**ABOUT US**

**Media4Democracy** was an EU-funded Technical Assistance Facility strengthening the European Union Delegations’ ability to implement *the EU Human Rights Guidelines on Freedom of Expression Online and Offline*.

Our mission was to support the EU Delegations’ broad and coherent implementation of the [*EU Guidelines on Freedom of Expression*](http://www.consilium.europa.eu/uedocs/cms_data/docs/pressdata/EN/foraff/142549.pdf)and to help them to identify, design and implement appropriate near-, medium- and long-term actions.

Media4Democracy was based in Brussels and provided advocacy support and capacity building services to all EU Delegations (EUDs) worldwide, as well as customised technical support to individual EU Delegations.

The team of two senior experts also utilised and deployed a global network of leading freedom of expression and media professionals, working together to provide tailored support and expertise to EU Delegations.

Media4Democracy was backed by a Consortium of prominent European organisations from the field of freedom of expression, media development and democracy support: Article19, Deutsche Welle Akademie, European Partnership for Democracy, Free Press Unlimited and the Thomson Foundation.

Media4Democracy was established by the European Commission’s Directorate-General for International Cooperation and Development (DEVCO) in January 2017 under the European Instrument for Democracy & Human Rights (EIDHR).

**FREEDOM OF EXPRESSION DRIVING DEMOCRACY AND DEVELOPMENT**

Freedom of expression and pluralistic media have long been recognised as one of the important pillars of democracy. Supporting freedom of expression and open media are key elements of EU support for democracy and have a permanent place in the EU’s work in third countries.
Media4Democracy works with the EU Delegations to leverage their key roles in third countries in order to improve environments for freedom of expression and free media as a driver of both democracy and development.

**OUR TEAM**

Media4Democracy is a free-standing technical facility with a core team of experts based in Brussels.

**Susan Angle**

Team Leader

Susan Angle is Team Leader and a media expert with extensive senior management and leadership experience. She has directed activities in Africa, Asia, Europe, Latin America and the Middle East for international media development organisations. She has led actions in peacebuilding and stabilisation programmes and United Nations peacekeeping missions in complex and often dangerous conflict, post-conflict, humanitarian settings.

**Francesca Silvani**

Capacity Building Expert

Francesca Silvani is a Key Expert for Capacity Building. She has extensive experience in designing and delivering programmes that support freedom of expression and access to information and has worked as a senior director for media development NGOs such as Internews, Article 19 and Panos London. She has worked in Africa, Asia and the Middle East, including in challenging human rights contexts. Before working in media development, she was a journalist and radio documentary producer.

**OUR CONSORTIUM**

The Media4Democracy consortium has six partners:

**Particip GmbH** is the lead company of the Consortium and is responsible for the overall administration and implementation of the programme. Founded in 1989, Particip is an independent, internationally-recognised consultancy company. [http://www.particip.de](http://www.particip.de/)

**Article 19** takes its name from Article 19 of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights (UDHR) and works to enable a world where people are free to speak their opinions, to participate in decision-making and to make informed life choices. It was founded in 1987. <https://www.article19.org/>

**Deutche Welle Akademie** is Germany’s leading organisation for international media development. The organisation supports the development of free and transparent media, quality journalism, and offers programmes to boost media skills.

<http://www.dw.com/en/dw-akademie/about-us/s-9519>

**European Partnership for Democracy** is a non-profit organisation supporting democracy worldwide. It comprises fourteen European civil and political society organisations from eleven EU Member States, present in Africa, Asia, Europe, the Middle East and Latin America. <http://www.epd.eu/>

**Free Press Unlimited**

Free Press Unlimited wants to make and keep objective news and information available to everyone, especially to people in countries without or with limited (press) freedom. By supporting local media professionals and journalists, Free Press Unlimited wants to help people gain and keep access to the information they need to survive and develop. <https://www.freepressunlimited.org/en>

**The Thomson Foundation**is a media NGO founded in 1963 and based in London that pioneered work with media outlets, governments, NGOs and commercial bodies to develop the media industry in countries across the world in order to create stronger societies. <http://www.thomsonfoundation.org/>