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TALK

Media in Crisis: Safeguarding the Watchdogs amidst Global Authoritarianism

Media worldwide are in crisis. Journalists were caught off guard when the US withdrew an estimated \$268 million from **global media support** this year, threatening their livelihoods and their critical work. This **financial shock** hit when independent media were already **struggling to survive**, with ad revenues drying up. Media development organizations worldwide, protecting journalists and advocating for freedom of expression, are equally affected. With **authoritarianism** on the rise—even in stable democracies within the EU and America—supporting media development is more crucial than ever.

This DW Freedom Talk takes a close look at the threats facing independent media around the globe. Highlighting key findings from DW Akademie's new **State of Media Development Report**, we will discuss what different stakeholders can do to tackle this crisis.



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DATE

MONDAY, JUNE 2, 2025



TIME

5:30 – 7:30 PM

Speakers

Tamar Kintsurashvili, *Executive Director of Media Development Foundation, Georgia*

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Dr. Ines Drefs, *Senior Consultant at DW Akademie*

Moderated by Carsten von Nahmen, *Managing Director of DW Akademie*

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