



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

## CALL FOR APPLICATIONS

### Media and security issues, focused on small arms and light weapons (SALW)

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*Study Visit, 19 – 22 December 2022, Belgrade, Serbia*

#### **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 organisation.

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 this process, the media are considered to play a vital role.

In addition, the media are a key factor on informing and educating the public, by directly contributing to the ROADMAP<sup>1</sup> goal four which is “By 2024, significantly reduce the supply, demand and misuse of firearms through increased awareness, education, outreach and advocacy”.

In this regard, the Presence will further support journalists covering the security and SALW issues in Albania, with the aim to increase the role of media in the public awareness raising campaigns, increase its transparency, access to information, and assess the reporters needs to enhance the quality of reporting based on the Western Balkan countries best practices.

As a continuance of the OSCE efforts in enhancing the media engagement while addressing the security issues in Albania, the Presence will schedule an exchange study visit for a selected number of Albanian journalists, from print, TV, radio and online media outlets, to travel to Belgrade, Serbia, from 19 to 22 November 2022. The study visit will focus on best practices

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<sup>1</sup> <https://www.seesac.org/f/docs/publications-salw-control-roadmap/Regional-Roadmap-for-a-sustainable-solution-to-the.pdf>

following ROADMAP due implementation, SALW projects and the role of media on the public awareness raising campaigns in Western Balkans.

If interested in attending the study visit on 19 – 22 November 2022, we kindly ask you 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.

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**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	
Phone (preferably mobile) [with full dial codes]	E-mail address		

**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	<input type="checkbox"/> local	<input type="checkbox"/> regional	<input type="checkbox"/> national	<input type="checkbox"/> international

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

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- 1. What value does a journalist, covering the security and SALW issues, expect to gain from attending a study visit to a country with good practices in public awareness raising campaigns in decreasing the risk of SALW? (Important! If applicants have already attended an OSCE media exchange visit organised in the context of security and SALW issues, please recount your experiences here and share the value of such a site visit to meet with members international organisations - OSCE, UNDP, SEESAC<sup>2</sup> and representatives of the regional and international media covering**

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<sup>2</sup> The South Eastern and Eastern Europe Clearinghouse for the Control of Small Arms and Light Weapons (SEESAC).

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*of security and SALW issues; 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. How can journalist contribute and enhance the public awareness campaigns while working effectively in partnership with government authorities?**

*150 words max*

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- 3. What guiding principles and operating standards should journalists covering security and SALW issues apply at their daily job?**

*150 words max*

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- 4. How do you ensure impartial approach when reporting on security and SALW issues? Could you give some indicators?**

*150 words max*

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- 5. In terms of capacity building, what types of resources or technical assistance might journalists covering security and SALW issues in Albania benefit from in the future?**

*150 words max*

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**6. 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: \_\_. \_\_.2022**

Applications should be sent by e mail to: <a href="mailto:salw-al@osce.org">salw-al@osce.org</a> NOT LATER THAN <b>15 November 2022, 23:59 hrs</b> [Tirana time].
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