



**FRIEDRICH NAUMANN
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European Dialogue

Shrinking Spaces for Journalists

Thursday, 10 October 2019

Registration & Welcome Drink: 18:00h
Panel Discussion & Q&A: 18:15h – 19:30h
Light Cocktail Reception: 19:30h – 20:00h

Venue: Press Club, Rue Froissart 95, 1000 Brussels

About the event:

The European Union considers freedom of expression and information as being at the core of their human rights and fundamental freedoms' architecture. Still, every year, hundreds of journalists and media representatives are threatened, attacked, imprisoned, or even killed in EU member states and beyond.

Due to the growing popularity of right wing parties, countries like Poland and Hungary have become battlegrounds in the drive by authoritarian-minded leaders to limit media pluralism and gain control over political discourse. Meanwhile, at the doorsteps of the EU, Turkey has registered at least 68 journalist imprisonments in the past year, while the current political situation is leaving little hope for change.

Threats to freedom of expression and media pluralism are manifold, encompassing measures set by both private parties and state actors. Freedom of pluralist and independent media must prosper, so they can serve as public watchdog, sheltering citizens from States' as well as private interests' abuses and empowering them to actively participate in the democratic life.

At this event, journalists and media experts in the field will discuss the current situation on the European continent and identify new policy-making solutions.

Welcome

Chloe Melchionne
EU Liaison & Human Rights Officer, FNF

Speaker

Tom Gibson
EU Representative, Committee to Protect Journalists

Banu Tuna
President, Journalists Union of Turkey - Istanbul Branch

Oliver Money-Kyrle
Programmes Manager, International Press Institute

Moderator

Charlotte Wirth
Investigative Journalist & EU Correspondent,
Reporter.lu

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