, in Chisinau, Moldova. The session brought together representatives from parliament, media, the audiovisual regulator, and two state secretaries.

9 December 2026: My Office spoke at a panel organized by the Austrian Parliament on AI and disinformation in Vienna, Austria.

11 December 2025: My Office spoke at the OSCE's Transnational Threats Department/ Action against Terrorism Unit's event "From Classrooms to Chatbots", where the policy brief "Ethical Use of Generative Artificial Intelligence in the Context of Preventing and

Countering Violent Extremism and Radicalization that Lead to Terrorism” was launched, which my Office had peer-reviewed.

15-17 December 2025: My Office supported the organization of the OSCE Winter School on “Youth Perspectives on AI Use and Human Rights”, taking place in Geneva, Switzerland, and presented and discussed the policy manual on Safeguarding Media Freedom in the Age of Big Tech Platforms and AI and larger work of the “Healthy Online Information Spaces” project.

12-13 January 2026: I held productive exchanges with the heads of OSCE field operations in Serbia, Albania, North Macedonia and Montenegro where we discussed the state of media freedom and safety of journalists in the respective countries.

13 January 2026: I met with the Minister of Culture, Information and Youth Policy of Kyrgyzstan, H.E. Mirbek Mambetaliev.

19 January 2026: I met with the Permanent Representative of Albania to the OSCE, Ambassador Eglantina Gjermeni.

20 January 2026: I met with the Permanent Representative of Finland to the OSCE, Ambassador Vesa Häkkinen.

20 January 2026: I met with the Minister of European, International and Foreign Affairs of Austria, H.E. Beate Meinl-Reisinger.

22 January 2026: I met with the Chargé d'Affaires of the Permanent Representation of the United States to the OSCE, Kate Rebholz.

23 January 2026: I met with the Head of the Council of Europe's Vienna Office, Ambassador Gerhard Doujak.

26 January 2026: I met with OSCE PA Special Representative on AI, Federica Onori.

27 January 2026: I met with ambassadors representing the OSCE Group of Friends on Safety of Journalists.

27 January 2026: I met with the Permanent Representative of the Russian Federation to the OSCE, Ambassador Dmitry Polyanskiy.

28 January 2026: I met with Permanent Representative of Switzerland to the OSCE, Ambassador Raphael Nägeli.

20-23 January 2026: My Office undertook a fact-finding mission to Georgia, to meet with various stakeholders, including from government, media and civil society, to obtain information and assess the media freedom developments in the country.

27-29 January 2026: My Office participated in the first plenary meeting of the Council of Europe's Committee of Experts on Foreign Information Manipulation and Interference (PC-FIMI), which is working on a draft feasibility study on the possible elaboration of a legal instrument on foreign information manipulation and interference (FIMI), including disinformation, in Strasbourg, France.

28 January 2026: My Office participated in and gave a fireside chat at the event on "Global Perspectives on the Future of Journalism in the Age of AI" organized by the Deutsche Welle Akademie in Berlin, Germany.

29 January 2026: I met with the Permanent Representative of Montenegro to the OSCE, Ambassador Đorđe Radulović.

29 January 2026: I met with the Permanent Representative of Romania to the OSCE, Ambassador Stelian Stoian.

29-30 January 2026: My Office participated in the regional rounds of Monroe E. Price International Media Law Competition for law students in Paris, France.

4 February 2026: My Office spoke at an online event organized by the Christchurch Call Foundation on "Harm Mitigation and Eliminating Terrorist and Violent Extremist Content Online".

5 February 2026: My Office recorded an interview with the Global Governance Forum for a podcast episode on artificial intelligence and information integrity.

5 February 2026: My Office attended a Conference on "Jurisdiction of European audiovisual services — navigating an evolving legal and market landscape" organised by the European Audiovisual Observatory, Council of Europe, in Brussels, Belgium.

6 February 2026: I had an exchange with Mr. Nemanja Dimitrijevic, President of the Federation of Young Serbs in Europe, during which we discussed the state of media freedom and freedom of expression in Serbia.

