COVID Impact on Media & Freedom of Expression

This collection contains materials to strengthen EU Delegations actions to **counter disinformation and strengthen independent media during COVID**. There are Media4Democracy expert analyses with **recommendations to the EU Delegations to Venezuela and Brazil**. The related 5-part webinar series, *Defending Independent Media During COVID-19,* is available **here.**

These files are destined for the use of European Commission Staff in HQ and delegations as well as EU Member States.

Enrolment: [Course: COVID Impact on Media & Freedom of Expression (europa.eu)](#)

Defending Independent Media During COVID19: Media4Democracy

The global COVID-19 pandemic has created a profound crisis for independent media around the world, and has exacerbated longstanding challenges to media business models, media freedom and journalist safety. As the pandemic emerged, Media4Democracy convened a series of five global webinars as a platform for staff from EU Delegations and institutions to meet international experts to discuss the most critical challenges facing media and EU Delegation actions in support of media as part of their overall response to the pandemic.

This webinar is destined to EU staff in HQ and delegations

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Disinformation

This collection of documents contains Media4Democracy reports, briefing notes, analysis and recommendations focused on strengthening EU Delegation actions to counter disinformation. These include **Briefing Notes relevant to all EU Delegations** focused on actions associated with annual events such as **World Press Freedom Day** and the **European Media Literacy Week**, as well as a suite of Media4Democracy materials completed for the EU Delegation to **Indonesia associated to addressing hate speech and misinformation**. Also included is a Media4Democracy **analysis with recommendations to the EU Delegation to Colombia and EU Member States** to support their actions to counter disinformation in Presidential and Congressional elections.

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Media in Elections

This collection contains a sequence of Media4Democracy documents focused on strengthening EU Delegations support for independent media during the electoral cycle, including a brochure for EU Delegations on strengthening support for the media during elections, particularly those active in francophone countries – Media and Elections.

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Media & Gender Equality

This collection of documents contains two Media4Democracy expert report, completed with consortium partner Free Press Unlimited, focused on strengthening EU Delegations ability to engage with the media to improve gender equality. These reports are the result of extensive research and analysis in Burkina Faso and Malaysia, respectively, and focus on the dynamics of media, access to information and ICT and the empowerment of women and girls.

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Media in Elections. Burundi Case Study

This Media4Democracy **confidential** expert assessment was undertaken in close cooperation with the EU Delegation to Burundi to inform their electoral support and identify appropriate actions linked to media to be financed by the EU Delegation, with the objective of improving the population's access to information in the run up to the 2020 elections and beyond. Two categories of actions, corresponding to two phases of possible financing, were identified: a set of first level short-term activities (to be implemented as of March/April 2019); followed by structural medium- long-term actions that can build on the first set of recommended activities (to be implemented as of July 2019). An Executive Summary of this report in English and French are also posted here.

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Media Institution Building

This collection of documents presents the work of Media4Democracy focused on supporting EU Delegations and media actors to strengthen the institutional landscape and professionals who manage them as a vital underpinning to media pluralism and journalistic independence, and in-turn broader democratic function.

These files are destined mainly for the use of European Commission Staff in HQ and delegations as well as EU Member States.

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Media Law

This collection of documents contains **confidential** reports focused on complex **Media4Democracy legal analyses** of national media laws (some draft laws, some adopted as legislation) completed for EU Delegations to **Djibouti, Russian Federation, Vietnam and Zambia**, with expert recommendations to strengthen EU Delegation activism to counter these negative trends.

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Media Law. Mozambique Case Study

This suite of reports presents Media4Democracy's expert analysis of two draft media laws put forward by the Government of Mozambique in 2020 to the Parliament with proposed draft laws still pending Parliamentary adoption in April 2022. The primary document is an internal to the EU Delegation legal analyses of the 2020 draft Broadcasting Law (Lei da Radiofusão) which would establish a regime for licensing and regulating broadcasters and the draft Social Communication Law (Lei da Comunicação Social) which would repeal the 1991 Press Law (Lei de Imprensa) -- considering the draft laws' deficits as regards international legal and human rights standards as well as reports providing detailed redrafts of these texts which revised to meet such standards.

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Media Pluralism & Freedom of Expression

This is an extensive archive of Media4Democracy materials to strengthen EU Delegations and EC Brussels knowledge and ability to confront the broad dynamics threatening independent media and freedom of expression. Among them are the recordings of the 2022 Media4Democracy podcast – a six-part series with global experts, including Nobel Laureate and journalist Maria Ressa; and a far-reaching internal-to-the-Commission mapping paper distilling trends, while highlighting opportunities for EU policy development and actions, alongside best practice and relevant resources. There is a series of Media4Democracy expert media ecosystem analyse with recommended actions for the EU Delegations to The Gambia and Malaysia. Also included is a sequence of Information Notes providing guidance on EU advocacy and the Media4Democracy Policy Essentials Handbook, distilling operational and policy guidance of the EU Human Right Guidelines of Freedom of Expression, with related customised Media4Democracy webinar recordings conducted with EU Delegations Kenya, Malawi, Uganda, Somalia, Ethiopia and Namibia.

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Media Pluralism & Freedom Of Expression - Pod Cast Series

The Media4Democracy Podcast, produced with technical support of the Thomson Foundation, is a **series of six interviews** with international experts in the field of **freedom of expression and media independence**. The podcast provides EU Delegations and all listeners with a perspective on different aspects of the profound economic and crisis impacting on independent media in vast majority of INTPA countries.

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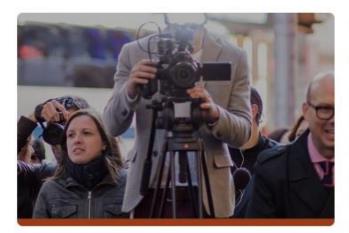Democracy, Elections & Freedom of Speech

Media Pluralism & Freedom of Expression. Laos Case Study

This 2018 Media4Democracy expert assessment for the EU Delegation to Laos provides a comprehensive mapping based on two field visits and extensive research of the complex media and freedom of expression system in this highly confined environment known for extreme restrictions of freedom of expression and violent repression of those challenging such restrictions. A systems approach was undertaken for this assessment, which strives to consider the interactive and reactive nature and interdependence of external and internal factors that create a whole. The report provides recommendations for potential EU Delegation engagements and partners. In parallel, Media4Democracy undertook a series of workshops, some internal to the EU Delegation for training, others for some among of the very few independent media actors and film makers in Laos.

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Safety & Security of Journalists

A sequence of documents addressing the increasing threats to journalists and other media actors safety on and offline are included here, with a focus on strengthening EU Delegations ability to act and react to this growing threat in a wide range of contexts. Including are the Media4Democracy EU Delegation Handbook *Protecting the Safety & Security of Journalists – Protecting Freedom of Expression* completed with support from consortium partner <u>Free Press Unlimited</u>, an **expert analysis with recommendations for the EU Delegation to Nicaragua**, as well a **sequence of EU Delegation training materials**. Media4Democracy **EU Delegation Information** notes with policy breakdown, best practice and advocacy ideas are also included.

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Safety & Security Of Journalists. Nicaragua

This Media4Democracy 2019 report for the EU Delegation to Nicaragua – *Strengthening Media Freedom & Expression in Nicaragua* - identifies the most critical factors constraining freedom of expression and media pluralism in Nicaragua, against the backdrop of the shrinking space for media and civil society and extreme insecurity for media actors.

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