



## **CALL FOR APPLICATIONS**

### **to the Open Source Human Rights Monitoring Training for human rights defenders from the OSCE region**

The OSCE Office for Democratic Institutions and Human Rights (ODIHR) is pleased to offer a five-day training event on Open Source Human Rights Monitoring for human rights defenders (HRDs) from OSCE participating states. The objective of the training is to enable HRDs to independently carry out quality and objective human rights monitoring using Open Source techniques.

The training is specifically designed for human rights defenders with proven experience of human rights monitoring. It will take place in **Berlin from 10 to 14 December 2018** and will focus on the skill set required to gather, verify and analyse videos and images, to investigate social media, and to perform Open Source human rights data collection and verification. The aim is to provide human rights defenders with an understanding of how the wider internet functions and how it can be effectively utilized for research and human rights investigation purposes. The training curriculum will include sessions on advanced web-searching techniques, strategies and tools; advanced social media research; metadata and geosearching; and digital security.

The language of the event will be English. The training will be based on practical investigation exercises and requires a working laptop and a high level of active participation by all participants. Therefore, the size of the group will be limited to 25 participants, selected according to the following criteria:

- Citizenship of one of the 57 OSCE participating States;
- Proven track record as a human rights defender;
- Demonstrated experience of human rights monitoring and reporting;
- Relevance of the training for future human rights activities in the OSCE region;
- No or limited previous training in Open Source investigation techniques;
- Good level of digital literacy;
- Fluency in English.

Ideal profiles are monitoring team leaders, monitoring coordinators, investigative journalists, advocacy coordinators, human rights lawyers and individuals with similar experiences and responsibilities. The training will require the use of laptops.

ODIHR recognizes as a human right defender any person promoting and striving for the realization of human rights regardless of profession, age or other status. Human rights defenders carry out their human rights activities individually or jointly with others, as part of an informal group or as a non-governmental organization (NGO), and act in a voluntary capacity or professionally. The key characteristic that defines human rights defenders is not who they are, but what they do and the principles they stand for.

**Deadline for applications:** Applicants are kindly requested to fill in [the application questionnaire on Google Forms](#) and to link their resume/CV in .PDF format in the application through Google Drive, no later than **1 November 2018, 23:59 CET**.

ODIHR will strive to ensure a geographical and gender balance among participants. Only successful applicants will be informed about the outcome of the selection process by 16 November 2018.