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Jürgen Heissel, Director of the Office of the OSCE Representative on Freedom of the Media

Jürgen Heissel has two decades of experience at the Austrian Foreign Service, covering human rights and security policy issues. He has been working in multilateral settings with organizations including the UN, the OSCE and the Council of Europe. His posting prior to RFoM was with the Permanent Mission of Austria to the OSCE, where in 2017 he was the co-ordinator of the Human Dimension during the Austrian OSCE Chairmanship.

Heissel holds a degree in Law from the University of Salzburg and is a graduate of the Vienna School of International Studies (Diplomatische Akademie) and the European Master's Programme in Human Rights and Democratisation.

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H.E. Ambassador Andrea Orizio, Head of the OSCE Mission to Serbia

Ambassador Andrea Orizio has been heading the Mission since 1 October 2016. He came to Belgrade from Rome where he served as Balkans Director at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Co-operation. Between 2013 and 2014, he was Head of the Counter-Terrorism and Organized Crime/G7 Unit at the Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs. From 2008 to 2012, he was Deputy Head of Mission of the Italian Embassy to Egypt. Between 2005 and 2008, he served as First Counsellor at the Italian Permanent Delegation to NATO in Brussels. Prior to that, he led the Western Balkans Department at the Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs. Earlier in his career, he held diplomatic posts in Zagreb, as Deputy Head of Mission and in Prague, and served on the Africa Desk, the Defence Minister's Diplomatic Counsellor office, and the Armaments Authorization and Control Authority.

Ambassador Orizio holds a degree in Law from the University of Milan and completed his post-graduate specialization at the Italian Institute for International Political Studies (ISPI) in Milan, and at the Italian Society for International Organization (SIOI) in Rome.

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Inid Milo, Head OSCE Chairmanship TASK FORCE, Ministry for Europe and Foreign Affairs

Inid Milo is a career diplomat from the Ministry of Europe and Foreign Affairs of Albania, and currently Head of the Albanian OSCE Chairmanship 2020 Task Force since April 2019.

After finishing her Master's degree (Mag.phil) at the University of Vienna in October 2002, Ms. Inid Milo joined the administration of the Council of Ministers of Albania, the Department on Information Policy and Politics for

about 14 months until February 2004. Since Milo joined the diplomatic service of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Albania in May 2004, she has been serving in several positions, including Second Secretary to the Albanian Embassy in Berlin, First Secretary at the Permanent Mission of Albania to the UN, and First Secretary at the Permanent Delegation of Albania to NATO.



Patrick Penninckx, Head of the Information Society Department, Council of Europe

Patrick Penninckx has spent the last 25 years of his career with the Council of Europe, contributing to the transformation processes of the organization and developing partnerships with international and national institutions.

Currently heading the Information Society Department under the Directorate General Human Rights and the Rule of Law, Patrick co-ordinates standard setting and co-operation activities in the fields of media freedom, digital governance, data protection, cybercrime and artificial intelligence.

His professional focus encompasses areas such as freedom of expression, safety of journalists, human rights on the internet and sound internet governance, international standards in the data protection and cybercrime fields and their implementation.



Branko Stamenković, Deputy Republic Public Prosecutor of the Republic of Serbia and member of the Permanent Working Group for Safety of Journalists

Branko Stamenković is also a Special Prosecutor for High-Tech Crime of Serbia specialized in cyber and internet related crime cases. He is the author of numerous books and articles regarding cybercrime in Serbia and in international forums. Stamenković is an international expert in the field of cybercrime and criminality and has served on projects in this field organized by international organizations like the OSCE, the European Union and the Council of Europe. Stamenković holds a degree in law from the University of Belgrade and several cybercrime certificates and honours.



