

Name of programme	Support to Media Freedom and Pluralism in the Western Balkans
Country	Western Balkans (WBA): Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Kosovo*, Montenegro, North Macedonia, Serbia
EU Reference number	IPA/2021/428-559
Entity with whom the Commission has signed the contribution agreement	Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ) GmbH
GIZ Project number and project title	PN: 21.2257.0-002/21.2257.0-003 - "Support to independent Media in Western Balkans"
Total amount of EU contribution for the programme	10.000.000 Euro
Website link where this information is published	<a href="http://www.giz.de/en/workingwithgiz/awarded_contracts.html">http://www.giz.de/en/workingwithgiz/awarded_contracts.html</a>

#### Grants and procurement contracts awarded YEAR 2023

GRANTS (please list all Local Subsidies, Financing Agreements and Grants)		
Nature and purpose of the contract	Name and locality* of the grant beneficiary	Amount of the contract (EUR)
Grant Agreement, A2 CNN STRATEGIC ACTION PLAN: Increase digital presence through introduction of new digital platforms and tools aimed at young audiences.	G2 Media Shpk (G2 Media Ltd), Tirana, Albania	124.921,00 €
Grant Agreement, Citizens Channel STRATEGIC ACTION PLAN: Consolidation of Citizen Channel as an independent and people-centred media that promotes engagement with local communities and the values of an inclusive society, through innovative media content.	Qendra Citizens Channel (Citizens Channel Center), Tirana, Albania	149.683,50 €
Grant Agreement, FAKTOJE STRATEGIC ACTION PLAN: Building the media outlet's capacities to introduce and monetize new services and products, while ensuring steady audience growth, that would lead towards long-term sustainability.	Qendra "Faktoje" (Faktoje Center), Tirana, Albania	149.967,99 €
Grant Agreement, Albanian Centre for Quality Journalism STRATEGIC ACTION PLAN: Develop and implement a strategy for shift towards high quality multimedia and multipatform content, that will lead to higher audience engagement on issues of public interest. Development of a content hub for investigative journalism.	Qendra Shqiptare per Gazetari Cilesore (Albanian Center for Quality Journalism), Tirana, Albania	149.694,40 €
Grant Agreement, Strategic support to CIN: Improving audience reach trough multimedia production and improved social media presence in line with revised business model to reach revenue diversification.	Udruženje "Centar za istraživačko novinarstvo" (Center for Investigative Reporting (CIN)), Sarajevo, Bosnia and Herzegovina	149.966,92 €
Grant Agreement, Strategic support to Oslobodjenje servisi d.o.o: Improving the processes and quality of audience engagement and (new) content production through research and analytics.	Oslobodjenje servisi d.o.o, Sarajevo, Bosnia and Herzegovina	169.980,00 €
Grant Agreement, Strategic support to CRMA's Portal "Pratimo tendere": Building the media outlet's capacities to introduce and monetize new services and products, while ensuring significantly audience growth, towards long-term sustainability.	Udruzenje "Centar za razvoj medija i analize" (Association "Center for Media development and Analysis", Sarajevo, Bosnia and Herzegovina	125.000,00 €
Grant Agreement, BUKA Media Project: Strengthening unbiased and objective reporting in media of Bosnia and Herzegovina and ensuring access to quality media for its citizens; furthermore supporting the adaptation of new tools to produce quality media content, introducing business models for diversification of revenues and procedures for optimization and efficiency of the workflow to ensure sustainability of BUKA.	Centar za informativnu dekontaminaciju mladih (CID), Banja Luka, Bosnia and Herzegovina	150.000,00 €
Grant Agreement, Koha STRATEGIC ACTION PLAN: To enable financial resilience to safeguard the editorial independence and unbiased reporting on issues of public interest, to ensure sustainable quality reporting and to ensure more people get access to pluralistic and objective information.	Grupi KOHA SH.P.K., Pristina, Kosovo*	169.980,20 €
Grant Agreement, Kosovo 2.0 STRATEGIC ACTION PLAN: Supporting the diversification of revenues by adapting and introducing business models and increasing the number of audiences and reaching new target groups, to ensure more people get access to unbiased and quality media content on topics of public interest.	Kosovo Glocal (Kosovo 2.0), Pristina, Kosovo*	150.000,00 €
Grant Agreement, Kosova Press STRATEGIC ACTION PLAN: Diversification of revenues by adapting and introducing business models and digitalization in content development and distribution, aiming economic sustainability, to ensure resilience and to safeguard the editorial independence from political and economic pressures. Enhance the production of professional and modern multimedia stories, aiming sustainable quality content production for public benefit.	Agjencia e Lajmeve Kosovapress A.L. Kosova Press SH.P.K, Prishtina, Kosovo*	124.999,44 €
