

Invitation

European Media Freedom Conference 2015,
8th/9th October 2015, Leipzig (Germany)

Leipzig, 15th September 2015

Dear Sir or Madam,

Press and media freedom is of vital importance in every democratically organized society. Although freedom of expression is guaranteed in every European constitution, we see breaches of this fundamental human right in every European country – almost every day!

Europe's top journalists, researchers, media lawyers and politicians will come to participate in the *European Media Freedom Conference* organised by the newly-founded European Centre for Press and Media Freedom (ECPMF) to Leipzig to send a clear signal for press and media freedom at this historical place and date.

We cordially invite you to participate at our conference to take place at

8th and 9th October 2015.

Venue: Media Campus Villa Ida, Poetenweg 28, 04155 Leipzig.

In more than a dozen panels and workshops, the participants from several European countries will debate topics such as surveillance, whistleblowing and EU media law. They include:

- **Melody Patry**, Senior Advocacy Officer, Index on Censorship, London
- **Ljiljana Smajlović**, president Serbian Journalists' Association (UNS), Editor in Chief Politika, Belgrade
- **Ides Debruyne**, Managing Director Journalismfund.eu, Brussels
- **Esad Hećimović**, investigative journalist, Sarajevo
- **Hans-Ulrich Jörges**, Editor in Chief for Special Affairs Gruner + Jahr, Berlin
- **Elmar Brok**, Chairman of the European Parliament Committee on Foreign Affairs, Brussels
- **Henrik Kaufholz**, Scoop and Politiken, Chairman ECPMF, Copenhagen
- **Alberto Spampinato**, founder Ossigeno per l'informazione, Rome
- **Dirk Voorhoof**, Professor for International Media Law, Ghent

'Meet the Donors' is another important aspect of the conference: media freedom initiatives have the chance to network with potential donors for their projects.

On the evening of the 8th October **Nedim Şener** (Turkish journalist and author) and Jafar **Panahi** (Iranian film-maker) will be awarded with the 30.000 Euro "Prize for the Freedom



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and Future of the Media". All conference participants are cordially invited to this special event by the Media Foundation of Sparkasse Leipzig.

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Please find the programme and the registration form at

<https://ecpmfconference2015.sched.org> or email us to conference@ecpmf.eu.

Please register if possible until 30th September.

Translations (German/English) will be provided. Please share this information with all your networks. Thank you very much.

Yours sincerely,



Dr. Lutz Mücke

ECPMF – project manager

We do not charge any conference fees but kindly ask for your donations to support our work. Thank you very much!

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European Centre for Press and Media Freedom

Representatives of 25 journalists associations, publishing houses, academic institutions, trade unions and media rights experts from 16 European countries have founded the European Centre for Press and Media Freedom (ECPMF) in Leipzig on June 24th 2015 as an independent non-profit European Co-operative Society (SCE).

The co-operative's mission is to unite Europe's highly fragmented media freedom community and to address media freedom violations in EU member states and beyond. The ECPMF works as a registration office, and as contact point for organizations and individuals.

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