

MEDIA DEVELOPMENT FORUM - VII

25 November, 2021
Rogner Hotel, Tirana
Antigonea I Room

9:00-09:20 **Registration**

09:30-10:00 **Opening remarks**

- **Ambassador Vincenzo Del Monaco**, Head of Presence, OSCE Presence in Albania
- **Ambassador Luigi Soreca**, Head of EU Delegation to Albania (TBC)
- **Jutta Gützkow**, Head of Office, Council of Europe Office in Tirana
- **Jürgen Heissel** – Director of RFoM Office, Vienna (online)

Moderator: **Sihana Nebiu**, Head of Democratization Department, OSCE Presence in Albania

10:00-11:45 **Session I: Albanian media development** – a series of perspectives on the main media freedom and media development challenges that Albania faced during the 2020-2021.

Panelists:

- **Agron Gjekmarkaj**, Chairperson, Parliamentary Committee on Education and Public Information Means
- **Petro Koci**, Deputy Chair, Parliamentary Committee on Education and Public Information Means
- **Radka Betcheva**, EBU Head of Member Relations Central & Eastern Europe
- **Arben Muka**, Program Director, Audiovisual Media Authority
- **Klodiana Kapo**, Managing Director, Faktoje.al
- **Koloreto Cukali**, Executive Director, Albanian Media Council

Q& A

Moderator: **Blendi Salaj**, A2 News CNN

11:45-12:00 Coffee break / on line broadcast of productions prepared by Albanian and Serbian student

RTSH and Journalism Department will sign the MOU on students internships in Albanian Public Radio & Television – RTSH (side event)

12:00-13:30 Session II: Investigative journalism and fact checking, priorities for Albanian media

A discussion on the importance of investigative and fact checking journalism for Albanian media as a mean to fight corruption and promote professional journalism.

Panelists:

- **Mark Marku**, Journalism Department, University of Tirana
- **Aleksander Cipa**, Chairperson, Union of Albanian Journalists on local & regional media challenges (online)
- **Kristina Voko**, Executive Director, BIRN Albania
- **Blerjana Bino**, Researcher, Science & Innovation for Development
- **Gentian Mullai**, Spokeperson, Albanian State Police

Q& A

Announcing the winners of the investigative journalism competition- an OSCE activity promoting quality investigative journalism in Albania

Moderator: **Lutfi Dervishi**

Conclusions: **Irina Radu**, Senior Media Officer, OSCE Presence in Albania

13:30- 14.30 Business lunch