10-11 February 2026: My Office participated online in the second plenary meeting of the Council of Europe's Committee of Experts on Foreign Information Manipulation and Interference (PC-FIMI), which is working on a draft feasibility study on the possible elaboration of a legal instrument on foreign information manipulation and interference (FIMI), including disinformation.

11 February 2026: I met with the Permanent Representative of Italy to the OSCE, Ambassador Andrea Cascone.

13 February 2026: I met with the Permanent Representative of Sweden to the OSCE, Ambassador Anna Olsson Vrang.

12-13 February 2026: My Office's Implementing Partner on Media Freedom and Big Tech presented the policy manual on Safeguarding Media Freedom in the Age of Big Tech Platforms and AI at UNESCO's Internet for Trust Conference.

16-20 February 2026: I visited Polyana in western Ukraine, where my Office organized a training on enhancing the safety, resilience and mental well-being of journalists. The event brought together 25 Ukrainian journalists, media professionals and editors from print, broadcast and online media, including freelancers and journalists from regional media outlets. The training covered risk assessment in conflict zones, trauma awareness and recovery, newsroom protocols, press protection frameworks, and international standards for journalist safety, with a focus on practical measures to support safe and sustainable reporting.

19 February 2026: I met with Medina Kairylbekova, Alternate Member of the Kyrgyz Parliamentary Delegation to the 2026 OSCE PA Winter Meeting.

19 February 2026: I spoke at the General Committee on Democracy, Human Rights and Humanitarian Questions at the OSCE Parliamentary Assembly Winter Meeting. On that occasion, I launched a collaboration with the PA's Special Representative on AI to promote policy guidance on safeguarding media freedom in the age of AI.

19 February 2026: I addressed the General Committee on Democracy, Human Rights and Humanitarian Questions during the OSCE PA Winter Meeting in Vienna, Austria, stressing that hostile political rhetoric against journalists undermines democracy and media freedom, and urging parliamentarians to uphold OSCE commitments by protecting journalists, ensuring accountability, and fostering a safe environment for independent reporting.

20 February 2026: I held a meeting with Dr. Nikoloz Samkharadze, Chair of the Foreign Relations Committee of Parliament of Georgia, on the margins of the OSCE Parliamentary Assembly Winter Meeting, during which we discussed media freedom-related developments in Georgia as well as the findings of the OSCE RFoM Office's recent fact-finding mission to the country.

23 February 2026: I met with the Permanent Representative of Latvia to the OSCE, Ambassador Raimonds Oškālns.

23-25 February 2026: My Office participated online in the third plenary meeting of the Council of Europe's Committee of Experts on Foreign Information Manipulation and Interference (PC-FIMI), which is working on a draft feasibility study on the possible elaboration of a legal instrument on foreign information manipulation and interference (FIMI), including disinformation.

23 February-1 March 2026: In cooperation with the International Press Institute, the Austrian Federal Ministry for European and International Affairs and the Austrian Federal Ministry of Defence, my Office organized a Hostile Environment Awareness Training (HEAT) in Götzendorf, Austria, bringing together around 20 journalists from the South Caucasus, South-Eastern Europe and Ukraine to strengthen their preparedness for working in high-risk environments.

24 February 2026: I met with Dimitrios Kirmikiroglou, Secretary General of Communication and Media of Greece, who briefed me on the progress of the ambitious programme and activities undertaken to advance media freedom and improve the safety of journalists in his country.

25 February 2026: My Office organized a dedicated session on the online safety of women journalists, presenting the SOFJO initiative and featuring the testimonial and experience of journalist Emilia Şercan, who spoke about the impacts and effects of violence against women journalists, as well as the available mechanisms for reporting and seeking support. The session took place in the framework of the HEAT in Götzendorf, Austria.

