

## INVITATION

### UNCOVERED – Investigative Journalism for Europe

Imagine a world without investigative journalism. Where would we stand today without the Watergate investigation, the Pentagon Papers, the Afghan War Diaries, the Panama Papers – and all other stories that hold those in power to account? Democracies need journalists who uncover the news that others would prefer to be kept secret.

We invite you to join us at the UNCOVERED **conference**, participate in a **workshop on digital security**, network with practitioners and politicians, and learn about the impressive **investigations of the IJ4EU grant winners**.

We will assess the challenges that investigative journalism faces in Europe today and the conditions – political, legal, and financial – that are necessary for investigative journalism to flourish. Find out why investigative journalism is in everyone's interest – and how we can protect it in a climate where economic needs and political interference are the new normal.

**when:** Thursday, 31 January, 1pm - Friday, 1 February, 2019, 2pm

**where:** Europäisches Haus (European House), Unter den Linden 78, 10117 Berlin, Germany

**Further information on the conference website:** [ecpmf.eu/uncovered](http://ecpmf.eu/uncovered)

Two years ago, the European Parliament initiated a special fund to be spent exclusively on cross-border investigative journalism, IJ4EU. The grants from this fund, launched by the ECPMF and managed by the International Press Institute (IPI), were awarded by an independent expert jury to twelve transnational teams from across Europe.

The conference will offer a platform to these teams to present their UNCOVERED stories. Their topics vary from the investigation into the murder of Maltese journalist Daphne Caruana Galizia, fraud in the management of EU funds in Romania and Bulgaria, European networks of climate change deniers, and the disappearance of 10,000 migrant children in Europe – to name but a few.

Meet and mingle with the grant winners, other journalists and investigative reporters from across Europe, politicians and high-level media experts: Georg Mascolo (Joint Investigative Group SZ, NDR, WDR), Benedek Jávor (MEP), Matthew Caruana Galizia (journalist, tbc), Pavla Holcová (journalist), Harald Schuman (Investigate Europe) and many more ...

The event will take place under the patronage of the Governing Mayor of Berlin, Mr Michael Müller.

The conference language will be **English**. It is **free** to attend but please [get your ticket](#) in advance (RSVP 29 January 2019).

For more info and updates, follow the [conference website](#) or contact [conference@ecpmf.eu](mailto:conference@ecpmf.eu)

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## Side-events

### Digital Security Workshop

Thursday, 31 January, 9am-12.30pm + Friday, 1 February, 2.30-6pm, European House

We offer a **FREE workshop** on digital security for investigative journalists by an experienced trainer (Daniel Moßbrucker) – before the conference (Thursday morning: for beginners) and another workshop after the conference (Friday afternoon: advanced).

*Eligible for:* investigative journalists and organisations that support investigative journalism.

[Registration required](#) (max. 30 participants). You may take part on both days.

### Wikipedia editing marathon on media freedom and investigative journalism

Saturday, 26 January, 10am – 6pm at WikiBär, Gartenstraße 92, in Berlin-Mitte

In Berlin already the week before? Join the Wiki4MediaFreedom edit-a-thon, organised by [Osservatorio Balcani Caucaso Transeuropa / Centro per la Cooperazione internazionale](#), in cooperation with [Wikimedia Deutschland](#) and the Berlin wiki group [WikiBär](#).

## The ECPMF

Press and media freedom is under attack in Europe, and it is getting worse. The **European Centre for Press and Media Freedom (ECPMF)** was founded by 25 organisations from 16 countries as an independent European Co-operative Society (SCE) to counter this development. Our work is based on the European Charter on Freedom of the Press. The ECPMF and its partners preserve and defend media freedom with several activities: we monitor the state of free media in Europe and provide news and tools on media freedom issues. We raise awareness of media freedom violations and bring together stakeholders from different spheres. We initiate joint fact-finding missions, conferences and events and provide practical support to journalists at risk – for example through a Journalists-in-Residence programme, legal support and advocacy. Not least, we lobby for the protection of journalists and media freedom standards on a pan-European level.

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