

OSCE Expert Workshop “Media Freedom and Responsibilities in the Context of Counter-Terrorism Policies”

7 - 8 October 2015, Athénée Palace Hilton Bucharest

ANNOTATED AGENDA

7 October 2015	
08:30 - 09:30	Registration of Participants
09:30 - 10:30	<p style="text-align: center;">Opening Session</p> <p>Mr. Daniel Ioniță, State Secretary, Strategic Affairs, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Romania</p> <p>Ms. Dunja Mijatovic, Representative on Freedom of the Media, OSCE Office of the Representative on Freedom of the Media (RFoM)</p> <p>Mr. Alexey Lyzhenkov, Director and Co-ordinator of Activities to Address Transnational Threats, OSCE Transnational Threats Department</p>
10:30 - 11:00	Coffee-break
11:00 - 13:30	<p style="text-align: center;">First Session</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Freedom of the Media and Counter-Terrorism: Current Trends, Challenges and Opportunities</p> <p><i>This session serves to frame the overall discussion of the expert workshop in light of recent terrorist attacks by highlighting the current legal trends, policy challenges, lessons learned, and opportunities for co-operation between governmental agencies, media outlets, relevant inter-governmental and non-governmental organizations and civil society.</i></p> <p><u>Keynote presentations:</u></p> <p>Mr. Alexander Seger, Head of Cybercrime Programme Office (C-PROC), Executive Secretary Cybercrime, Convention Committee, Council of Europe (CoE) (6-8 minutes)</p> <p>Ms. Gabriella Cseh, Legal Adviser, Facebook (6-8 minutes)</p> <p><u>Discussant:</u> Ms. Francesca Bosco, Project Officer, Emerging Crimes Unit, United Nations Interregional Crime and Justice Research Institute (UNICRI) (6-8 minutes)</p> <p>Followed by discussions</p> <p><u>Questions to be addressed:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How terrorist groups use / have used the media, both traditional mass media and digital media including social media networking platforms? • How to properly protect freedom of the media and freedom of expression in addressing

	<p>violent extremism and countering terrorism?</p> <p><u>Moderator:</u> Mr. Juan Barata Mir, Principal Adviser to Head of Institution, OSCE Office of the Representative on Freedom of the Media (RFoM)</p> <p><u>Pre-Registered Interventions (2-3 minutes):</u> Participants, IOs, NGOs</p> <p><i>Delegations and IO/NGO participants are invited to pre-register short statements/contributions with the conference focal point.</i></p>
<p>13:30 - 15:00</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Lunch</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Side Event:</p> <p>14:30 – 15:00: A presentation on the development of an OSCE e-learning module on Countering the Use of the Internet for Terrorist Purposes that aims to promote and develop credible counter-narratives to violent extremism and radicalization that lead to terrorism</p>
<p>15:00 - 17:30</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Second Session</p> <p>The Roles of the Media and Governments in Identifying Effective Ways to Ensure Accurate and Timely Reporting on Terrorist Incidents, while Protecting Journalists’ Safety</p> <p><i>This session covers best practices and lessons learned on how co-operation between government bodies and the media can be implemented to ensure the safety of media professionals as well as the effective provision and dissemination of accurate and timely information to the general public on terrorist incidents, based on mutual trust and understanding of their respective goals and responsibilities.</i></p> <p><u>Keynote presentations:</u></p> <p>Mr. Simon Haselock, Director, Albany Associates, United Kingdom (6-8 minutes)</p> <p>Mr. Boris Navasardian, President, Yerevan Press Club, Armenia (6-8 minutes)</p> <p>Dr. Courtney Radsch, Advocacy Director, Committee to Protect Journalists (CPJ), US (6-8 minutes)</p> <p><u>Discussant:</u> Dr. Christina Schori Liang, Senior Programme Advisor and Senior Fellow, Geneva Centre for Security Policy (GCSP) (6-8 minutes)</p> <p>Followed by discussions</p> <p><u>Questions to be addressed:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What are the main challenges and best practices related to coverage of terrorist acts and reporting about terrorist organizations by journalists and other media actors? • What is the situation with the safety of journalists? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Journalists as a target of violent extremists (showcased killings, hostage takings)? - Threats motivated by retaliation for critical reporting on terrorism related issues?

- Strategies and responsibility of states and international community to improve safety of journalists?

Moderator: Mr. Mattias Sundholm, Communications Adviser, United Nations Counter-Terrorism Committee Executive Directorate (CTED)

Pre-Registered Interventions (2-3 minutes): Participants, IOs, NGOs

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17:30 **Buffet Reception Hosted by the OSCE**

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Third Session

Public-Private Partnership (PPP) Initiatives with the Media in Promoting Tolerance and Developing Credible Counter-Narratives to Countering Violent Extremism and Terrorism

This session will discuss how state authorities can engage with the media and civil society in developing counter-narratives that reject terrorism, while at the same time respecting OSCE commitments on human rights and the rule of law, in particular freedom of expression and freedom of the media. Furthermore, discussions will address the role that media can play in encouraging debate with a view to promoting ethnic, religious, linguistic and cultural diversity and countering violent extremism and radicalization that lead to terrorism.