25 February 2026: I met with the Permanent Representative of Norway to the OSCE, Ambassador Ellen Svendsen.

26 February 2026: I held a meeting with Romanian journalist Emilia Şercan, who has recently been the target of a severe smear campaign, to discuss her case and explore ways in which my Office can support her.

2 March 2026: My Office spoke at an event organized by the Austrian Helsinki Foundation on media freedom and hate speech in Vienna, Austria.

5-6 March 2026: I addressed, through a video message, the UK Media Freedom Forum 2026. My Office also participated in two panel discussions at the Forum and held a series of meetings with Media Freedom Team of the Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office (FCDO), Ofcom, the BBC, Finland's Media Freedom Coalition team, the Media Freedom Coalition's High-Level Legal Panel and other civil society organizations.

9 March 2026: I met with the Permanent Representative of Ukraine to the OSCE, Ambassador Yurii Vitrenko.

10-11 March: I intervened at the Athens Alitheia Forum "Addressing emerging challenges of today's media landscapes" in Athens, Greece. In my speech I highlighted that, at a time when conflicts are spreading across the world and the rules-based international order is being challenged, and when respect for human rights is too often undervalued, we do need independent and ethical journalism more than ever.

10-12 March 2026: My Office participated in and spoke at a session on “AI and Digital Wellbeing” and at a policy roundtable on “Media Pluralism in the Algorithmic Era” at the Voices Journalism and Media Freedom Conference in Florence, Italy.

11-13 March 2026: My Office participated in the fourth plenary meeting of the Council of Europe’s Committee of Experts on Foreign Information Manipulation and Interference (PC-FIMI), which is working on a draft feasibility study on the possible elaboration of a legal instrument on foreign information manipulation and interference (FIMI), including disinformation, in Strasbourg, France.

12 March 2026: My Office participated as a member in the bi-annual meeting of the Advisory Committee to the European Audiovisual Observatory, Council of Europe, in Strasbourg, France.

16-18 March 2026: In co-operation with the International Training Center for the Safety of Journalists and Media Professionals (ICSJ), my Office organized the Safety for Journalists Training School in Greece. The training focused on preparing journalists, both physically and mentally, for work in crisis environments, including war zones and other high-risk assignments. The programme combined expert-led instruction with practical exercises, enabling participants to enhance their situational awareness, risk assessment skills, ethical decision-making and overall resilience.

17 March 2026: I met with the Permanent Representative of Tajikistan to the OSCE, Ambassador Manuchehr Jobir.

17 March 2026: I had an exchange with Ms. Sofija Todorovic, Director of the Youth Initiative for Human Rights, during which we discussed issues related to the media freedom situation in Serbia.

19 March 2026: I met with the President of National Union of Journalists of Ukraine, Sergiy Tomilenko.

19-20 March 2026: I delivered welcoming remarks at the 3rd International Conference on Journalist Safety, where we gathered under the theme “Bearing Witness: Trauma and Resilience in Modern Journalism.” I emphasized the importance of cooperation, training, and support systems to strengthen journalists’ resilience, address trauma and ensure they can continue their vital role in society.

19-20 March 2026: My Office participated and spoke at the Save Journalism Conference in Paris, France. At that occasion, my Office also met with UNESCO, the OECD, civil society, Reporters Without Borders and the French Ministry for Europe and Foreign Affairs.

20 March 2026: My Office gave a keynote speech, presenting the policy manual on Safeguarding Media Freedom in the Age of Big Tech Platforms and AI, and participated in

a panel on “Voices Under Pressure — Freedom of Press in a Changing World” organized by DiploCité in Paris, France.

23 March 2026: I met with the Chairperson of Public Electronic Mass Media Council of Latvia, Sanita Upleja Jegermane.

23 March 2026: I met with representatives from the Association of Journalists of Latvia.

24 March 2026: My Office co-organized, together with the European Partnership for Democracy, the International Fund For Public Interest Media, and Free Press Unlimited, an event on “Turning Words Into Action: Media Support within the European Democracy Shield” in Brussels, Belgium. I gave a keynote address and my Office moderated a session on “The Role of Media in Strengthening Democratic Resilience and Security”. Following the event, I conducted a high-level visit to EU institutions.

