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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.

3–7 May 2026: I undertook an official visit to Tajikistan in connection with World Press Freedom Day to discuss media freedom with the authorities, journalists, civil society and academia. Discussions addressed journalists' safety, access to information, and the conditions needed for independent and ethical journalism. The visit identified opportunities for practical co-operation on journalism education, media literacy and AI governance, with an emphasis on strengthening professional standards and ensuring that responses to digital change uphold human rights and media freedom.

20–22 May 2026: I undertook an official visit to Albania, where I held bilateral meetings with the authorities and media stakeholders, focusing on the safety of journalists, legal protections and the broader environment for independent media. I welcomed recent amendments to Albania's Criminal Code strengthening protections for journalists against threats and violence, while stressing the need for effective implementation and

accountability, including in cases of online and gender-based violence. I also called for the full decriminalization of defamation and stronger safeguards against Strategic Lawsuits Against Public Participation (SLAPPs). I further welcomed legislative measures to improve media ownership transparency and discussed the need to strengthen the independence, governance and financial sustainability of the public broadcaster RTSH.

18–22 June 2026: I undertook a visit to Serbia as part of my continued efforts to support the integrity, transparency and inclusiveness of the process for constituting the Council of the Regulatory Authority for Electronic Media (REM), in accordance with the Law on Electronic Media. I met with the Speaker of the National Assembly, Ms. Ana Brnabić, representatives of the President's Office, the OSCE Mission to Serbia, the Delegation of the European Union (EU) to Serbia, as well as four of the eight REM Council members elected by the National Assembly in November 2025 who had subsequently submitted their resignations amid concerns over the failure to elect the ninth Council member representing national minorities. My efforts focused on fostering constructive dialogue between the Serbian authorities and the four members, with a view to facilitating their return to the Council and assumption of their mandates. Following the National Assembly's adoption of the Authentic Interpretation of Article 18(4) of the Law on Electronic Media on 10 July 2026, the four members decided to take up their mandates. The REM Council is currently operating with eight members, as the seat designated for a representative of national minority organizations remains vacant and is expected to be filled by the end of the year.

15–16 July 2026: I undertook an official visit to Czech Republic, where I met with representatives of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Ministry of Culture and Office of the Government, members of both chambers of Parliament, as well as representatives of public service media, journalists and media freedom organizations. Discussions focused on the proposed reform of the financing of Czech Television and Czech Radio, the safety of journalists, media literacy, disinformation, challenges to media freedom posed by artificial intelligence, and support for exiled journalists residing in the country. I stressed the important role of independent public service media in supporting democratic debate and countering information manipulation, and underlined that any future funding model should provide adequate, sustainable and predictable resources while fully safeguarding institutional and editorial independence from political interference.

5–7 October 2026: I undertook an official visit to Mongolia for discussions with the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Ministry of Justice and Ministry of Culture, parliamentarians and journalists on reforms affecting the media's ability to work freely and independently. Central to these exchanges were the draft Law on Freedom of the Media and proposed Criminal Code amendments concerning defamation, alongside concerns about journalists' safety, the financial pressures facing newsrooms and the growing influence of AI and digital platforms. My Office also partnered with the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, with support from the Media Council of Mongolia, to bring media literacy and ethical journalism into a practical training focused on everyday editorial decisions and public trust.

9–10 October 2026: I undertook an official visit to Kyrgyzstan to open the 26th Central Asia Media Conference in Bishkek, bringing together journalists, officials and experts to discuss what makes journalism safe, independent and worthy of public trust. In bilateral meetings with the authorities, I discussed media legislation and its implementation, journalists' working conditions and opportunities for practical co-operation. My Office subsequently contributed to the OSCE Academy's annual alumni conference on 10–11 October, discussing AI and media freedom and presenting the joint RFoM/UNESCO manual on environmental journalism. It also presented translations of Ministerial Council Decision No. 3/18 on the Safety of Journalists into five Central Asian languages and Mongolian, supporting wider understanding and national implementation of these commitments.

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 **111** letters on issues related to media freedom to **28** participating States. I have also received **40** letters from **18** participating States.

Public statements

During the reporting period, I have issued **84** 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 **55** official meetings with representatives from **24** OSCE participating States. Furthermore, I held **36** individual meetings with more than **80** representatives from various media outlets and civil society organizations across the OSCE area.

LEGAL REVIEWS

To support the participating States, conform to their media freedom commitments at the request of participating States, 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.

Portugal:
Peer Review of ODIHR's Urgent Opinion on the Bill No. 398/XVII/1 On Measures to Protect Children in Digital Environments (June 2026)

Bosnia and Herzegovina:
Legal Analysis of the Pre-Draft Law on Electronic Communications (August 2026)

Ukraine:
Legal Review of the legislative package on countering SLAPPs (September 2026)

JOINT DECLARATION

The Joint Declaration on the Right to Freedom of Expression and Access to Information of Children in the Digital Age was adopted together with the other three mandate holders on Freedom of Expression — the United Nations (UN) Special Rapporteur on Freedom of Opinion and Expression, the Organization of American States (OAS) Special Rapporteur on Freedom of Expression, and the African Commission on Human and Peoples' Rights (ACHPR) Special Rapporteur on Freedom of Expression and Access to Information — on 4 May 2026.