Grant Agreement, Strategic support for MINA (Infomont doo) to become influential in multimedia news production and exchange in Montenegrin and English language in the WB6 region.	Infomont doo (MINA), Podgorica, Montenegro	150.000,00 €
Grant Agreement, Strategic support for Vijesti: to become a leader in Montenegro when it comes to innovation in the media and to develop a local news correspondent network.	Daily Press doo (Vijesti), Podgorica, Montenegro	149.900,00 €
Grant Agreement, Strategic Support to Vidi Vaka: improvement of content-producing capacities and introduction of new formats to foster regional expansion and networking thus, providing quality content for the public and engaging more audiences in social relevant topics.	Foundation IDEA SEE Jugoistocna Evropa (Vidi Vaka), Skopje, North Macedonia	140.203,60 €
Grant Agreement, 360 degrees LLC Strategic Action Plan: Building demand for existing revenue streams and building new products for introduction of new revenue streams.	Društvo za audio i video produkcija 360 Stepni DOO (Company for audio and video production 360 degrees LLC), Skopje, North Macedonia	149.860,00 €
Grant Agreement, Strategic Implementation Sloboden Pecat: Supporting the diversification of revenues by adapting and introducing business models and improving content-producing capacities to ensure access to pluralistic and objective information for citizens in North Macedonia and abroad.	Društvo za izdavanje i marketing Sloboden Pecat DOO Skopje, Skopje, North Macedonia	171.010,61 €
Grant Agreement, Strategic support for Nova Ekonomija: Building demand for existing revenue streams and building new products for introduction of new revenue streams, leading towards long-term sustainability.	Business info group doo (Nova Ekonomija), Belgrade, Serbia	124.800,00 €
Grant Agreement, Strategic support for BIRN Serbia: Building demand for existing revenue streams and building new products for introduction of new revenue streams.	Balkanska Istraživačka Mreža (BIRN), Belgrade, Serbia	149.989,35 €
Grant Agreement, Strategic support for CRTA (Istinomer) Srbija: Building demand for existing revenue streams and building new products for introduction of new revenue streams.	CRTA (Istinomer), Belgrade, Serbia	150.000,00 €
Grant Agreement, Strategic support to expand audience reach as well as to introduce a multi-platform approach and build marketing and community management capabilities.	Simplicity doo Niš (Juzne vesti), Nis, Serbia	124.314,64 €
Local Subsidy, Strategic support to leverage existing media platforms, introduce an integrated production workflow and broaden audience reach.	FoNet novinsko-izdavačko društvo d.o.o. (FoNet News Agency), Belgrade, Serbia	100.021,71 €
Local Subsidy, Strategic support to consolidate the content production business strategy, elaborate on its best business model, and to introduce an integrated production workflow.	Radiodifuzno preduzeće – Radio 021 d.o.o. (Radio 021), Novi Sad, Serbia	100.014,97 €
Local Subsidy, Strategic support to transform content production from print to digital and make VREME more dynamic, modern, and competitive outlet in the national mass media environment.	Novinsko preduzeće Vreme d.o.o. Beograd (News Company Vreme d.o.o. Belgrade), Belgrade, Serbia	98.854,04 €
Local Subsidy, Investigative journalism on environmental and sustainable development: 6 investigative stories+6 tv shows, including internship of students. The show is produced by an environmental media organisation (NGO) in collaboration with TV Scan (commercial TV channel).	Green Centre, Tirana, Albania	23.128,06 €

Nature and purpose of the contract	Name and locality* of the grant beneficiary	Amount of the contract (EUR)
Local Subsidy, A platform to detect propaganda and misinformation before elections through analytics of political candidates PR content/electoral campaigns.	Qendra Shqiptare Media Look, Tirana, Albania	24.190,54 €
Local Subsidy, Innovative idea for preserving cultural heritage, focus on rural area. Will cover 7 regions with damaged cultural monuments, will produce 14 in depth stories, will use innovative formats visuals, videos, podcasts, animation.	Amfora Center, Durres, Albania	22.433,34 €
Local Subsidy, Mojo video productions for young audiences focusing on the life of 12 young people who live, develop and find spaces of prosperity within the country. Through short video storytelling, the media will bring their challenges, their success and insights.	Shoqata Gogo, Tirana, Albania	22.204,25 €
Local Subsidy, A new program of a business weekly video podcast to be set by the most important and consolidated magazine on economy in Alb, aiming to increase and reach new audiences (video podcast is being introduced for the first time by this magazine). Considerable audience and reputation.	Monitor/Media Union, Tirana, Albania	16.602,96 €
