Project fact sheet

Support to Media Sector Reform for Conflict Prevention in the context of the upcoming elections in Kyrgyzstan

"Media Dialogue"

Implementing organisation(s)	*European Partnership for Democracy*
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Project budget	*Total budget - € 2,9 million* *EU contribution - € 2,9 million*
Project partners	*Media Policy Institute , Article 19, Westminster Foundation for Democracy, ALDA*
Location	*Kyrgyzstan*
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Program Development Objective

The action aims to strengthen the capacity and responsibility of media actors to operate as drivers of democracy and to prevent potential conflicts during the 2020 parliamentary elections.

Main target groups

State authorities, Central Electoral Commission, political actors, media stakeholders and actors.

Key challenges that the program helps to address:

- The deteriorated legislative context negatively affects NGOs, journalists and media organisations
- State's increased surveillance targets media actors, including from a legal perspective
- Lack of interest or delays of engagement on media reform by the government and parliamentarians
- Lack of engagement by media actors, and official authorities, prevents the action from promoting a constructive and consultative reform process

Expected outcomes

- Key media stakeholders and actors develop a common understanding of the challenges affecting the media sector and identify priority reform objectives which are effectively implemented
- State authorities, media actors and stakeholders including the Central Electoral Commission develop their capacity to mitigate conflicts and agree to adopt a code of conduct for the elections by developing self-regulation frameworks that contain professional and ethical standards relating to their coverage of election campaigns
- Media actors develop their capacities to ensure their own legal, physical and digital security and to provide professional and responsible journalistic coverage throughout the electoral cycle
- Pilot initiatives support media content producers and civic tech to promote good governance and target populations at risk
- Media actors explore and develop business models improving their economic independence

Implementation status: Ongoing

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