PUBLICATIONS

Commitments

My office has published the updated 5th edition of the compilation of OSCE commitments related to freedom of the media, freedom of expression and the free flow of information, as well as the mandate of the OSCE Representative on Freedom of the Media. Spanning more than five decades, this compilation demonstrates how the OSCE and its participating States have responded to challenges, providing a collective compass for participating States, media professionals and civil society. These commitments underpin my Office's work, almost three decades after its establishment as the only intergovernmental institution dedicated to promoting media freedom. In keeping with the RFoM mandate, we monitor violations of these commitments and seek to support participating States in adhering to them.

Reporting the Environment: A Practical Manual for Journalists

This manual offers journalists practical tools to translate complex scientific findings and policies into accessible, rights-based reporting that informs and engages audiences. Furthermore, it seeks to address some of the key challenges to environmental reporting, including safety concerns, dealing with news avoidance, countering disinformation, and using AI in the newsroom. Developed jointly with UNESCO, this publication is designed to strengthen environmental journalism training and education.

Translations of MC Decision No. 3/18 into the Kazakh, Kyrgyz, Mongolian, Tajik, Turkmen and Uzbek languages

Ministerial Council Decision No. 3/18 on Safety of Journalists represents a significant commitment by all participating States to strengthen the safety of journalists and to create an enabling environment in which media professionals can carry out their work freely and independently. Its adoption in 2018 reaffirmed the shared understanding that journalists must be able to perform their essential public-interest role without fear of violence, intimidation, harassment or undue interference. Making this Decision and its principles accessible in five Central Asian languages and Mongolian is an important step towards broadening awareness of these commitments and facilitating their meaningful use by journalists, media practitioners, civil society, public officials and other stakeholders. Translation is not merely a linguistic exercise: it is a means of ensuring that the commitments undertaken within the OSCE are accessible to all and can inform national discussions, policies and practices.

Outcomes Report for the South East Europe Media Freedom Conference: In October, my Office released the Outcomes Report from the 11th regional South East Europe Media Conference (SEEMC), held in Tirana on 18-19 May 2026. This report distils key conclusions and recommendations drawn from discussions among a broad spectrum of experts from journalism and beyond. It sets out concrete ways to strengthen journalism as a public good in fostering informed public debate, democratic accountability, and resilient societies.

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 connects media freedom and security through human rights-based, whole-of-society approaches to disinformation and information manipulation. During the reporting period, the Office convened a Structured Dialogue with ODIHR on safeguarding media freedom and electoral integrity, examining responses to disinformation and ways to strengthen public trust. The dialogue brought together perspectives from journalism, civil society, public authorities, and the security sector to explore cooperation that protects independent scrutiny and informed electoral participation. Findings from the Structured Dialogues are informing the forthcoming publication, *Strategies against Disinformation: From Response to Resilience*, which combines guidance on responding to harmful operations

with measures to strengthen societal resilience, and will be published by December 2026.

In parallel, work on the Public Interest Framework advanced through consultations across its three pillars: regulation, infrastructure, and education. Exchanges with the European Platform of Regulatory Authorities (EPRA) examined the future of media regulation, the responsibilities of evolving information actors, and public trust. Consultations with the Alliance of Independent Press Councils in Europe (AIPCE) addressed how self-regulation can uphold professional standards and accountability while preserving editorial autonomy. On infrastructure, the Office consulted journalists, digital rights organisations, alternative platforms, and technology alliances supporting journalism on approaches to reducing dependency and supporting independent information systems; this work will continue during the next reporting period. The education pillar includes the forthcoming *Media Literacy Compendium*, bringing together examples of media and information literacy curricula from across the OSCE region.

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 MC Decision 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 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. During the reporting period, the project engaged and organized various activities including the Hostile Environment and First Aid Training (HEAT) for journalists, which equips participants with practical skills to assess risks, respond to security threats, and take appropriate action in hostile or high-risk environments.

Safety of Female Journalists Online (SOFJO): The project aims to ensure that women journalists can exercise their profession and participate freely in public discourse without fear of online violence, harassment or intimidation. Through targeted support mechanisms, awareness-raising initiatives and advocacy for stronger protective measures, SOFJO has contributed to strengthening the safety of women journalists and raising awareness of the broader implications of online violence for media freedom and the information environment. During the reporting period, the project focused on developing the institution’s first e-learning resource based on the Guidelines for Monitoring Online Violence against Female Journalists. This initiative seeks to strengthen knowledge and capacities for the systematic monitoring and assessment of online violence against women journalists. The project also conducted an in-depth assessment of the situation of women journalists over the past decade, providing a basis for identifying key developments, persistent challenges and areas requiring further action.

In addition, a new phase of the project was identified and approved during the reporting period. Building on the achievements and lessons learned from previous activities, the next phase will continue to support participating States and relevant stakeholders in developing and implementing effective policies and frameworks to enhance the safety of women journalists. It will also expand the project's scope by addressing the interconnected nature of online and offline violence and placing greater emphasis on translating existing commitments into concrete measures and actions at the national level and among relevant stakeholders.

Healthy Online Information Spaces: This project develops and advances policy guidance on free expression and media freedom within a complex algorithmic information environment, seeking to address existing and emerging challenges at the intersection of technology, information integrity, and human rights. It explores the evolving relationship between journalism, Big Tech, and AI, as well as digital authoritarianism, surveillance, and information manipulation, and fosters networks to leverage technology in support of media freedom and the OSCE's broader peace and security agenda. During the reporting period, the project contextualized policy guidance on strengthening the availability and accessibility of public interest media in the age of Big Tech and AI to specific regions, advised participating States on its implementation, fostered multi-stakeholder engagement, and developed guidance on preventing undue surveillance of journalists.