24 March 2026: My Office participated online in the first meeting of the Council of Europe Expert Committee on Media Regulation in a Platform-Based Environment.

24 March 2026: I met with the Director for Western Europe of the European External Action Service, Ambassador Emanuele Giaufret.

24 March 2026: I met with the Committee to Protect Journalists EU Advocacy Lead, Tom Gibson.

24 March 2026: I met with the Director of the European Federation of Journalists, Renate Schröder.

24 March 2026: I met with the Secretary General of the International Federation of Journalists, Anthony Bellanger.

25 March 2026: I met with the Chair of the European Parliament’s Subcommittee on Human Rights, MEP Mounir Satouri.

25 March 2026: I met with the European Data Protection Supervisor, Wojciech Wiewiórowski.

25 March 2026: I met with the Executive Vice-President of the European Commission for Tech Sovereignty, Security and Democracy, Henna Virkkunen.

1 April 2026: My Office delivered an online webinar for members of the Youth Security Europe network on disinformation, foreign information manipulation and interference, as well as the interrelationship between media freedom and security.

9 April 2026: I met with the Permanent Representative of the United Kingdom to the OSCE, Ambassador Neil Holland.

13 April 2026: My Office participated in an informal workshop on “disinformation crisis simulation” by the European Centre of Excellence for Countering Hybrid Threats, in Vienna, Austria.

13 April 2026: I met with the Permanent Representative of Mongolia to the OSCE, Ambassador Mijiddorj Tsengeg.

13 April 2026: I met with the Permanent Representative of the Czech Republic to the OSCE, Ambassador Jan Marian.

13 April 2026: I met with the EU Special Representative for Central Asia, Eduards Stiprais.

13-15 April 2026: My Office organized a high-level National Focal Points Meeting in cooperation with the 2026 Swiss OSCE Chairpersonship aimed at fostering a closer cooperation and facilitating the exchange of information among national authorities in Bern, Switzerland. At the meeting, my Office presented to and discussed with the National Focal Points the policy manual on Safeguarding Media Freedom in the Age of Big Tech Platforms and AI.

14 April 2026: I met with the OSCE Chairman-in-Office, Federal Councillor Ignazio Cassis.

14 April 2026: I met with the Vice-Director General of the Federal Office of Communications of Switzerland, Thomas Schneider.

14 April 2026: I met with the Head of the Bern Office of the Swiss Press Council, Ursina Wey.

14 April 2026: I met with the Undersecretary for Global Affairs at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Estonia, Minna-Liina Lind.

14 April 2026: I met with the Deputy Head of the Peace and Human Rights Division at the Swiss Federal Department of Foreign Affairs, Ambassador Dagmar Schmidt Tartagli.

15 April 2026: I met with Stephanie Vonarburg, Syndicom; Walter Bachmann, SRG; and Denis Masméjean, Reporters Sans Frontières Switzerland.

15-16 April: My Office held the National Focal Points on Safety of Journalists (NFP) meeting in Bern, Switzerland, bringing together NFPs to share national practices, review the implementation of Ministerial Council Decision No. 3/18, update the Toolbox, as well as discuss protection measures across the OSCE region. The meeting also offered the opportunity to visit the Swiss Public Service Broadcaster SRG.

15-17 April 2026: My Office participated in the Council of Europe Expert Committee for New and Emerging Digital Technologies.

21 April 2026: My Office will participate in a Conference on Media Freedom and the Future of Media Funding in Austria, holding a workshop on “Big Tech and Platform Regulation” in Vienna, Austria.

21 April 2026: I opened a training session on the physical and digital security of journalists during war. This session was organised by colleagues from the OSCE Support Programme for Ukraine, in cooperation with the Ukrainian authorities and partners. Representatives from parliament, security institutions and the media community were brought together to strengthen practical approaches to journalist safety in the context of Russia’s full-scale invasion.