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SUPPORT TO MEDIA REFORMS PROJECT

The Support to Media Reforms activity supports the creation of a sustainable regulatory environment for media development and for the further digitalization of society in an inclusive, sustainable and safe manner. The activity was developed in response to an agreement between the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe (OSCE) and the Government of Serbia, which entrusted the OSCE with a key role in ensuring that Serbia's ongoing media reforms are implemented in line with best international and European standards and in ensuring and supporting freedom of expression and media freedoms.

ACTIVITIES

- Contributing to the effective development of media reforms by providing technical assistance to public authorities and regulators in policy and legislative development
- Ensuring the effective implementation of media and media-related legislation through capacity development of state institutions and independent regulators
- Supporting the further digital transition of society through support for policy development, public outreach and capacity development of relevant state institutions in order to assist new media development and the development of new media business models

EXPECTED RESULTS

- Serbian regulatory framework improved to meet the needs of citizens and media, including in the digital environment.

- Capacities of relevant bodies to implement media reforms increased, e.g. Republic Agency for Electronic Communications and Postal Services (RATEL), Republic Body for Electronic Media (REM), etc.
- State institutions and the media are able to adapt to the EU digital single market framework which removes barriers to cross-border e-commerce and access to online content while increasing consumer protection.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

PROJECT FUNDING

U.S. Agency for International Development
(USAID/Serbia)

PROJECT IMPLEMENTATION

Organization for Security and Cooperation in
Europe – Mission to Serbia

KEY COUNTERPARTS

Ministry of Culture and Information; Ministry
of Trade, Tourism and Telecommunications,
Independent regulatory agencies and media
stakeholders

PROJECT SPAN

Nationwide

PROJECT DURATION

April 2019 – December 2022

TOTAL FUNDING

\$444,574

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