Journalists Under Severe Political Pressure: The project aims to enable safe working environment for journalists to report unhindered on matters of public interest, thus contributing to media freedom, security and peace across the OSCE region. It focuses on raising political-level awareness of specific needs and challenges faced by journalists under severe political pressure, particularly journalists in exile, advocating for provision of protection responses to facilitate more secure and sustainable continuation of their professional activities, and facilitating opportunities for journalists concerned to address their needs. In the reporting period, the Office supported capacity-building activities with focus on online audience development and digital security, further explored gaps and positive practices in addressing challenges faced by such media professionals, and continued advocating for the protection and support responses.

EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES

21–25 April 2026: I delivered opening remarks online at a seminar in Polyana, Ukraine, organized by the OSCE Support Programme for Ukraine and Ukrainian partners for Ukrainian journalists and editors working in wartime. My Office contributed to the training, which focused on reporting in dangerous environments, emergency evacuation and digital security, helping participants protect themselves, their sources and their reporting materials.

23–25 April 2026: In partnership with the Sustainability Foundation, my Office organized a training workshop and context-specific individual consultations for a group of exiled

journalists to strengthen their capacities on online audience development in Riga, Latvia, with a focus on expanding reach on YouTube, scaling a media business, building sustainable digital delivery of news and other related topics.

27 April 2026: I had an online meeting with European Commissioner for Enlargement Marta Kos.

28 April 2026: I had an exchange with journalists and civil society representatives from Albania.

4 May 2026: I delivered opening remarks at the World Press Freedom Day conference organized by the OSCE Programme Office in Dushanbe, stressing that independent and ethical journalism is essential to public trust and security. My Office also contributed to a panel discussion and facilitated a roundtable on media literacy and AI.

4 – 6 May 2026: I met with the Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs of Tajikistan, Idibek Kalandar, the Director of the news outlet Asia-Plus, Umed Bobokhonov, the Director of the state news agency Khovar, Subhiddin Shamsiddinzoda, the Director of Safina Television Sadriddin Shamsuddinzoda, the Head of the OSCE Programme Office in Dushanbe, Ambassador Salome Steib and members of the international community based in Dushanbe to discuss media freedom related issues in the country.

5 May 2026: My Office organized a briefing for Tajik authorities in Dushanbe on the Policy Manual on Safeguarding Media Freedom in the Age of Big Tech Platforms and AI.

6–7 May 2026: My Office participated in the IPI Media Innovation Festival focusing on a shared vision for technology and revenue in independent media, in Vienna.

7 May 2026: My Office spoke at a panel on artificial intelligence (AI) and conflict prevention at the Swiss OSCE Chairpersonship's conference on "Anticipating technologies – for a safe and humane future" in Geneva, Switzerland.

8 May 2026: I met with a group of Georgian journalists in Vienna.

11–12 May 2026: My Office supported the organization of and participated in the Supplementary Human Dimension Meeting on "Safeguarding Civic Space in the Digital Age" in Vienna, Austria.

13 May 2026: My Office co-organized and participated in the Regional Academy on the United Nations' youth event on "Global Transformation for Future Generations" in Vienna.

18 May 2026: In the framework of the South-Eastern Europe Media Conference held in Tirana, Albania, my Office conducted three focus group discussions with journalists and experts from across the region. Participants highlighted the widespread and increasingly normalized nature of gender-based online violence against women journalists in South-Eastern Europe and emphasized the need for stronger implementation of existing laws, improved data collection, enhanced institutional and psychosocial support, greater accountability of technology platforms, and continued regional cooperation and capacity-building. The findings from the focus group discussions informed the ongoing

development of the SOFJO 10-year assessment, which is expected to be published in the coming months.

18–19 May 2026: I hosted the 11th South East Europe Media Conference, held in Tirana, Albania, under the theme "Strengthening Journalism as a Public Good". The conference brought together more than 140 participants from across the region – including journalists, media experts, civil society representatives, academics, government officials and representatives of international organizations – providing a valuable platform for multi-stakeholder dialogue on pressing media freedom issues. Discussions focused on journalists' safety and mental well-being, accountability for attacks, ethical and investigative journalism, digital surveillance, media ownership transparency, the impact of Big Tech and artificial intelligence on media freedom, and media and information literacy curricula. The conference helped inform my Office's engagement in support of OSCE commitments on media freedom and freedom of expression, while strengthening professional networks, solidarity, and collaborative initiatives and reforms in the media sector. Through this regional platform, my Office continues to foster practical co-operation aimed at strengthening independent, pluralistic and sustainable media systems in which journalism can fulfil its essential role in a democratic society safely and without undue hindrance.

18–19 May 2026: During the South East Europe Media Conference in Tirana, Albania, my Office held a workshop on "Policy-to-practice: Roadmap co-design lab on regional implementation of the RFoM Policy Manual on Safeguarding Media Freedom in the Age of Big Tech Platforms and AI".

20 May 2026: My Office organized a consultation in Tirana, Albania, with members from the European Platform of Regulatory Authorities (EPRA) on "Safeguarding public interest in a rapidly evolving media ecosystem".

20-21 May 2026: I met with the Speaker of the Parliament of Albania, Niko Peleshi, the Minister of Justice of the Republic of Albania, Toni Gogu, the General Prosecutor of the Republic of Albania, Olsian Cela, the Chair of the Parliamentary Committee on Europe and Foreign Affairs, Igli Hasani, the head of the Parliamentary Committee on Human Rights and Means of Public Information, Jorida Tabaku the Chief of Communication of the General Directorate of State Police, Gentian Mullaj, Chair of the Audiovisual Media Authority, Armela Krasniqi, the Head of the Delegation of the European Union to Albania, Ambassador Silvio Gonzato and the Head of the OSCE Presence in Albania, Ambassador Michel Tarran to discuss media freedom related issues in the country.

