



Conference

Freedom and the Internet in Macedonia

Role of the Internet in the Development of Democracy in Macedonia and Beyond

Skopje, May 11th (Friday) 2018
Museum of Contemporary Art, Skopje

OPENING REMARKS:

11:00 – 11:30 FREE FLOW OF INFORMATION – PREREQUISITE FOR AN OPEN SOCIETY

- Santa **ARGIROVA**, Board Member of the Foundation Open Society – Macedonia
- Bardhyl **JASHARI**, Director of Metamorphosis Foundation for Internet and Society

CONFERENCE PANELS

11:30 – 12:30 PANEL I: KEY MOMENTS IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE INTERNET IN .MK

How the development of Internet infrastructure and content affected the development of democracy in Macedonia?

- Sofce **JOVANOVSKA**, Chief of Staff of the Vice President of the Government of the Republic of Macedonia
- Jovan **KOLOV**, Netcetera
- Ognen **FIRFOV**, Director of Internal Audit, Makedonski Telekom
- Predrag **CEMERIKIC**, Founder of On.net
- Igor **TRAJKOVSKI**, Founder of Time.mk

Moderator: Filip **STOJANOVSKI**, Program Director, Metamorphosis Foundation

12:30 – 12:45 Coffee break

12:45 – 13:45 PANEL II: ROLE OF ONLINE MEDIA IN THE FIGHT FOR FREEDOM OF SPEECH

How has the Internet affected journalism and the democratic atmosphere in Macedonia?

- Biljana **STAVROVA**, Editor at Telma TV and former editor of A1.com.mk
- Branko **GEROSKI**, Editor of Plusinfo
- Elida **ZYLBEARI**, Editor of Portalb.mk
- Zoran **ANDONOVSKI**, Editor of Meta.mk
- Nikola **GELEVSKI**, Editor of Okno.mk

Moderator: Violeta **GLIGOROSKA**, Project Coordinator, Metamorphosis Foundation

13:45 – 14:00 Break

14:00 – 15:00 PANEL III: PLAGIARISM AND FAKE NEWS – THREATS TO PROFESSIONAL JOURNALISM

Discussion on violation of copyright on the Internet and the influence of “copy-paste journalism”, propaganda and fake news on the role of media.

- Emir **ZULEJHIC**, editor of Raskrikanvanje.ba, Sarajevo, B&H
- Tomislav **GEORGIEV**, Photoreporter
- Natalija **MILENKOVSKA**, Lawyer
- Zvezdan **GEORGIEVSKI**, Independent Union of Journalists and Media Workers

Moderator: Vladimir **PETRESKI**, Editor of Truthmeter.mk

15:00 – 15:45 Cocktail

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