



Organization for Security and
Co-operation in Europe
Presence in Albania

CALL FOR APPLICATIONS

Journalists reporting on security, small arms and light weapons (SALW) and gender-based violence affairs

Study Visit, in March¹ 2024, Stockholm Sweden

Rationale/ Background

The OSCE Presence in Albania supports the Republic of Albania's efforts in preventing and combating SALW proliferation, thus contributing to the national and regional security and stability, while remaining committed in its mandate to promote freedom of expression, thus partnering with media is crucial for the organization.

The project “**Assisting the national authorities of the Republic of Albania to decrease the risk of weapon proliferation and misuse of SALW**” – implemented by OSCE Presence in Albania and funded by the European Union, the Federal Republic of Germany and the Republic of France – is addressing one of the priority areas identified from the project's main partners, the Ministry of Interior (MoI) and the Albanian State Police (ASP), such as raising public awareness of the dangers of misuse and proliferation of SALW.

In the framework of the SALW project, the Awareness Raising and Communication Strategy on the Misuse of Small Arms and Light Weapons and Action Plan has been developed and delivered to the Ministry of Interior and Albanian State Police for their follow up and implementation. Following the Strategy the SALW project in cooperation with the MOI and ASP will conduct awareness raising and outreach activities on the risk of the misuse of SALW.

In this process, the media is considered to play a vital role and is a strategic partner. In addition, the media are a key factor on informing and educating the public, by directly contributing to the ROADMAP² goal four which states “By 2024, significantly reduce the supply, demand and misuse of firearms through increased awareness, education, outreach and advocacy”.

In this regard, the Presence will continue to support journalists covering the security, SALW and gender-based violence affairs in Albania, with the aim to increase and reinforce the role of media in the public awareness raising campaigns, assess the reporter's needs to enhance the quality of reporting based on the EU best practices.

Following the Media Exchange Visit in Belgrade organized December 2022 and as continuance of the OSCE efforts to enhance the media engagement while addressing the security issues in

¹ Dates will be decided upon the selection of the journalists for this exchange visit.

² <https://www.seesac.org/f/docs/publications-salw-control-roadmap/Regional-Roadmap-for-a-sustainable-solution-to-the.pdf>

Albania, the Presence will organize a second exchange study visit for a selected number of Albanian journalists (from print, TV, radio and online media outlets). The **three-day** exchange visit will be organized in Stockholm, Sweden, in March 2024.

Sweden is the world’s first country to have adopted a press freedom law, dated in 1766, as well as traditionally holds media independence in great respect³. In addition, Sweden implements various innovative awareness raising activities and outreach activities with different target groups on the crime prevention.

The study visit will focus on media engagement practices in awareness raising and outreach activities reporting standards, capacity building and partnership between media, government authorities, local and international organizations.

If interested in participating in this study visit, we kindly inquire to complete the following application form and provide answers and input to all questions.

Your responses will assist the Presence to select journalists to participate in this important initiative and reinforce the areas where the OSCE Presence will continue its efforts to support media engagement in its mandate to inform and educate the public through their reporting.

**Journalists reporting on security, small arms and light weapons (SALW)
and gender-based violence (caused by firearms)**

Exchange Visit, in March 2024, Stockholm, Sweden

APPLICATION FORM

Personal Data

The contact details you provide us below will be used for all correspondence!

First Name [as on your passport]		Family Name [as on your passport]	
Citizenship	Date of birth:	Gender	<input type="checkbox"/> Female <input type="checkbox"/> Male
Complete address			
Postal code	City/town	Country	

³ [Sweden | RSF](#)

Phone (preferably mobile) [with full dial codes]		E-mail address	
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Language(s) abilities: Please indicate any languages in which you are able to work and indicate your level for each of it (B-basic, G-good, VG-very good, F-fluent, MT-mother tongue). We would like to remind you that main working language of this activity will be English. Hence state your abilities to work in it, please.

Language	Listening	Speaking	Reading	Writing
English				
Other languages[please specify]				

Do you have any **special needs or particular requirements** that the organizing team should know about? (E.g. mobility, medical needs, allergies, dietary restrictions, smoker/non-smoker)

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Your occupation [place of work]

Name			
Complete address			
Postal code	City/town:	Country:	
Phone [with full dial codes]	Fax [with full dial codes]		
Email	Website		
Activity level	local <input type="checkbox"/>	regional <input type="checkbox"/>	national <input type="checkbox"/>
		international <input type="checkbox"/>	

Please provide answer to all the following questions (not more than 150 words max):

- 1. Describe at least three key personal objectives or goals that you want to achieve through your participation in this exchange visit? In addition, briefly describe how and why your participation in this exchange would be beneficial to you and your future media career to educate the public on security, SALW and gender-based violence affairs? (Important! If applicants have already attended an OSCE media exchange visit organized in the context of security and SALW issues, please recount your experiences here and share the value and the learning of such visit: if new to the application process, please refer to what one might expect on such a site visit.)**

150 words max

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- 2. Please prioritize at least three themes you are mostly interested to learn from during the exchange visit or that are most closely related to your work as part of raising the public awareness efforts?**

150 words max

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- 3. Which media outlets, media organizations, media networks and institution would you be interested to exchange practices with during the exchange visit in Sweden?**

150 words max

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- 4. What guiding principles and operating standards should journalists covering security, SALW and gender-based violence issues apply to your daily job?**

150 words max

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- 5. How do you access information when reporting on security, SALW and gender-based violence? What is your vision to enhance the cooperation with the government institutions on your daily job within media mandate?**

150 words max

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- 6. In terms of capacity building, what types of resources or technical assistance might you need to enhance the reporting standards in the future?**

150 words max

7. Please attach a short bio (max 200 words) or a short version of your CV (maximum 2 pages).

Please take note of the following **conditions** that will apply if you are selected to take part in the seminar.

I commit myself to participate in the whole activity/process, including:

- a. to prepare myself carefully for the study visit and to do all remote preparation work the organizing team will ask for;**
- b. to take part in the full duration of the study visit;**
- c. to participate in the activity evaluation process;**

I understand that the information I provided on my special needs does not remove my own personal responsibility for ensuring my own health.

Signature of applicant:

[Write your name as in your ID card]

Date.....2024

Applications should be sent by e mail to: salw-al@osce.org NOT LATER THAN 24 January 2024, 23:59 hrs [Tirana time].
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