21 May 2026: I delivered a keynote speech at the 63rd meeting of the European Platform of Regulatory Authorities (EPRA) in Tirana, Albania.

25 May 2026: I met in Vienna with Márton Gergely, editor-in-chief of Heti Világgazdaság (HVG).

25 May 2026: In partnership with ODIHR, my Office organized a Structured Dialogue on Media Freedom and Security entitled "Safeguarding Media Freedom and Electoral Integrity: Countering Disinformation, Strengthening Trust" in Vienna. The discussion examined how to address election-related disinformation and foreign information

manipulation and interference while safeguarding media freedom and freedom of expression and strengthening public trust in democratic processes.

26 May 2026: Upon invitation from the European Centre for Press and Media Freedom (ECPMF), I took part in an online briefing on two fact-finding missions on media freedom organized by the Council of Europe Platform on the Safety of Journalists in Kosovo[1] (23–25 March 2026) and Serbia (26–27 March 2026).

28 May 2026: I met with the Permanent Representative of Malta to the OSCE, Ambassador Francesca Camilleri Vettinger, to discuss media freedom related issues and our cooperation.

29 May 2026: I met with the Permanent Representative of Armenia to the OSCE Ambassador Andranik Hovhannisyan to discuss media freedom-related issues and our cooperation.

29 May 2026: I met with Ivana Vanovac, President of the Association of Journalists of Serbia (UNS) in Kosovo[1].

29 May 2026: I met with Hrvoje Šimičević, a journalist with Croatia's *Novosti* weekly magazine.

29 May 2026: I met with Oliver Vujović, Secretary General of the South East Europe Media Organisation (SEEMO).

31 May 2026: My Office co-organized together with the World Association of News Publishers a workshop on the role of associations on the future of journalism in the age of Big Tech and AI, at the World News Media Congress in Marseille, France.

1 June 2026: I had an exchange with the Director of the Youth Initiative for Human Rights in Serbia, Sofija Todorović.

1 June 2026: My Office organized an online stakeholder consultation with law enforcement and security representatives from several OSCE participating States with the support of the OSCE Strategic Police Matters Unit. Facilitated by ICFJ researchers, the consultation examined emerging trends and challenges related to online violence and technology-facilitated gender-based violence (TFGBV) against women journalists. The outcomes of the consultation informed the development of SOFJO e-learning materials and related capacity-building initiatives.

1 June 2026: Together with the other international free speech mandate holders - the United Nations (UN) Special Rapporteur on Freedom of Opinion and Expression, the Organization of American States (OAS) Special Rapporteur on Freedom of Expression and the African Commission on Human and Peoples' Rights (ACHPR) Special Rapporteur on Freedom of Expression and Access to Information - I launched the Joint Declaration on

[1] All references to Kosovo, whether to the territory, institutions or population, in this text should be understood in full compliance with United Nations Security Council Resolution 1244.

the Right to Freedom of Expression and Access to Information of Children in the Digital Age.

2 June 2026: My Office facilitated two sessions, on disinformation and the impact of artificial intelligence on the information space, during a training programme organized by ODIHR for national human rights institutions in Zagreb.

9 June 2026: My Office spoke at a session on "Defending Democracy in an Age of Insecurity" at the European Partnership for Democracy (EPD) Annual Conference in Brussels.

10 June 2026: I met with the Permanent Representative of the Russian Federation to the OSCE, Ambassador Dmitry Polyanskiy, to discuss media freedom-related issues and our cooperation.

10 June 2026: My Office presented at the Public Interest and Media Law Workshop, hosted by the Digital Speech Lab at University College London (UCL) and the Bonavero Institute of Human Rights at the University of Oxford, in Oxford, United Kingdom.

10–12 June 2026: My Office organized the *Law Enforcement Agents & Journalists Training* in cooperation with the International Training Center for the Safety of Journalists (ICSJ) and the team of the Peace Journalism Laboratory of the Aristotle University of Thessaloniki (AUTH). The specialized two-day program, which was held at the Police Training School in Veria, Greece, brought together 12 field journalists and 12 law enforcement officers for intensive, in-person experiential workshops. The collaborative atmosphere, field simulations, and mutual role-playing exercises pavied the way for safer field practices and a more robust protection of media freedom.

16 June 2026: I met with the Permanent Representative of Switzerland to the OSCE, Ambassador Raphael Nägeli, to discuss ongoing work.

16 June 2026: My Office met with representatives of the Dutch National Youth Council to discuss the youth perspective on emerging media freedom issues.

11 June 2026: My Office spoke and presented the RFoM Policy Manual on Safeguarding Media Freedom in the Age of Big Tech Platforms and AI at the POINT Conference in Sarajevo, Bosnia and Herzegovina.

12 June 2026: I met with the Head of OSCE Mission to Bosnia and Herzegovina, Ambassador Rick Holtzapple, to discuss the situation facing Bosnia and Herzegovina's national public service broadcaster, Radio and Television of Bosnia and Herzegovina (BHRT).

16 June 2026: I met with the Permanent Representative of Türkiye to the OSCE, Ambassador Zeynep Kiziltan, to discuss media freedom-related issues and our cooperation.

