



# September

#### **Baltic edition**

Baltic Centre for Media Excellence has prepared this newsletter for you. Here you will find information about grants, webinars, workshops and other opportunities. Project is supported by the Fund for Bilateral Relations of the EEA and Norwegian Financial Mechanisms 2014-2021.

Best wishes, news@baltic.media team

## **Highlights**

Grants/Fellowships Opportunities

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#### II Fund for Investigative Journalism

The Fund provides grants to journalists for investigative stories that break new ground – which means they uncover wrongdoing in the public and private sectors and reveal information that was previously unknown or hidden. Grants average \$5,000 but can be as high as \$10,000. They cover out-of-pocket expenses such as travel, document collection and equipment rental. The Fund also considers requests for small stipends.

Deadline - September 14, 2020

More information

# Call for Proposals in the Field of Data-driven News Production

The European Commission is launching a third call for proposals in the field of data-driven news production. Applicants are invited to submit proposals to increase reporting on European issues from pan-European viewpoints and/or by comparing different viewpoints from within Europe, using data-driven techniques. Data-driven

techniques can increase reporting on European topics (i.e. the range of topics that are addressed by the EU) by making it easier for media companies/journalists to produce innovative and attractive content around such topics, allowing citizens to be better informed about the EU.

Deadline - September 22, 2020

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#### II Investigation Support Scheme

The IJ4EU fund launched a new call for applications to its Investigation Support Scheme with around €400,000 available to assist cross-border journalistic projects in the European Union and EU candidate countries. Teams can apply for grants of €5,000 to €50,000 for new investigative projects, including those that have recently begun as well as new phases of existing projects.

To be eligible under the Investigation Support Scheme, applications must be sent by teams of journalists and/or news organisations that meet the following criteria:

- They must be based in at least two EU member states or at least one EU member state and one official EU candidate country;
- The proposed project must focus on a topic of cross-border relevance;
- The proposed project must be a new project, one that has only recently begun or a new phase of an existing project.

Deadline - September 18, 2020

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#### Fellowships at the Cullman Center

The Cullman Center's Selection Committee awards fifteen
Fellowships a year to outstanding scholars and writers –
academics, independent scholars, journalists, creative writers
(novelists, playwrights, poets), translators, and visual artists.
Foreign nationals conversant in English are welcome to apply. A
Cullman Center Fellow receives a stipend of up to \$75,000, the use
of an office with a computer, and full access to the New York Public
Library's physical and electronic resources. Each Fellow gives a
talk over lunch on his or her current work-in-progress to the other
Fellows and to a wide range of invited guests and may be asked to
take part in other programs at.

# Preparatory Action on Media literacy for All - Call for

#### **Proposals**

The call aims at boosting media literacy in Europe through pursuing innovation and collaboration across media literacy communities within the EU, including by building on and scaling up existing solutions. Innovative strategies are sought, to inform citizens of disinformation and to promote a responsible use of communication channels offered by social media. The tools and activities proposed should directly or indirectly benefit the target group of citizens of all ages lacking media literacy skills and in particular the skills needed to critically evaluate content accessed via social media.

Deadline - September 30, 2020

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#### Wilson Center Fellowship

Through an international competition, the Center offers 9-month residential fellowships. The Wilson Center invites scholars, practitioners, journalists, and public intellectuals to take part in its flagship international Fellowship Program. Fellows conduct research and write in their areas of interest, while interacting with policymakers in Washington and Wilson Center staff and other scholars in residence.

Deadline - October 1, 2020

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#### Alan R. and Barbara D. Finberg Fellowship at Human Rights Watch

This fellowship is open to candidates who hold an advanced (graduate) degree or have a degree granted by June 2021 in the fields of law, journalism, international relations, area studies, or other relevant disciplines from universities worldwide. Fellows typically work full-time for one year in Human Rights Watch's New York or Washington, D.C. office. In some instances, other locations may be considered. The fellowship begins in September 2021.

Fellows monitor human rights developments in various countries,

materials on human rights conditions, and engage in advocacy and media outreach aimed at publicizing and curtailing human rights violations.

Deadline - October 9, 2020

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## **OPPORTUNITIES**

#### How to Spot Fake News?

Participants in this e-course will learn why fake news is an important issue and how the news are fabricated to transmit certain messages. This Fake News Course will help you to distinguish between credible news sources and identify information biases. You will learn strategies to identify and check the accuracy of news and also you will learn methods to avoid sharing Fake News.

Deadline - September 12, 2020

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#### UNICEF Youth Mediathon

The UNICEF Youth Mediathon is an online event that will give you the opportunity to improve your skills as a content creator, connect with other creatives, and develop content about the issues affecting young people today. 60 lucky applicants will win the chance to: meet and learn storytelling skills from top content creators; receive mentorship from experienced professionals in creative fields; have your work published on Voices of Youth and other leading content platforms.

Deadline - September 15, 2020

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### International Human Rights Documentary Film Festival

Docudays UA International Human Rights Documentary Film Festival is held annually in the last week of March in Kyiv. The

### Covid-19 Collaboration Wire

Covid-19 Collaboration Wire will help connect editors with journalists all over the world ready objective of the Festival is to facilitate the respect for and protection of human rights and fundamental freedoms, to establish an understanding of human dignity as the highest value, to raise the level of civil activity in Ukraine, to promote the development of documentary filmmaking.

Deadline - November 20, 2020

to fact-check, research, and report from their regions. Simply fill out the form with your request to get started, our team will then connect you with nearly 5,000 vetted journalists from 150+ countries ready to collaborate.

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#### English for Journalism

English for Journalism, a free course created by the University of Pennsylvania, and funded by the U.S. Department of State Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs, Office of English Language Programs. This course is designed for non-native English speakers who are interested in developing the skills needed for a career in modern journalism. In this course, you will explore print and digital media through authentic readings and video lectures, while expanding your vocabulary and increasing your ability to read, research, and develop local and global news stories.

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## **BCME Statement**

### News is a competitive business...

But the media sector is being squeezed like never before – faced with massively reduced income at the same time as a greatly increased demand for its services. It is appropriate for the industry to support each other and promote the benefits of public service journalism in a time of crisis.

That is why Baltic Center for Media Excellence has launched special Facebook group for Baltic journalists covering COVID-19.

There you will find there useful links, tips&tools, grants and webinars announcements. Join us.

Stay healthy,

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