





WORLD PRESS FREEDOM DAY 2025

PARALLEL EVENT

SAFEGUARDING INFORMATION INTEGRITY IN TIMES OF CRISES: LESSONS AND FUTURE DIRECTIONS FROM THE UNESCO-EU PARTNERSHIP









PUBLIC EVENT - OPEN FOR ALL



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ABOUT THE SESSION

UNESCO and the European Union (EU) will host a panel to discuss lessons learned and future actions for safeguarding information integrity through joint actions for conflict prevention, response to ongoing crises, and support to post-conflict recovery and peacebuilding efforts. The discussion will bring together key stakeholders to assess current efforts in combating disinformation while protecting freedom of expression and journalists, and promoting media and information literacy. It will also explore areas for improvement and future innovative steps to strengthen resilience in crisis situations, ensuring that the integrity of information is preserved, and public trust is enhanced.

SPEAKERS

Featuring media professionals, leading civil society actors and experts from crisis-affected regions, EU and UNESCO.

Opening Remarks

- **Tawfik Jelassi**
 - Assitant Director-General of Communication and Information Sector, UNESCO
- **Chiara Adamo** Gender Equality, Human Rights and Democratic Governance, European Commission
- Irene Mingasson (TBC) Head of the Service for Foreign Policy Instruments (FPI), European Commission

Panel Discussion

- Sylvie Coudray
 <u>Division for Freedom of Expression and Media Development, UNESCO</u>
- Adeline Hulin

 Media and Information Literacy and Digital Competencies Unit, UNESCO
- Angela Minayo
 Article 19 Eastern Africa
- Maksym Dvorovyi
 Digital Security Lab Ukraine (DSLU)
- ◆ Paula Gori (TBC)
 European Digital Media Observatory (EDMO)
- Shahir Zahine
 The Killid Group & Radio Mursal, Afghanistan

THE SESSION WILL ADDRESS

- Information as a basic need: Promoting access to timely, accurate and reliable information and improved safety of journalists
- 2 Strengthening the human rights-based approach to the governance of digital platforms to promote transparency, accountability and human rights
- Empowering digital content creators to be reliable and trusted information relays
- Building citizens' resilience to the information disorder through Media and Information Literacy