

SUBMISSION FORM

Checklist for the partner organisations before submitting the form:

- *Do you consider it to be a serious concern with regard to media freedom?*
- *Is the alleged threat or violation in one of the CoE member States?*
- *To the best of your knowledge, is the information reliable and based on facts?*
- *Is the information already in the public domain? If not, do you have the consent of persons who are identified or identifiable?*

1. **Title** (please indicate the title of the alert, up to 120 characters)
2. **Country** (please indicate one of the [47 Council of Europe member states](#), and the specific geographic area if relevant, where the violation has occurred)
3. **Short description of alleged violation or threat** (preferably up to 1.000 characters)
4. **Year of the incident** (if relevant)
5. **Category** (please select one main category the alleged violation falls in)
 - 1. **Attacks on physical integrity of journalists**
Killings, violence, threats or other attacks to the physical integrity of journalists, their family members and other media actors, bloggers, writers, human rights defenders communicating in the public interest
 - 2. **Harassment of journalists**
Harassment of journalists and other media institutions or actors, threats to journalists' privacy, attack to property, loss of employment, psychological abuse, bullying/cyberbullying
 - 3. **Impunity**
Impunity in the abovementioned cases, failures to investigate and prosecute crimes against journalists and other media actors
 - 4. **Threats to journalists sources**
Alleged threats to the confidentiality of journalists' sources or threats to their physical integrity and security because of their collaboration with journalists, media or human rights defenders or organisations
 - 5. **Acts having chilling effects on media freedom**
Acts having chilling effects on media freedom including judicial and political intimidation and legal framework limiting media freedom:
 - a. Judicial intimidation (opportunistic or abusive use of defamation, anti-terrorism laws, national security, hooliganism or anti-extremism laws)
 - b. Political intimidation (including hate speech)
 - c. Legal framework limiting media freedom

6. **Other**
Abusive or unjustified blocking of media-related websites or social media platforms, censorship, hacking, etc.

6. **Source of threat** (please select one of the following sources of threat)

- State
- Non-state

7. **Submitted by** (please indicate the name of the partner organisation(s) which submit(s) the alert)

8. **Alert Level** (please select one of the following alert levels)

- Level 1**
Covers the most severe and damaging violations of media freedom, including physical assaults and murder, arbitrary detention, intimidation, impunity for crimes targeting journalists and the application of excessively severe penal laws to protect state officials from the level of criticism which is to be expected in a democracy
- Level 2**
Applies to governments' dealings with the media in law and administration. This category concerns violations of media freedom arising from the misuse of governmental or other powers to direct the media, especially in elections, interference with media freedom through ownership, control and regulation, the abusive or disproportional use of laws on anti-terrorism, extremism and state security on freedom of expression, access to information and confidentiality of sources and the independence of public sector broadcasting
- Level 3**
Covers the need for diverse media ownership, professional and ethical conduct on the part of media owners, managers, decent working conditions, procedures to deal with disputes and complaints and effective national reviews of the condition of media freedom

9. **Additional information materials/link to relevant info/attachments** (please attach files if necessary)

10. **Possible additional confidential information, if necessary** (will not be included in the database)