Peter ter Velde, Security Coordinator of the Dutch Broadcasting Corporation (NOS) and of PressSafety (PersVeilig)

Peter ter Velde is the Security Coordinator of the NOS and project leader of PersVeilig, an initiative of the Association of Editor-in-Chief, the Dutch Association of Journalists (NVJ), the Public Prosecution Service and the police, and aims to strengthen the position of journalists against violence and aggression on the street, on social media and / or through legal claims.

Ter Velde is a participating member of the Network of Security Officers at the European Broadcasting Union (EBU) and provides safety training for journalists at the NVJ Academy and the EBU Academy. As a reporter for NOS, Peter ter Velde travelled to various war and crisis areas, such as Israel, Palestine, Iraq, Egypt, Lebanon, Haiti, Indonesia and Afghanistan.

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Toni Angelovski, Assistant Minister for Public Relations, Ministry of Interior, North Macedonia

Prior to his appointment at the Ministry of Interior, Toni Angelovski worked as a journalist and editor at several media outlets. He started his career at the Ministry of Interior in February 2016 in charge of communication with the media. Appointed by the Minister of Interior, Angelovski serves as the contact point with the Association of Journalists of North Macedonia for issues regarding safety of journalists.



Gordana Janković, Head of Media Department, OSCE Mission to Serbia

Gordana Janković was appointed as Head of the OSCE Mission to Serbia's Media Department in 2014. She spent over two decades in the Open Society Foundation (based in Belgrade, Prague – two years, Budapest – seven years and London – ten years) creating and leading the Foundation's Media Programme. She was the Director of the Programme on media policy, law and self-regulation, freedom of expression, media development and investigative journalism for over 80 countries. Prior to joining the Foundation, she worked on the production of various documentary films, TV, radio, theatre and public debates in various cultural and media organisations mainly in the countries of the former Yugoslavia.

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Snezana Trpevska, President of the Research Institute on Social Development RESIS

Snezana Trpevska is a media expert and founder of the Research Institute on Social Development RESIS, a multi-disciplinary research organization established in 2017, which works in partnership with NGOs, regulatory bodies, public institutions and academic communities.

Trpevska holds a Master's in Communication Studies and a PhD in Sociological Sciences at the University of "St. Cyril and Methodius", North Macedonia. Until 2017, she was professor in Media Law and Media and Audience Research Methods at the Institute of Communication Studies in Skopje. Her research interests cover several fields: Media Policy and Regulation, Media Literacy, Journalism and Media studies, Sociology of Mass Communication and Audience Research.

Furthermore, Trpevska has developed the methodology for the research project: Indicators on the level of media freedoms and journalists' safety in the Western Balkans, which has been implemented by the Regional platform for advocating media freedom and journalists' safety in the Western Balkans since 2016.



Sanela Gorušanović-Butigan, Vice President of the High Judicial and Prosecutorial Council of Bosnia and Herzegovina

Since 2007, Sanela Gorušanović-Butigan has been a judge of the Municipal Court in Sarajevo. She is a lecturer and participant in seminars and conferences in the field of application of the Law on Protection against Defamation, Article 10 of the European Convention on Human Rights and Fundamental Freedoms, and international projects under the auspices of the High Judicial and Prosecutorial Council of BiH. Gorušanović-Butigan holds a degree in Law from the University of Sarajevo.



Ardi Velju, General Director of the State Police

Since February 2018, by decision of the Council of Ministers, Ardi Velju has served as the General Director of the State Police, with the rank of "Police Executive Leader".

In 1993, he graduated at the Military Academy "Skenderbej", in Tirana. From 1993 to 1994, he studied at the Police Academy in Tirana. He graduated as a Police Officer after completing his studies at the Police Academy in Ankara, Turkey, in 1998. He also graduated from the Faculty of Economics, Ismail Qemali University, Vlora, in 2004. In 2011, he completed his Bachelor at the Faculty of Law. His academic background has been complemented throughout his career by a series of training courses at home and abroad, such as in the US, Poland, Italy, Hungary and the Security Academy, Tirana, organized by

PAMECA and ICITAP. He completed the eight-week FBI course at the ILEA Center in Budapest.

