

## INVITATION to the EFJ, ECPMF and IPI workshop on Investigative Journalism and Defamation Law

**THESSALONIKI, 18<sup>th</sup> – 20<sup>th</sup> October 2016**

The **European Center for Press and Media Freedom** ([ECPMF](#)), the **European Federation of Journalists** ([EFJ](#)) and the **International Press Institute** ([IPI](#)) invite journalists and unionists to a three days Workshop on Investigation Journalism and Defamation Law, to be held in **Thessaloniki** (Greece) from October 18<sup>th</sup> to October 20<sup>th</sup>.

On the first two days, trainers and contributors from Greece and other European countries will work together with participants to describe the working environment for investigative journalists in Greece, and identify challenges and possible opportunities for them to develop their work. They will also present financial tools and funding models for investigative journalism, as well as digital tools to be used in order to protect data and communications while working as independent journalist. Covering refugees, as a demanding field for journalists with investigative skills in Greece and throughout Europe, will also be in the workshop's agenda. On Day 3, participants will focus on the Greek legislative framework regarding defamation, to compare the situation to this of other European countries. Trainers will present best practices for journalists to face such legislative challenges.

The workshop will be facilitated with the support of the local EFJ affiliate, the **Journalists' Union of Macedonia and Thrace Daily Newspapers** ([ESIEMTH](#)). All the works will be held in the Union's premises (Address: 5, Stratigou Kallari, 54622 Thessaloniki). Working languages are **Greek and English** (interpretation will be provided).

There are 30 places available, and traveling and accommodation will be covered by the organisers for those who will have to travel to Thessaloniki (up to 20 participants).

If you 'd like to attend the workshop, please **fill in this [Application form](#) and submit it before Friday, October 7<sup>th</sup>**. Due to limited places, please do not make any travel arrangements before you get a confirmation message regarding your attendance.

Information regarding accommodation in Thessaloniki, reimbursement issues and a more detailed agenda will be sent to you in the following days.

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## Draft agenda (Short version)

### Tuesday 18th October

09.30-10.30	Introductions to each other and to the workshop: Welcome speech by Journalists' Union of Macedonia and Thrace Daily Newspapers
10.30-12.30	Investigative skills workshops
12.30-13.30	Lunch break
13.30-15.00	Covering refugees
15.00-16.30	Funding investigative journalism
20.00	Dinner

### Wednesday 19th October

09.30-10.30	Investigative skills workshop
10.30-13.00	Business models for independent journalism
13.00-14.00	Lunch break
14.00-16.00	Digital self defence for investigative journalists
19.30	Visit to Photo Exhibition - Dinner

### Thursday 20th October

09.30-11.00	Freedom of expression and defamation: Modern European standards and principles
11.00-11.30	Defamation laws in Greece: An overview
11.30-13.00	Workshop: Creating hard-hitting journalism without getting into legal trouble for defamation
13.00-14.00	Lunch and networking
14.00 – 15.30	Final plenary session and feedback forms



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