Local Subsidy, Fastnews Economy is a small but quite fast evolving portal focusing on economy. It will bring at least 20 comparative analysis on socio economic topics, making comparison with the region, with a special focus on young people related issues and challenges (immigration, employment, economic opportunities, etc).	Aurora Sulce, Tirana, Albania	24.444,45 €
Local Subsidy, The idea is for an Online Radio to be established by an active Roma NGO. The intention is to produce 48 episodes of a radio show on Roma youngsters issues/challenges, while establishing 5 mini radio stations/community radios in 4 schools located in the areas with Roma community in the country.	IRCA - Institute of Romani Culture in Albania, Tirana, Albania	24.708,72 €
Local Subsidy, Web portal and TV program on consumer rights (the only web and TV show dedicated exclusively to this topic). Innovation is brought by a new app (green line) to report and inform on the spot. Food safety trainings and education for journalists are also envisaged.	Alert, Tirana, Albania	23.087,19 €
Local Subsidy, Small online media managed by Roma&Egyptian community; doing Community based and solution oriented journalism; planning to do articles, podcasts and investigations on socio economical rights of R&E communities.	Community Reporters Albania, Tirana, Albania	21.358,03 €
Local Subsidy, The project consisting of innovative tools and formats referring to introduction of Storytelling and Scrolltelling next to training of staff for those two, for the media new formats.	Fokus doo, Sarajevo, Bosnia and Herzegovina	19.771,76 €
Local Subsidy, Focusing on developing podcast and improving video reports on social reality (23 podcast episodes) and with different SM channels to attract younger audiences. Additionally the Website was redesigned.	Centar za kriticko misljenje (Tacno.net), Mostar, Bosnia and Herzegovina	25.113,00 €
Local Subsidy, Focusing on disinformation and prebunking of high risk events that trigger hate speech, developing sets to highlight and mitigate. Plan is to tackle topics/events that have potential to grow and spread disinformation and hate speech. Aim is to establish an "early warning" system through which the Media could constantly identify events and topics that could be impacted through prebunking and address them with set of prebunking materials.	Udruzenje ZastoNe, Sarajevo, Bosnia and Herzegovina	19.998,47 €
Local Subsidy, Introducing video-podcast as a new segment for Gracija, the plan is to develop 24 editions of video podcast which focus on everyday lives and problems of various people – such as people with disabilities, marginalized people, LGBTIQ, eco activists, female politicians, women entrepreneurs, and successful examples of ordinary (and not so ordinary) people – despite all circumstances.	Gracija Press, Sarajevo, Bosnia and Herzegovina	18.542,80 €
Local Subsidy, multimedia format to be introduced in addition to the radio station.	Radio Kameleon doo, Tuzla, Bosnia and Herzegovina	20.901,93 €
Local Subsidy, Strengthening fact-checking within the newsroom, training of 6 staff members to produce podcast and video clips, focusing on improving media literacy.	Vidik doo (RTV Slon), Tuzla, Bosnia and Herzegovina	19.940,69 €
Local Subsidy, Improving investigative stories focusing on women and LGBTIQ by training 6 new external staff members on investigative reporting, the improved capacities should increase the numbers on stories produces and increase audience.	INFOHOUSE (interview.ba), Sarajevo, Bosnia and Herzegovina	19.991,82 €
Local Subsidy, This media focused on economy issues will conduct a Finance literacy initiative through 50 different innovative and qualitative media products (on 4 topics) to attract wider audience (young and women specifically).	AP Buletini Ekonomik, Prishtina, Kosovo*	21.000,00 €
Local Subsidy, Promotion of cooperation among journalists of different ethnic background. This Serbian media in southeast Kosovo will bring together journalists Alb&Srb from several local media to interact and work together on important topics, and to jointly report on disinformation.	Radio Gorazdevac, Peja, Kosovo*	20.889,00 €
Local Subsidy, The first feminist TV Show (a monthly program in TV7 cable tv), prepared by a media organisation, managed by professional journalists, gender experts and activists.	Instituti QIKA, Prishtina, Kosovo*	20.996,00 €
Local Subsidy, Through internship and one-on-one mentorships, the project will advance the knowledge and practical skills of 18 journalism students (focusing on disinformation and factchecking), while reporting on issues of social importance. As a result a total of 18 stories and related videos will be produced and published.	Fondacioni per Informim Media Dialog dhe Edukim KS (Kosova Live), Prishtina, Kosovo*	20.000,00 €
