



ARE YOU A DOCUMENTARY FILMMAKER OR A JOURNALIST
FROM SOUTH-EAST EUROPE OR THE CAUCASUS?

GET FINANCIAL SUPPORT AND DEVELOPMENT TRAINING
FOR YOUR NEXT DOCUMENTARY OR PODCAST.

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APPLY BY: MARCH 1ST 2024

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**MEDIA PROGRAMME FOR
DOCUMENTARY FILMS AND PODCASTS
TRAINING – PITCHING – FUNDING**

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1. TRAINING

- AIED AT DOCUMENTARY FILMMAKERS OR INVESTIGATIVE JOURNALISTS, WORKING ON FILMS OR PODCASTS.
- ELIGIBLE COUNTRIES:
 - EU - BULGARIA, ROMANIA, GREECE, CROATIA, POLAND, SLOVENIA, SLOVAKIA, HUNGARY, CYPRUS, MALTA.
 - NON-EU - ARMENIA, AZERBADJAN, BELARUS, GEORGIA, MOLDOVA, UKRAINE, SERBIA, MONTENEGRO, KOSOVO, NORTH MACEDONIA, ALBANIA AND BOSNIA AND HERZEGOVINA.
- *We strongly encourage cooperation projects between EU and Non-EU countries.
- 10 FILM PROJECTS IN ADVANCE STAGE OF DEVELOPMENT AND 10 DOCUMENTARY PODCASTS WILL BE SELECTED.





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1. TRAINING

- OUR PRIORITY ARE PROJECTS ON IMPORTANT SOCIAL TOPICS, WHICH ARE HAVING DIFFICULTIES BEING COMPLETED UNDER THE CURRENT MEDIA LANDSCAPE.
- WORKSHOP IS ORGANISED IN TWO RESIDENTIAL MODULES AND ONE ONLINE.
- MODULE 1 - PROJECT DEVELOPMENT @ ONE WORLD ROMANIA (APRIL 2024).
- ONLINE MODULE - PITCHING PREPARATION - AUGUST/ SEPTEMBER 2024
- MODULE 2 - PITCHING DURING SOFIA DOCUMENTAL - OCTOBER 2024
- APPLICATIONS OPEN - 25 JANUARY 2024
- DEADLINE: 01 MARCH 2024



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2. PITCHING AND FUNDING

- SECOND MODULE DURING *SOFIA DOCUMENTAL* WILL INCLUDE A PITCHING IN FRONT OF INDUSTRY EXPERTS AND SPECIALLY INVITED JURY MEMBERS.
- AFTER THE PRESENTATION AND INDIVIDUAL MEETINGS WITH EXPERTS, THE JURY WILL DECIDE WHO WILL RECIEVE FINANCIAL SUPPORT FROM THE NEWLY ESTABLISHED *BALKAN WATCHERS MEDIA DEVELOPMENT FUND*.
- 3 DOCUMENTARY FILM PROJECTS WILL RECIEVE 25 000 EURO EACH
- 3 DOCUMENTARY PODCASTS WILL RECIEVE 5000 EURO EACH
- ALL SUPPORED PROJECTS ARE EXPECTED TO BE COMPLETED WITHIN 1 TO 2 YEARS AFTER THE EVENT.





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