He has attended the Interchange Police program at the European Police College (CEPOL), Hungary. Velju is the author of several scientific publications as follows: Policing and Society: “A long-term interactive relationship based on Education and Accountability”; Policing and Security; Road Safety: “Our Common Challenge”.

Ana Bošković, State Prosecutor in the Basic State Prosecutor's Office, Montenegro



Ana Bošković has spent almost a decade of her professional experience as State Prosecutor in the Montenegrin Prosecutor's Office, working as a prosecutor in the Basic State Prosecutor's Office in Podgorica. Since the beginning of 2020, she has been seconded as prosecutor in the Special State Prosecutor's Office dealing with cases of organized crime and corruption. During this period, besides being state prosecutor, she has been actively engaged as a national expert in the United Nations and the Council of Europe, dealing with issues of rule of law and human rights. Recently, she has been elected as Vice President of the Conference of the Parties to the Council of Europe Convention on Laundering, Search, Seizure and Confiscation of the Proceeds from Crime and on the Financing of Terrorism. Also, she is an active member of the national working group for negotiation with the EU on questions dealing with the Judiciary and Fundamental Rights. Within this group, she has been reporting on Attacks and Violence Against Journalist. She speaks English and French.

Ton van den Brandt, Senior Adviser, Office of the OSCE Representative on Freedom of the Media



Ton van den Brandt is Senior Adviser at the Office of the OSCE Representative on Freedom of the Media. He holds a degree in Dutch law and (cum laude) in International Law, and in Journalism. Van den Brandt worked as a journalist for a national newspaper and a weekly magazine for many years, and is the published author of two journalistic books.

After this, Van den Brandt worked as an ad interim legal adviser with the Netherlands Ministry of Foreign Affairs and with the Netherlands Red Cross, before taking up a position as senior political adviser with Amnesty International.

He chaired the Dutch branch of the International Commission of Jurists and was a member of the Supervisory Board of the Netherlands Helsinki Committee. Before moving to the OSCE, he led and managed the Communications Department of the Amsterdam District Court of Law.

H.E Sem Fabrizi, Ambassador of the European Union to Serbia



Sem Fabrizi has served as the Ambassador of the European Union to Serbia since July 2017. Prior to this, he served as the Ambassador of the EU to Australia and as the advisor on international relations to the President of the European Council in Brussels and to the Prime Minister of Italy in Rome. His earlier postings included Geneva, at the Italian Permanent Mission to the WTO and the UN, and the Italian Embassy in Beijing. At the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in Rome, he held positions in the EU Department and the Secretary General's Office. Fabrizi holds degrees in International Law and International Economy from La Sapienza University in Rome.

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H.E. Ambassador Jørn Eugene Gjelstad, Royal Norwegian Ambassador to Serbia



Prior to serving as Norway's Ambassador to the Hellenic Republic and the Republic of Cyprus, Gjelstad was the director of the Middle East and North Africa Department at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, responsible for policy development in a number of areas.

Ambassador Gjelstad holds a Master's degree in International History from the University of Oslo, and a Bachelor's degree in history, literary science and political science.

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Guy Berger, Director for Strategies and Policies in the field of Communication and Information, UNESCO



Guy Berger is the Director for Freedom of Expression and Media Development at UNESCO. He is responsible for the organization's global work on press freedom, safety of journalists, internet freedom, media pluralism and independence, gender and media, media and information literacy, and journalism education. Before joining UNESCO, he headed the School of Journalism and Media Studies at Rhodes University, Grahamstown, South Africa.

Berger has an extensive career in press and television and had a long-running column on The Mail and Guardian websites. Moreover, Guy Berger was the deputy chair of the South African National Editors Forum. He holds a Doctorate in Philosophy from Rhodes University, has published extensively, and won several awards.

