



How can Independent Media Survive? Lessons from Eastern Europe

Independent media and media development organizations across Eastern Europe are operating in an increasingly complex and hostile environment. Funding uncertainty, democratic backsliding, war, disinformation, and AI are placing unprecedented pressure on these organizations, forcing them to adapt how they work, fund themselves, and engage audiences.

At the launch of the **State of Media Development Report: Eastern Partnership and Baltic States**, we will present the report's key findings and discuss practical strategies and actionable recommendations to strengthen the resilience of independent media across the region.



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