17 June 2026: I met with the Director of the European Neighbourhood Unit at the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade of Ireland, Ambassador Tim Mawe to discuss media freedom related issues in preparation for the Irish Presidency of the EU.

17–18 June 2026: My Office participated in the OSCE Annual Security Review Conference (ASRC) in Vienna.

18 June 2026: My Office joined a roundtable on elections, democracy and human rights organized by the Austrian Foreign Ministry for the European Focal Points Meeting for Election Observation Missions.

22–23 June 2026: My Office took part in the expert Workshop on the Protection of Journalists in Armed Conflicts convened by the United Nations Special Representative on Freedom of Expression in Geneva, Switzerland. The aim of the workshop was to review and discuss the respective thematic Guidelines on strengthening the protection of journalists working in armed conflicts.

24 June 2026: My Office co-organized a session on Big Tech and journalism with a focus on public interest infrastructure at the Deutsche Welle Global Media Forum in Bonn, Germany.

24 June 2026: Ms. Barbara Trionfi, Principal Adviser, delivered welcoming remarks on my behalf at the consultation seminar launching the National Action Plan for the Safety of Journalists in Athens, Greece.

25 June 2026: My Office spoke at a session on digital democracy and freedom of speech at the Digital Humanism Conference in Vienna.

26 June 2026: I met with the Permanent Representative of Mongolia to the OSCE, Ambassador Munkhtur Dorjraa, to discuss media freedom-related issues and our cooperation.

26 June 2026: I met with the Permanent Representative of Italy to the OSCE, Ambassador Andrea Cascone, to discuss media freedom-related issues and our cooperation.

30 June–1 July 2026: My Office co-organized with the Austrian Centre for Peace a two-day workshop on "Technology for peace – Empowering women and youth at the grassroots" at the Austrian Forum for Peace in Stadtschlaining, Austria.

2–3 July 2026: I spoke at the International Media Literacy Conference in Kyiv, Ukraine, which explored how media literacy can strengthen societal resilience and become an integral part of education and public policy. My Office also contributed to a panel on media literacy in the age of AI, addressing the challenges that emerging technologies pose for informed public debate and trust in information.

On the occasion of the of the visit, I met with the Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs of Ukraine, Mariana Betsa, the Chairperson of Ukraine's Verkhovna Rada's Temporary Investigative Commission (TIC) on the investigation of crimes committed by armed groups of the Russian Federation against journalists, Yevheniia Kravchuk, the Chairperson of Verkhovna Rada's Committee on Freedom of Speech and Deputy Chairperson of TIC, Yaroslav Yurchyshyn, the Chairperson of Verkhovna Rada's Committee on Humanitarian and Information Policy, Mykyta Poturaiev, the Deputy Minister of Culture of Ukraine, Nataliia Movshovych, with the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Ukraine's Council on Human Rights, Gender Equality and Diversity, the Head of the

Supervisory Board of Suspilne Ukraine, Svitlana Ostapa, the Head of the Managing Board of Suspilne Ukraine, Mykola Chernotytskyi, the Special Representative of the OSCE Chairperson-in-Office – Project Co-ordinator in Ukraine, Ambassador Petr Mareš, the Deputy Head of the Council of Europe Office in Ukraine, Hilde Hardeman Haug, the Chairperson of the National Council on Television and Radio Broadcasting of Ukraine, Olha Herasymiuk, representatives of the National Union of Journalists of Ukraine, various Ukrainian journalists and NGOs to discuss safety of journalists and media freedom related issues in the country.

5–9 July 2026: In cooperation with the OSCE POiD, my Office organized *The Summer School of Journalism* in Dushanbe, bringing together around 20 journalists from Tajikistan, to build essential skills in line with global standards while addressing the unique needs of the local media landscape. By integrating sessions dedicated to safety of journalists throughout the curriculum, the program ensured that participants not only learned how to report responsibly, but to do so while protecting themselves, their sources, and the integrity of the journalistic profession.

7 July 2026: My Office co-organized a side-event on AI and media freedom together with the OSCE Parliamentary Assembly Special Representative on AI, during the OSCE Parliamentary Assembly Annual Meeting in The Hague, Netherlands.

8 July 2026: I met with the Permanent Representative of Finland to the OSCE, Ambassador Vesa Häkkinen to discuss media freedom-related issues and our cooperation.

10 July 2026: I met with Executive Director of Slovak media organization MEMO 88 Rasto Kužel.

13 July 2026: I met with the Head of the Journalism Department at Charles University, Alice Němcová Tejkalová to discuss the proposed changes to public service media financing in the Czech Republic, their potential implications for the independence of Czech Television and Czech Radio, and their compatibility with European media freedom standards.

14 July 2026: I spoke at the meeting of the Human Dimension Committee on “Media freedom, trust and accountability in an evolving information environment”.

14 July 2026: I met with the Head of the German delegation to the OSCE Parliamentary Assembly, Tobias Winkler to explore opportunities for further co-operation and exchange views on parliamentary perspectives on freedom of the media across the OSCE region.

15 -16 July 2026: I met with the Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Czech Republic, Marie Chatardová, the Advisor to the Prime Minister of the Czech Republic on EU Affairs, Milena Hrdinková, the Chair of the Senate Standing Commission on Media, Senator David Smoljak, with the Director-General of the Legislation and International Affairs Section of the Ministry of Culture of the Czech Republic, Petra Smolíková, the Director of the Department of Human Rights and Protection of Minorities at the Office of the Government of the Czech Republic, Viktor Kundrák, the Chair of the Committee on Media Affairs of the Chamber of Deputies of the Czech Republic, František Talíř, the Executive Director of ČT24 and Editor-in-Chief of News at Czech Television, Michal

Kubal, the Editor-in-Chief of News and Current Affairs at Czech Radio, Julie Stejskalová, the President of Radio Free Europe/Radio Liberty, Stephen Capus and the Chair of the IPI Czech Committee, Robert Čásenský to discuss media freedom related issues in the country.