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Mogens Blicher Bjerregård, President of the European Federation of Journalists (EFJ)



Since 2013, Mogens Blicher Bjerregård has served as the president of the European Federation of Journalists (EFJ). Bjerregård is an educated journalist with experience in print media, radio and television and a consultant on capacity building of media organizations and on media development for democracies.

For three decades, Bjerregård has dedicated his career to press freedom and trade union work: 16 years (1999-2015) as president of the Danish Union of Journalists; expert in authors' rights; and self-regulation and ethical standards. He has been involved in the founding process of the International Media Support, co-signing the Memorandum of Understanding of the Council of Europe Safety Platform. He has also been a board member of the European Centre for Press and Media Freedom, and has worked on the Project on press freedom issues for the Nordic Council of Ministers and the EU.




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Saša Mirković, Lecturer at the University of Singidunum, The School for Media and Communication, Belgrade, Serbia



Saša Mirković is one of the founders of the Radio B92 in 1989. From 1993 to 2003 he was a general manager of RTV B92. Mirković was president and member of the B92 Board of directors, managing director and director for external communications until 2013. He was one of the founders and Board president (2006 - 2013) of the Association of independent electronic media (ANEM).

Mirković was Assistant minister (2013 - 2014) and State secretary (2014 - 2016) in the Ministry for Culture and Information. During his mandate, a set of three media laws was adopted. Mirković holds a Master's in Law, from the

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| | <p>Faculty of Law, University of Belgrade. He is currently undertaking a PhD at the Faculty of Media and Communications, Singidunum University, where he is also a lecturer. He works as a media consultant.</p> |
|  | <p>Marina Tuneva, Executive Director of Media Ethics Council of North Macedonia</p> <p>Marina Tuneva is the Executive Director of the Council of Media Ethics of North Macedonia since 2015 and an Assistant Professor at the Institute for Communication Studies. She has also been lecturing at the School of Journalism and Public Relations in Skopje since 2008.</p> <p>Tuneva is a Doctor of Cultural Studies, with a PhD degree on “The Role of Communication Strategies in Multicultural Societies: case study Ohrid Framework Agreement”. She has a Master’s degree in Diplomacy at the University of Malta, a Master’s degree in Peace Studies at the University of St. Cyril and Methodius in Skopje, and a Bachelor’s degree in Journalism at the University of St. Cyril and Methodius in Skopje.</p> <p>She has been actively involved in research and developing educational programmes and projects in the areas of professional journalism, intercultural communication and public relations both in the country and abroad.</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><i>@MarinaTuneva</i></p> |
|  | <p>Borka Rudić, Secretary General of the Association of Journalists of Bosnia and Herzegovina</p> <p>Borka Rudić spent most of her career in radio journalism reporting and management. She worked with Radio Sarajevo (later Radio BiH), Sarajevo's Oslobodjenje, Zagreb's Tjednik, Belgrade's Beta news agency, Radio FERN, Bosnian magazine Dani, and for the Danish Refugee Council as a manager of SEE Radio Network. In addition, she was the Lecturer at the High School of journalism trainers in the field of radio and TV news programmes, radio interviews and reportage.</p> <p>She holds a degree from the Faculty of Philosophy and Sociology from the University of Sarajevo where she also acquired the title of professor.</p> |
|  | <p>Ana Lalić Hegediš, Reporter for Serbia’s news website Nova.rs</p> <p>Ana Lalić Hegediš, reporter of Serbian news portal Nova.rs, was arrested and held in custody on official charges of spreading panic and public disturbance after she published an article about the very difficult situation in the main hospital in the Serbian province of Vojvodina. She has since been constantly exposed to threats, insults, and attacks, even though charges against her have been officially dropped as unfounded. Despite those threats, Ana continues to write persistently about the very difficult conditions in which doctors and medical staff find themselves in due to the coronavirus in Serbia.</p> <p>Ana Lalić Hegediš is a seasoned journalist and editor with 20 years of experience in print/digital journalism. She covers societal topics, as well as investigative journalism topics, including corruption and abuse.</p> <p>Thanks to her reporting on the coronavirus pandemic in Serbia, Ana won this year’s Deutsche Welle Freedom of Speech Award, and has been deemed a heroine of reporting by Reporters Without Borders in 2020.</p> |



