

Project Fact Sheet – NOR - 018

Project Title	“Improvement of media environment in order to ensure a policy of zero tolerance for intimidation and attacks against journalists.”
Thematic priority area	Independent media
Implementing organization (and partner if applicable)	Albanian Legal and Territorial Research Institute Center (“A.L.T.R.I”)
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Implementation period	Start date: 15/10/2021 End date: 15/10/2022
Budget supported by the Civil Society programme for Albania and Kosovo	€ 25,000.00
Total project budget	€ 26,800.00
Geographical coverage	The report on identification and evaluation of the cases related to journalists, data analyses and database of the cases will be developed in national level. The awareness raising and advocacy campaigns will be developed in such areas in which the courts have dealt with the largest number of cases raised as a result of the journalists’ activity. Consequently, the exact definition of the implementation area will be done during the implementation of the project, however from an initial evaluation we can say that the campaign will be implemented in Tirana, Vlore, Shkodra, Gjirokaster, Korca and Elbasan.
Project objective	The project aims to improve media environment in order to ensure a policy of zero tolerance for intimidation and attacks against journalists, through three main interventions: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The identification and evaluation of cases, analysis of judicial and prosecution practice in order to provide recommendations on how to promote and guarantee the freedom of expression; • Creation of the ongoing practice for the identification and evaluation of the cases related to journalists by creating a database; • Increasing the awareness of policymakers (parliament, government & independent institutions), journalists, police,



	<p>judges, prosecutors and NGO-s that operate in media field about the statistics and track record for the cases against journalists, encouraging their reaction to implement recommendations and to continue monitoring the journalists' cases.</p>
<p>Targeted beneficiaries</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The principal direct beneficiary of this initiative are the journalists and media associations/CSOs all over Albania. - Also, direct beneficiaries of this initiative are the policymakers (Assembly, Ministry of Justice, High Judicial Council, AMA, People’s Advocate etc). - The citizens and the Albanian society themselves are the final beneficiary of the initiative, as the initiative aims to strengthen the democratic values and the freedom of the media in the country. -
<p>Main activities</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Identifying and analyzing statistics and producing a track record for the cases against journalists (Desk research; Field research; Data analyzing and recommendations) • Awareness raising and advocacy campaigns with the aim to avoid the intimidation and attacks against journalists (Drafting informative materials; Organizing awareness raising and advocacy meetings; Media campaign; National Conference)
<p>Project results</p>	<p>The expected results of the project are:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Statistics for journalists and a track record for the cases against journalists (civil and criminal cases) identified and analyzed in the light of international standards. 2. The policymakers (parliament, government & independent institutions) have a complete picture of the data related to the interference of politics and business in the freedom of media and of the international applicable standards as well as best practices that will contribute to the revision of the draft law on media and during the negotiation process with EU for Chapter 23 and Political Criteria. 3. Increased awareness of the journalists and stakeholders on the importance of freedom of expression and media according to international standards and best practices.