17 July 2026: I met with the Permanent Representative of Sweden to the OSCE, Ambassador Anna Olsson Vrang to discuss media freedom-related issues and our cooperation.

17 July 2026: I met with the Permanent Representative of Norway to the OSCE, Ambassador Ellen Svendsen to discuss media freedom-related issues and our cooperation.

17 July 2026: I met with the Permanent Representative of Montenegro to the OSCE, Ambassador Đorđe Radulović to discuss media freedom-related issues and our cooperation.

17 July 2026: I met with the Permanent Representative of Germany to the OSCE, Ambassador Sabine Stöhr to discuss media freedom-related issues and our cooperation.

21–23 July 2026: My Office participated in a visit to Ukraine by a delegation of Ambassadors from OSCE participating States, organized by the Swiss Chairpersonship and the OSCE Project Coordinator in Ukraine. Meetings with Ukrainian authorities, civil society and project partners in Kyiv and Lviv focused on the Support Programme for Ukraine's work to assist people affected by the war and strengthen the resilience of democratic institutions and civil society.

27 July 2026: I met with the Permanent Representative of Switzerland to the OSCE, Ambassador Raphael Nägeli discuss ongoing work.

27 July 2026: I met with the Permanent Representative of the United Kingdom to the OSCE, Ambassador Neil Holland to discuss media freedom-related issues and our cooperation.

29 July 2026: I met with the Head of the OSCE Mission to Serbia, Ambassador Marcel Peško, to discuss media freedom-related developments in Serbia and our joint efforts.

29 July 2026: I met with Judit Grósz, Hungary's Ministerial Commissioner for Public Service Media to discuss media reform in Hungary.

30 July 2026: My Office presented the OSCE Policy Manual on Safeguarding Media Freedom in the Age of Big Tech and AI at the Oxford University's Media Policy Institute.

17–21 August 2026: My Office organized a training session on the safety of women journalists in conflict and crisis as part of the international course "Gender Aspects in UN Peacekeeping Operations", which took place in Almaty, Kazakhstan. The training was held at the Kazakhstan Peace Operations Centre (KAZCENT), which is part of the Ministry of Defence, and was organized with the support of the OSCE Programme Office in Astana. The course was attended by around 20 military representatives from the OSCE region and beyond.

4 September 2026: My Office delivered a thematic presentation for young professionals from the United States of America during their visit to the OSCE Secretariat on the occasion of the European Forum Alpbach, organized by the Konrad Adenauer Foundation.

9 September 2026: My Office participated and facilitated a workshop on "Youth dialogue and perspectives on governance of AI and other emerging technologies in the OSCE region" which took place in the framework of the Economic and Environmental Forum in Prague.

9 September 2026: My Office delivered a keynote speech at the The Balkans Meet in Trieste conference organized by Italian news agency ANSA.

9–11 September 2026: In partnership with the Sustainability Foundation, my Office organized a training workshop and context-specific individual consultations for a group of exiled journalists to strengthen their capacities in digital security in Riga, Latvia, with the aim of enhancing the safety and protection of accounts, computers, mobile devices, communications, and personal information.

14 September 2026: I met with the Special Representative of the OSCE Chairperson-in-Office for the Promotion of Dialogue and Confidence-building, Ambassador Serge Rumin.

14–15 September 2026: My Office joined the Council of Europe meeting of the Committee of Experts on media regulators in a platform-based environment in Luxembourg.

14–15 September 2026: My Office participated in the 2nd Central Asian International Conference of Women Media Professionals in Tashkent, Uzbekistan, organized by the Modern Journalism Development Center of Uzbekistan and the National Coalition of Women Journalists of Tajikistan, with the support of the OSCE Project Co-ordinator in Uzbekistan; the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO); the Delegation of the EU to Uzbekistan; and the Embassy of Switzerland in Uzbekistan. The conference brought together women media professionals from Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan and Uzbekistan. My Office contributed to a plenary session on gender-based online attacks, presenting the SOFJO project and key approaches from the Guidelines Monitoring Online Violence Against Female Journalists.

15 – 16 September 2026: I met with the Secretary General for Communication and Media at the Presidency of the Government of the Hellenic Republic, Dimitris Kirmikiroglu, the President of the Journalists' Union of Athens Daily Newspapers, Maria Antoniadou, the Executive Director of the International Training Center for the Safety of Journalists and Media Professionals, Ilias Nikezis and representatives of Reporters United to discuss media freedom related issues in the country.

15–17 September 2026: I participated in the national kick-off meeting of the transnational project "Cross-Country Regional project to build Information Integrity," which is implemented by the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development

with funding from the European Economic Area & Norway Grants, in Greece. Moreover, I intervened at the *EEA Civil Society Fund in Greece* at the Keynote Dialogue session

16 September 2026: I met with the Ambassador of Norway to Greece and Cyprus, Ambassador Harriet E. Berg.

17 September 2026: I delivered opening remarks by video to the Journalism Ethics Forum in Ulaanbaatar, organized by the Media Council of Mongolia.

18 September 2026: I met with the Permanent Representative of Sweden to the OSCE, Ambassador Martin Hagström to discuss media freedom related issues and our cooperation.