Keynote presentations:

Mr. Onnik James Krikorian, Journalist and Media Consultant, UK/Georgia (6-8 minutes)

Ms. Gabrielle Guillemain, Legal Adviser, Article 19, UK (6-8 minutes)

Dr. Kate Coyer, Director, Civil Society and Technology Project, Central European University, Hungary, Violent Online Political Extremism Network of Excellence, Belgium (VOX-pol), EU (6-8 minutes)

Discussant: Ms. Humera Khan, Executive Director, Muflehun, USA (6-8 minutes)

Followed by discussions

Questions to be addressed:

- What is the state of play with current governmental and editorial policies on countering violent extremist messaging online and in traditional media? The co-operation in this regard between law enforcement and the media?
- How governmental authorities could work with private sector partners to enable religious leaders to counter violent extremism online, in their own voices, and consistent with their religious traditions?

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How to encourage public service broadcasters, local and regional media, civil society, and private sector partners to engage women and youth in devising effective counter-narrative campaigns, including through social media, radio and billboards? What should be the parameters of such engagement? • How to institutionalize and scale up the Internet and web-based media engagement efforts to help credible religious, community, youth, and women leaders to expose the negative aspects of terrorist organizations in online spaces? <p><u>Moderator:</u> Ms. Lucile Sengler, Adviser on Anti-Terrorism Issues, OSCE Office for Democratic Institutions and Human Rights (ODIHR)</p> <p><u>Pre-Registered Interventions (2-3 minutes):</u> Participants, IOs, NGOs</p> <p><i>Delegations and IO/NGO participants are invited to pre-register short statements/contributions with the conference focal point.</i></p>
11:00 - 11:30	Coffee-break
11:30 - 13:30	<p style="text-align: center;">Fourth Session</p> <p>Ways Forward - Improving Relationships, Understanding and Communication Between the Media, Civil Society and Government Agencies Involved in Countering Violent Extremism and Radicalization that Lead to Terrorism (VERLT), and The Role of the OSCE</p> <p><i>This session will discuss ways forward for further co-operation, and enhanced dialogue and trust between government agencies, media outlets, electronic communications platforms and civil society organizations in promoting public-private partnership initiatives in countering terrorism at the national and sub-regional levels in accordance with the Ministerial Council Decision on Further Promoting the OSCE’s Action in Countering Terrorism (MC.DEC/10/08).</i></p> <p><u>Keynote presentations:</u></p> <p>Dr. Ulrich Kropiunigg, Research Director, Women without Borders (SAVE), Austria (6-8 minutes)</p> <p>Ms. Lobar Islamova, Editor-in-Chief, Anhor.Uz, Uzbekistan (6-8 minutes)</p> <p><u>Discussant:</u> Mr. Guillaume Denoix de St. Marc, Executive Director of Association française des Victimes du Terrorisme (AfVT.org), president of the International Federation of Associations of Victims of Terrorism (IFAVT), Member of the RAN (Radicalisation Awareness Network) and co-leader of RAN-VVT (Voice of Victims of Terrorism) (6-8 minutes)</p> <p>Followed by discussions</p> <p><u>Questions to be addressed:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How to identify possible priority areas for enhancing co-operation and drafting general guidelines and standards for law enforcement, intelligence services, journalists and

	<p>different communication platforms for their interaction while respecting freedom of expression and freedom of the media and anti-terrorism policies? What role can the OSCE play in developing and promoting such guidelines?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How can the OSCE become further involved in promoting public-private partnership initiatives with the media and civil society organizations in countering terrorism at the national and sub-regional levels? <p><u>Moderator:</u> Mr. Jarkko Jokinen, Adviser on Anti-Terrorism Issues, Transnational Threats Department/Action against Terrorism Unit, OSCE</p> <p><u>Pre-Registered Interventions (2-3 minutes):</u> Participants, IOs, NGOs</p> <p><i>Delegations and IO/NGO participants are invited to pre-register short statements/contributions with the conference focal point.</i></p>
13:30 - 15:00	Lunch
15:00 - 15:45	<p style="text-align: center;">CONCLUSIONS</p> <p><i>The closing session will outline conclusions and recommendations from the workshop sessions. The sessions' moderators will identify initiatives, lessons learned and challenges in relation to the topics presented and discussed in the four sessions, and how the OSCE, building on its expertise and structures, can continue working in this field, complementing efforts of other international/regional organizations.</i></p> <p>Moderator Session I: Mr. Juan Barata Mir, Principal Adviser to Head of Institution, OSCE Office of the Representative on Freedom of the Media (RFoM)</p> <p>Moderator Session II: Mr. Mattias Sundholm, Communications Adviser, United Nations Counter-Terrorism Committee Executive Directorate (CTED)</p> <p>Moderator Session III: Ms. Lucile Sengler, Adviser on Anti-Terrorism Issues, OSCE Office for Democratic Institutions and Human Rights (ODIHR)</p> <p>Moderator Session IV: Mr. Jarkko Jokinen, Adviser on Anti-Terrorism Issues, Transnational Threats Department/Action against Terrorism Unit, OSCE</p>
15:45 - 16:00	<p style="text-align: center;">Closing Remarks</p> <p>Mr. Alexey Lyzhenkov, Director and Co-ordinator of Activities to Address Transnational Threats, OSCE Transnational Threats Department</p>