Nidžara Ahmetašević, Journalist and independent scholar from Bosnia and Herzegovina

Nidžara Ahmetašević has a long career as a journalist working for various local, regional and international media on human rights, war crimes, international affairs, and migration. Currently, she works as a regional editor for the online magazine Kosovo2.0. Her work has been published in The New Yorker, Al Jazeera English online, The Observer, The Independent on Sunday, the International Justice Tribune, and Balkan Insight, among others. She has also been a TEDex speaker.

Ahmetašević holds a PhD degree from the University of Graz, Austria. Her fields of interest are democratization and media development in post-conflict society, transitional justice, process of facing the past, media and political propaganda, human rights and migrations. She has been awarded with a AHDA Columbia University Fellowship, a Chevening Scholarship, the Ron Brown Fellowship for Young Professionals, as well as the UNICEF KeizoObuchi Award.

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Vanja Čalović Marković, Director, Network for Affirmation for the NGO Sector

Since 2000, Čalović Marković has been serving as Executive Director at the Network for the Affirmation of NGO Sector (MANS). She is also a member of the Advisory Board of the Balkan Trust for Democracy.

From 2015 until 2018, she served as a member of the Council of the Anti-Corruption Agency at the Parliament of Montenegro. From 2007 until 2015 she was a member of the National Commission for co-ordinating and monitoring implementation of the Action Plan for Combating Corruption and Organized Crime in Montenegro, at the Government of Montenegro.

Čalović was conducting various investigations into high level corruption and organized crime, and political party and election financing, and she has extensive experience in using Freedom of Information Law, including strategic litigation, but also in data journalism and advanced use of IT for data management, investigations and analyses.

Čalović Marković holds a Bachelor's degree in International Economics from the University of Montenegro.



Gentiana Begolli-Pustina, President of the Board of the Journalist Association of Kosovo

Gentiana Begolli-Pustina is currently serving as the chairperson of the Board of the Journalist Association of Kosovo, to which she was elected in July 2018. In her capacity as the Chair, she has taken part in numerous conferences in Kosovo and abroad, emphasizing the protection of journalists and the minimization of political interference in media, while in the domestic scene she has had several initiatives with the international organizations such as UNDP, the OSCE, and others. in empowering the role of the journalists in the society democratization.

Recently, she has been nominated for the EU funded Women in Leadership programme, whilst in parallel has been engaged as an expert consultant with the Council of Europe and the OSCE. At the same time, Gentiana has an extensive 18 years of experience in journalism with the TV Dukagjini, Radio Television 21 and lately with RTK where she is a senior reporter / news editor and a news anchor.

She holds a Bachelor's degree in Journalism and Mass Communication, and a Master's degree in Journalism from the KIJAC Institute for Media in Pristina. Gentiana, in addition to her native Albanian, speaks fluent Serbian and English.



Silvia Chocarro, Head of the Protection of Journalists and Human Rights Defenders at ARTICLE 19

Dr. Silvia Chocarro is a journalist and freedom of expression advocate. She is the Head of Protection at ARTICLE 19. She sits on the Council of IFEX and is a member of specialized media freedom bodies at the University of Sheffield and the Central European University.

For the last 20 years, she has worked for news outlets, civil society groups and intergovernmental organizations, such as UNESCO where she participated in the development of the UN Plan of Action on The Safety of Journalists and the Issue of Impunity. Her PhD dissertation is about the role of the UN in promoting the safety of journalists from 1945 to 2015. She has authored several publications on the protection of journalists and on gender and media.

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