18 September 2026: I met with the Vice-Chair of RRTV Czechia, Jiří Maceška to discuss the situation for the public service media in the Czech Republic.

18 September 2026: My Office participated online as a member in the bi-annual meeting of the Advisory Committee to the European Audiovisual Observatory (part of the Council of Europe).

19–30 September 2026: My Office participated in the Women and Men Innovating and Networking for Gender Equality (WIN) Academy, organized by the OSCE Gender Issues Program in cooperation with Sapienza University in Rome, bringing together 25 students to explore the links between gender, youth leadership, peace and security, with a focus on the Women, Peace and Security Agenda. In this context, we presented our work on the Safety of Journalists.

22 September 2026: My Office organized an expert workshop on preventing surveillance against journalists in Vienna.

23 September 2026: I met with the Permanent Representative of Finland to the OSCE, Ambassador Outi Hyvärinen to discuss media freedom related issues and our cooperation.

25 September 2026: I met with young parliamentarians and representatives of youth organisation from Kyrgyzstan in Vienna during their visit to present the country's National Action Plan on Youth, Peace and Security.

25 September 2026: My Office participated in the Breakwater Journalism Festival in Gdansk and spoke on the panel "The future of exiled media support," organized by the European Fund for Journalism in Exile (JX Fund). The panel explored the future of exiled media organizations and the information spaces they help preserve.

26 September 2026: I met with representatives of the Democracy News Alliance (DNA). Rodolfo Cardarelli, Head of International Business Unit at ANSA and Christian Roewekamp, Editorial Director at DNA.

28 September 2026: I met with the Permanent Representative of the Russian Federation to the OSCE, Ambassador Dmitry Polyanskiy to discuss media freedom related issues and our cooperation.

28 September 2026: I delivered a video message to mark the official launch of the Fourth Estate Alliance in Bucharest, Romania, a newly established association of independent journalists dedicated to protecting journalists, defending press freedom and promoting public-interest journalism.

28 September 2026: My Office took part in the third meeting of the Media Reforms Coordination Group (MRCG), a coordination platform convened by International Media Support (IMS) for donors and implementers supporting media and digital legislative reforms in Ukraine. The meeting was held online and was dedicated to Anti-SLAPPs legislation in Ukraine.

28–29 September 2026: My Office participated in the UNESCO Regional Workshop on "Safeguarding journalism as a public good in the digital platform environment in South East Europe", in Sarajevo, Bosnia and Herzegovina.

30 September 2026: I met with the Deputy Advocacy Director (EU) at the Committee to Protect Journalists, Tom Gibson to discuss a broad range of media freedom issues across the OSCE region.

5 - 7 October 2026: I met with Mongolia's Minister for Foreign Affairs, Battsetseg Batmunkh, the Minister of Culture, Sports, Tourism and Youth, Aldarjavkhlan Jukov, the Deputy Minister of Justice and Home Affairs, Munkh-Erdene Dembereltseren, the Chairman and CEO of the Communications Regulatory Commission of Mongolia, Bat-Erdene Jalavsuren, members of Mongolia's State Great Hural, Damdin Tsogtbaatar and Munkhsoyol Baatarjav, the Executive Director of the Media Council of Mongolia, Gunjidmaa Gongor, the Chairman and CEO of the Communications Regulatory Commission of Mongolia, Bat-Erdene Jalavsuren, the Executive Director of the Press Institute of Mongolia, Munkhmandakh Myagmar and the President of the Confederation of Mongolian Journalists, Luvsandash Ninjjamts to discuss media freedom related issues in the country.

5–14 October 2026: I delivered opening remarks by video message at the Warsaw Human Dimension Conference in Warsaw, Poland. In the framework of the Conference, my Office participated in and spoke at the side event "Transnational Repression in the OSCE Region", organized by the Nordic-Baltic Eight (NB8) in cooperation with Journalists for Human Rights; co-organized and spoke at the side event "Countering Discrimination Against Religious Communities in the digital era", together with the Permanent Mission of Italy to the OSCE and ODIHR; and organized a plenary session and a roundtable discussion on media freedom as a cornerstone of information integrity and public trust. In partnership with the Permanent Mission of Ukraine to the International Organizations in Vienna and the OSCE participating States belonging to the Informal Group of Friends on Safety of Journalists (Austria, Canada, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Latvia, Lithuania, Montenegro, the Netherlands, Norway, Sweden, the United Kingdom), my Office also co-organized the side event "Reporting in Wartime: Safety of Frontline Journalists in Ukraine and Accountability for Russia's Violations of International Humanitarian Law". Together with the Swiss OSCE Chairpersonship, my Office organized a screening of "Made to Measure", a documentary co-produced by my Office exploring how personal online data can be used to reconstruct a person's life and predict and potentially manipulate their opinions and behaviour. My Office further organized the

side event “Transnational Repression and Enhancing Protection of Journalists under Severe Political Pressure”, in partnership with the OSCE participating States that are members of the Informal Group of Friends on Safety of Journalists (Austria, Canada, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Latvia, Lithuania, Montenegro, the Netherlands, Norway, Sweden, the United Kingdom).

7 October 2026: My Office conducted a training on Media Literacy and Ethical Journalism in Ulaanbaatar for over 60 journalists, at the initiative of and in partnership with Mongolia’s Ministry of Foreign Affairs, with support from the Media Council of Mongolia. The training linked verification skills, editorial independence and ethical standards to everyday newsroom decisions, exploring how journalists can strengthen public trust in a fragmented information environment.

