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Wednesday, 27 November 2024 (CET time)

16:00 – 17:00 Registration / ID cards (please, be in time for security reasons)

17:00 – 17:30 *Welcome drink*

17:30 – 18:00 Opening speeches

- **Oliver Vujović**, Secretary General, South East Europe Media Organisation (SEEMO), Vienna
- **Christoph Plate**, Director, Media Programme South East Europe of the Konrad-Adenauer-Stiftung (KAS), Sofia
- **Nizaheta Kurpejović-Cikotić**, Central European Initiative (CEI) National Coordinator for Montenegro, Acting General Director, General Directorate for Multilateral Affairs, MFA, Podgorica
- **Radka Betcheva**, Head of Member Relations Central and Eastern Europe, European Broadcasting Union (EBU), Geneva

18:00 – 18:15 Welcome Address by H.E. Jakov Milatović, President of Montenegro

18:15 – 18:30 Presentation of the CEI SEEMO Award for Outstanding Merits in Investigative Journalism in 2024 to Adrian Mogoş, Dino Cviko, Giorgio Michalopoulos, Taras Zozulinsky, Cornelia Cozonac, Elvin Luku, Saša Dragoljo, Jovana Georgievski and Ivana Milosavljević. Coordinator: Barbara Fabro, Senior Executive Officer, Central European Initiative (CEI), Trieste

18:30-18:45 Welcome by Ambassador Johann Sattler, the European Union's Ambassador to Montenegro, Podgorica- Brussels

18:45 – 20:15 Discussion: Media and Politics in Montenegro

Introduction: 20 years since the murder of Duško Jovanović, Mili Prelević, Deputy editor in chief, Dan daily, Podgorica

- **Boris Raonić**, General Director, RTV Crne Gore, Podgorica
- **Radomir Kračković**, Editor-in-Chief, Vijesti TV, Podgorica
- **Milka Tadić Mijović**, President, Center for Investigative Journalism of Montenegro (CIN-CG), Podgorica
- **Milena Golubović**, Deputy Executive Director, Pobjeda daily, Nova Pobjeda Podgorica

Moderator: **Samra Lučkin**, Boram owner, Sarajevo

20:15 Welcome by **Marijana Kadić Bojanić**, Executive Director, Vijesti Media Group, Podgorica

20:20- 21:45 *Dinner-Reception in hotel Voco Restaurant*

Thursday, 28 November 2024 (CET time)

Moderation for the Day: Milorad Ivanović, editor Birn Serbia and SEEMO Advisor

09:15 – 09:30 Registration / ID card check (please, be in time for security reasons)

09:30 – 11:00 **Between Control and Freedom: The Media's Role in Elections under Different Political Systems**

- **Alexandru Ion Giboi**, Secretary General of the European Alliance of News Agencies (EANA), Bucharest / Bern
- **Barcin Yinanc**, Journalist, T24, Istanbul
- **Orest Dabija**, Member, Audiovisual Council of Moldova, Chisinau

Moderator: **Christoph Plate**, Director, Media Programme South East Europe of the Konrad-Adenauer-Stiftung (KAS), Sofia

11:00 – 11:15 **German News Service by Deutsche Welle and the German news agency DPA with Daria Grudić, Distribution Europe, Deutsche Welle, Bonn**

11:15 – 11:45 *Coffee Break*

11:45 – 13:15 **Media Strategy in the Age of Disinformation: The Role of Public Communication**

- **Daniel Höltgen**, Director of Communications and Spokesperson for the Secretary General and the Deputy Secretary General, Council of Europe (COE), Strasbourg
- **Suzana Vasiljević**, Media adviser to the President of the Republic of Serbia
- **Zrinka Vrabc-Mojzeš**, editor, Radio Nacional and Nacional weekly, Zagreb
- **Vuk Vujnović**, Delegation of the European Union to Montenegro, Podgorica

Moderator: **Vincenzo Le Voci**, Council of the European Union, Brussels

13:15 – 14:15 *Lunch*

14:15– 15:15 **Are environmental issues in the media relevant to elections?**

- **Adrian Mogos**, Investigative journalist, Bucharest
- **Dino Cviko**, Centar za razvoj medija i analize / online magazin Žurnal, Sarajevo
- **Jovana Georgievski**, BBC News Serbia, Belgrade

Moderator: **Vuk Maraš**, Executive Director of BIRN Montenegro, Podgorica

15:15 – 15:45 *Coffee Break*

15:45 – 17:15 **The Fourth Estate at the Ballot Box: Exploring Media's Role in Elections**

- **Lejla Turčilo**, University of Sarajevo, Sarajevo
- **Serbeze Haxhiaj**, News Editor, Radio Kosovo, Pristina
- **Irina Nedeva**. President/ Chairwoman of the Board at Association of European Journalist -Bulgaria, and Editor / Producer BNR Bulgarian National Radio, Sofia

Moderator: **Ralitsa Stoycheva**, Research Associate, Media Programme South East Europe of the Konrad-Adenauer-Stiftung (KAS), Sofia

17:15 – 17:30 **Closing remarks**

Christoph Plate, Director, Media Programme South East Europe of the Konrad-Adenauer-Stiftung (KAS), Sofia

Oliver Vujović, Secretary General, South East Europe Media Organisation (SEEMO), Vienna

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