

### June

#### 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**

Funding | Opportunities

#### Funding available for media entrepreneurs

Budding media companies with a positive social impact can apply for funding. The Media Development Investment Fund (MDIF) is accepting applications for the MDIF Ventures.

The initiative will invest in projects aimed at addressing accountability, strengthening debate or reducing information poverty.

The total amount of investment is US\$1 million distributed among about 12 companies in 2021.

Deadline - June 21, 2021

More information

## IJ4EU fund opens new calls for cross-border investigative journalism

The Investigative Journalism for Europe (IJ4EU) fund opened two new calls for cross-border investigative journalism projects in the European Union. IJ4EU's Investigation Support Scheme will provide grants of between €5,000 and €50,000 to cross-border teams that include at least one news outlet or investigative journalism organisation, or a staff member of one of these.

Deadline - July 14, 2021

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#### The McGraw Fellowship for Business Journalism

The McGraw Fellowship for Business Journalism is open to anyone with at least five years professional experience in journalism. Freelance journalists, as well as reporters and editors currently working at a news organization or journalism non-profit, may apply.

The Harold W. McGraw, Jr. Center for Business Journalism, an initiative of the Craig Newmark Graduate School of Journalism at the City University of New York, began offering reporting fellowships in the summer of 2014.

The McGraw Fellowship provides editorial and financial support to

journalists who need the time and resources to produce a significant investigative or enterprise story that provides fresh insight into an important business, financial or economic topic.

Deadline - July 16, 2021

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#### Journalism contest highlights disability issues

Journalists from print, broadcast and online outlets can submit their stories to this contest.

The Katherine Schneider Journalism Award for Excellence in Reporting on Disability is a national journalism contest devoted exclusively to disability coverage. The contest features the Large Media Market Awards and the Small Media Market Awards. Winners receive US\$2,500 for first place, US\$1,000 for second place and US\$500 for third place.

Entries must have been published or aired between July 1, 2020 and July 31, 2021. Works from outside the United States are accepted but must be in English.

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### **Opportunities**

Freelance Journalism Assembly hosts conference

Freelance journalists are invited to attend this virtual conference.

The Freelance Journalism Assembly is organizing the Freelance Journalism Empowerment Conference on **June 8 to 10** on Zoom and YouTube.

The program will cover pitching stories successfully; collaboration and cross-border journalism; storytelling trends and audience engagement; diversity, equity and inclusion; Tik-Tok, Instagram and Twitter for freelance journalists; data and mobile journalism; solutions journalism; slow journalism; and freelancers' best practices.

Registration is free and ongoing

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#### Bellingcat seeks projects using open data

Newsrooms and journalists can apply for this program.

Bellingcat's Anti-Equality Monitoring Project, sponsored by the Swedish Postcode Foundation, is accepting pitches that use open-source research methods to shed light on the far-right groups and individuals in Central and Eastern Europe.

Over the next two years, the project plans to publish investigations that expose the nature, scale, structures and operations of the far-right across Central and Eastern Europe.

Contributors, including translators, will receive compensation for their work. This project will also facilitate several training sessions on digital research and monitoring methodologies.

Applications are being accepted

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#### CNN London seeks interns

Recent broadcast journalism graduates or graduates from a related field seeking a career in journalism can apply for an internship in **London**.

CNN hosts several internships ranging from newsgathering to special feature programs, digital and sports.

The next intern program will run Sept. 1, 2021 to Feb. 20, 2022.

Candidates must be British citizens or have the right to work in the United Kingdom long term.

The deadline is July 10.

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International Reporting: The

Knight Center Online Course on

#### **Essential Toolkit**

The Thomson Foundation offers the course "International Reporting: The Essential Toolkit," produced by One World Media. The course is divided into three sections: how to tell a compelling story about a broader issue, what to do before and during your reporting, and safety and security concerns.

This is a self-paced course that can be taken at any time.

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#### vaccine reporting

Journalists interested in improving their coverage of COVID-19 can enroll in this course. Topics include how vaccines were achieved against COVID-19, the efficacy of the different vaccine formulas, plans for distributing the vaccines and more.

Course can be taken at any time.

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## Youth4Regions – Programme for Aspiring Journalists

Youth4Regions is the European Commission programme helping journalism students and young journalists to discover what the EU

is doing in their region.

Deadline - July 12, 2021

#### What is offered?

- Trainings on journalism and EU regional policy
- The chance to receive mentorship from established journalists from your country
- Working side by side with renowned journalists during the EU Regions' Week
- Visits of EU affairs media headquarters and EU institutions
- The unique opportunity to take part as a journalist in European Commission press trips to Member States
- Accommodation and travel expenses covered by the European Commission

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# Investigative Reporting Summer School in Riga (August 18-21, 2021)

Investigative Journalism Summer School is an annual three day event which has become a meeting place for professionals looking to upscale their skills, be inspired and refreshed. Over the course of three days, industry leaders share their trade secrets, the newest tools that make investigations and international cooperation much more effective and powerful.

Topics covered this summer:

- · How to clean massive dirty data
- Find so much more on the internet
- Infographics and data visualisation
- Disclose organised crime and corruption
- Security training: the mindset and tools to keep you safe
- Writing long stories and books
- Getting unwilling people to be outspoken
- Multimedia storytelling
- Produce a 50 min television story

Registration deadline - July 23, 2021

More information