Local Subsidy, A recently established LGBTI NGO by a good media professional and activist will produce in collaboration with Radio Glam the first LGBTI radio show (20 radio shows), + trainings+ internships. The quality journalism, inclusive reporting is aiming to increase visibility and respectful media representation of LGBTI+ stories.	Instituti Sekhmet, Prishtina, Kosovo*	21.080,00 €
Local Subsidy, A young portal but with considerable followers among youngsters, brings an original idea to advocate for social inequalities in Kosovo society through digital memes.	Cool n'Fresh magazine sh.p.k, Prishtina, Kosovo*	22.000,00 €
Local Subsidy, Radio Kontakt (online portal and radio in SRB language from North Mitrovica) in partnership with Alternativa (SRB portal for youth, arts and gender), is aiming to produce 20 video podcasts, 50 short videos and 10 articles, tackling overarching topics relevant for all communities.	Kontakt Plus, North Mitrovica, Kosovo*	30.977,00 €
Local Subsidy, support to introduce new innovative media formats and new ways of communication with the audience.	CIN CG, Podgorica, Montenegro	20.000,00 €
Local Subsidy, support to offer free services to media regarding the Freedom of Information Law (FOI) in the form of legal support for journalists.	NGO MANS, Podgorica, Montenegro	18.904,36 €
Local Subsidy, support to establish a newsroom and network of local media.	Portal Kombinat, Podgorica, Montenegro	16.230,02 €
Local Subsidy, Production of 52 multimedia content, shorter content for SM and interesting for youth, fact checking content and media campaign.	TRD Radio Kanal 77, Stip, North Macedonia	19.961,06 €
Local Subsidy, Equipment and set-up of production studio so new video formats can be introduced on website; inclusiveness, with sign interpreters, expending content and formats.	M&M Media LLC Gostivar, Gostivar, North Macedonia	25.150,15 €
Local Subsidy, Establishing a joint team/newsroom for facts checking and mentoring of young journalists; develop mobile app, which would be interactive and include online surveys for citizens.	TV Telma, Skopje, North Macedonia	19.944,65 €
Local Subsidy, Adapt tool/model for propaganda detection based on 14 criterias, in Macedonian, Albanian and Serbian language.	Pikasa PR DOO, Skopje, North Macedonia	19.668,94 €
Local Subsidy, Podcasts on financial issues and literacy, as a new segment and tool. In total 48 episodes which should contribute to increase audiences.	Faktor Portal DOOEL Skopje, Skopje, North Macedonia	19.912,20 €
Local Subsidy, Fight of disinformation and focusing on journalists reputation, increase of capacities, producing 12 videos in Macedonian and 12 in Albanian language.	Koha Production DOO, Skopje, North Macedonia	19.949,35 €
Local Subsidy, Opening new segment on website where citizens can report corruption (CRT), two-fold communication with audience and increase of investigative stories with new formats.	SDK Mihajlovski DOOEL, Skopje, North Macedonia	21.301,53 €
Local Subsidy, support to the promotion of ethical reporting by the recipient producing articles about media-related issues.	Slavko Curuvija Fondacija (Cenzolovka), Belgrade, Serbia	20.001,37 €
Local Subsidy, support to beneficiaries to introduce a narrative podcast format.	CINS, Belgrade, Serbia	19.965,89 €
Local Subsidy, support production of 42 articles aiming to foster the Serbian-Albanian dialogue.	Bujanovacke, Bujanovac, Serbia	19.824,35 €
Local Subsidy, support to strengthen the capacities of beneficiaries by enabling participating in workshops on data-driven and solution-based journalism.	Maglocistac - UG Centar gradjanskih vrednosti, Subotica, Serbia	19.990,61 €
Local Subsidy, support to the publication of 7 articles with topics on different forms of violence.	Ozon media doo, Cacak, Serbia	19.993,24 €

Nature and purpose of the contract	Name and locality* of the grant beneficiary	Amount of the contract (EUR)
Local Subsidy, support to produce high-quality content for audiences group 17-24 years.	Udruzenje Oblakoder, Belgrade, Serbia	19.935,09 €
Local Subsidy, support of promotion of gender equality by providing training on gender-sensitive language.	Udruzenje „Forum zena Prijepolja“ (TV Forum), Prijepolje, Serbia	19.983,76 €
Local Subsidy, support to create bilingual (Serbian-Slovenian) video storytelling aiming to reach the young Slovenian minority in Serbia.	Storyteller, Maglič - Bački Petrovac, Serbia	20.002,47 €
Local Subsidy, support to further develop beneficiaries newsletter to make it more attractive for young audiences.	Association of Media, Belgrade, Serbia	19.992,79 €
<b>Procurement and Service Contracts (only &gt;EUR 15.000)</b>		
Service Contracts, Consultancies (with companies and individuals)*		
Nature and purpose of the contract	Name and locality* of the Contractor	Amount of the procurement (EUR)
N/A		
Procurement of goods		
N/A		