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ORGANIZATIONAL MODALITIES

Workshop goals

The Information Package SEC.GAL/142/15 for this workshop was circulated to OSCE participating States and Partners for Co-operation on 21 July 2015.

Following the OSCE’s comprehensive security approach, the workshop responds to an increased demand for better understanding and discussion about the various and inter-related roles of the media, human rights, security and law enforcement in the context of counter-terrorism policies and media freedom and responsibilities.

The objective of the expert workshop is to raise awareness and exchange information about the challenges of and opportunities in co-operation between the OSCE governments, the media and civil society organizations in countering the appeal of terrorism, while understanding the roles and interests of the different actors. The workshop also aims at identifying best practices and ethical principles of such co-operation that fully respect freedom of the media and human rights.

The OSCE expert workshop is expected to result in enhanced dialogue and trust between government communications offices, the media and civil society organizations as well as increased opportunity for the exchange of experiences, lessons-learned and good practices, as well as the identification of possible priority areas for enhancing co-operation that may be addressed by the OSCE Chairmanship. Furthermore, the workshop could contribute to discussion on general guidelines and standards for law enforcement, intelligence services and journalists for their interaction while balancing public information policies on security and terrorism issues.

Participants

The suggested participants for this event are experts and practitioners who can share concrete examples, good practices and lessons learned as outlined in the indicative agenda.

Please note that active discussion between participants will be considered the most beneficial aspect of this workshop. Participants are therefore strongly encouraged to discuss and share specific experiences, to identify needs and areas of possible improvement and to utilize panel experts as resources.

To promote interactive discussion, formal statements and interventions in response to speakers and discussants should focus on concrete examples and recommendations and be as concise as possible, not exceeding **three minutes**.

Moderators

Each session will be chaired by a moderator who will introduce the keynote speakers and the discussant and will facilitate the discussions. Moderators will also strictly enforce time limits and will ensure that

speakers, discussants and participants limit their presentations and contributions to substantive issues only. Moderators are expected to serve as rapporteurs in the sense of summarizing the presentations and discussions, as well as suggesting how the OSCE, building on its expertise and structures, could continue working in this field, complementing efforts of other international/regional organizations. Concluding recommendations will be presented by moderators to the participants in the concluding session. Moderators should receive keynote speakers' and discussants' short CV beforehand to be able to introduce them to the audience.

Keynote Speakers

Each expert workshop session will have up to three keynote speakers. Speakers will limit their presentations to concrete examples, good practices and lessons learned. They will make every effort to include suggestions for potential policy recommendations, and/or follow-up activities for/with the OSCE, offer thoughts for further consideration, and suggest possible national and/or regional and international action to meet the challenges. Each keynote presentation should be of maximum 6-8 minutes. Keynote speakers should then be ready to engage in a debate following their presentations. Keynote presentations and remarks should be sent to the OSCE TNTD/ATU two weeks in advance. Keynote speakers are expected to agree to having their remarks circulated to all participants. The institutional background of each speaker will be introduced by the moderator allowing the speaker to devote his/her presentation fully to the topic itself.

Discussants

The discussant's primary role will be to help the audience understand the complexity of the topic and, in particular, the significance of the keynote presentations by offering constructive critique. The discussant will, in a maximum of 6-8 minutes, pose challenging questions, and identify key themes across the presentations. The discussant will raise critical issues for both the key note speakers and the audience to consider, and encourage participants to contribute their views and experience. The discussant will propose new ideas, and offer alternative views. By reflecting on points highlighted by keynote speakers and during the discussions, the discussant will provide concise closing remarks, focusing on recommendations and suggestions for concrete follow-up action.

Statements / Contributions from the Floor

Participants are invited to contribute to the discussions with short statements / contributions. They will not be longer than 2-3 minutes. Institutional background/promotion of the activities of other organizations should be avoided. Interventions will focus on concrete examples and lessons learned directly related to the subject of the session. They may include suggestions for potential policy recommendations and/or follow-up action in the form of deliverables. Delegations, NGOs and international organizations are requested to pre-register their intention to contribute short statements.

Closing remarks

The initial conclusions of the workshop will be circulated after the workshop.