7–8 October 2026: My Office held a consultation on the future of media (self-)regulation during the annual meeting of the Alliance of Independent Press Councils in Europe (AIPCE) in Oslo, in the context of its ongoing work on the Public Interest Framework.

8 October 2026: I met with the Head of the OSCE Programme Office in Bishkek, Ambassador Volker Frobarth to discuss our cooperation.

9 October 2026: I met with official representatives of Tajikistan on the margins of the Central Asia Media Conference in Bishkek to discuss AI, cybersecurity and civil society participation in media policymaking. The delegation undertook to convey my request for a national focal point on the safety of journalists to the relevant institutions and discuss the nomination with parliament and civil society.

9 October 2026: I met with the Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Kyrgyz Republic, Kairat Tursunkulov, the Deputy Minister of Justice of the Kyrgyz Republic, Saira Yzakova and the Chairman of the Service for Regulation and Supervision of the Communications Sector under the Ministry of Digital Development and Innovative Technologies of the Kyrgyz Republic, Altynbek Toktorbaev to discuss media freedom related issues in the country.

9-10 October 2026: I hosted the 26th Central Asia Media Conference (CAMC) in Bishkek, under the theme "Building Shared Reality: Information Integrity, Media Ethics and Trust in the Digital Age". Organized in co-operation with OSCE field operations in the region, the event gathered more than 150 participants from Central Asia, Mongolia and the broader OSCE region. Interactive discussions focused on information integrity and trusted information landscapes in the region, safety of journalists, legislative and regulatory frameworks, journalism education, and professional standards.

9–10 October 2026: During the Central Asia Media Conference (CAMC) in Bishkek, Kyrgyzstan, my Office held a plenary session and presented the implementation roadmap of the OSCE Policy Manual on Safeguarding Media Freedom in the Age of Big Tech and AI in Central Asia.

10 October 2026: In a keynote address at the OSCE Academy in Bishkek’s gathering, my Office discussed strategies to promote stronger climate and environmental journalism and presented the RFoM/UNESCO journalists’ manual, “Reporting the Environment”.

10 October 2026: As part of the OSCE Academy Alumni Reunion and on the margins of the CAMC, my Office organized an event presenting translations of OSCE Ministerial Council Decision No. 3/18 on the Safety of Journalists into five Central Asian languages ad well as Mongolian. The event highlighted the Decision's key commitments, Italy's role in its adoption, and the RFoM's Safety of Journalists project and National Focal Point network supporting its implementation.

12 October 2026: In a video message, I addressed the International Conference on Mental Health and Media Workers, organized by the Association of Journalists of Kosovo[1] (AJK) with the support of the OSCE Mission in Kosovo.

13 October 2026: My Office participated in the Exile Media Forum 2026 in Hamburg, Germany, and, in partnership with the Körber-Stiftung, organized the panel "When States Misuse International Mechanisms: On Transnational Repression Against Journalists in Exile." The discussion focused on the practices that severely restrict journalists' freedom of movement and can result in substantial legal and financial hardships, as well as protection measures from different forms of transnational repression.

15–16 October 2026: My Office spoke at sessions on trust in media, and on the protection of children online, at the meeting of the European Platform of Regulatory Authorities (EPRA) in Dublin.

19–21 October 2026: My Office organized a session as part of the annual conference of the Regional Academy on the United Nations (RAUN), "Human Security in a Fragmented World and the Age of Emerging Technologies," held in Milan, Italy. The session presented the preliminary findings of the ongoing SOFJO 10-year assessment, commissioned by my Office.

19–21 October 2026: My Office co-organized the Opening Session of the 2026–2027 Regional Academy on the United Nations (RAUN), which took place in Milan, in collaboration with the Università Cattolica del Sacro Cuore. This year's theme "Human Security in a Fragmented World and the Age of Emerging Technologies" focused on issues directly related to the safety of journalists, including journalists' working conditions, digital safety, online harassment, SLAPPs, media literacy, and the broader challenges posed by disinformation and declining trust in information.

20 October 2026: I met with István Lakatos, Deputy State Secretary for International Cooperation of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Hungary to discuss the media reform in Hungary.

20 October 2026: I met with the Permanent Representative of Austria to the OSCE, Ambassador Gabriela Sellner, to discuss media freedom-related issues and our cooperation.

20–21 October 2026: My Office participated in the annual strategic meeting of the Media Freedom Coalition in Oslo.

21 October 2026: I met with the Permanent Representative of Malta to the OSCE, Ambassador Francesca Camilleri Vettinger, to discuss media freedom-related issues and our cooperation.

21 October 2026: I met with in Vienna Shukhrat Oripov, Chair of the Union of Journalists of Uzbekistan, and Husan Ermatov, Board member, editor-in-chief of Ishonch and Senator, to discuss the Union's draft Code of Professional Ethics for Journalists of Uzbekistan and possible support through expert feedback.

23 October 2026: I met with the Permanent Representative of Norway to discuss media freedom-related issues and our cooperation.

27–28 October 2026: My Office took part, as a participant, in the first plenary meeting of the Ad hoc Committee on Foreign Information Manipulation and Interference (CAHFIMI) of the Council of Europe in Strasbourg, France. CAHFIMI is tasked with developing an appropriate draft legal instrument addressing FIMI.

28 October 2026: I delivered a keynote speech at the "Regional Police-Media Conference: Advancing Dialogue on Preventing and Addressing Gender-Based Violence", organized by the Strategic Police Matters Unit of the OSCE's Transnational Threats Department.