

## Letter of support

To whom it may concern,

The Swedish Association for Investigative Reporters (FGJ) fully supports the plan for *Journalism at War*, a conference aiming to help and strengthen our Ukrainian colleagues, reporters and editors, in a difficult time when free media and independent journalism are crucial. We believe that this conference can make a difference for the Ukrainian journalists and editors and hope that the fundraising needed for the conference will be successful - thanks to you and other contributing organizations.

*Journalism at War* will be held in Bratislava, Slovakia, in December 2022. It will not only focus on the situation for journalists and media houses in Ukraine, it will also be of highest relevance for other journalists in the region, i.e. Belarus and Russia. As we all know, it is more or less impossible to conduct free and independent journalism in these countries today.

The idea for the conference comes from the former coordinators of *Scoop*, a support structure for investigative journalism in East and Southeast Europe. *Scoop* was initiated by FGJ and FUJ, our Danish sister organization, and has supported several hundred investigations over the years. The former *Scoop*-coordinators have a huge network in the European media and will organize the conference on a volunteer basis. The conference is also supported by the European Centre for Press and Media Freedom based in Leipzig Germany. The ECPMF will be responsible for the finances. The Ukrainian Regional Press Development Institute, which usually organizes the annual conference for investigative reporters in Kyiv, will contribute with fundraising, planning of the program and of course organizing the participation of Ukrainian colleagues.

We hope that you will support the conference too.  
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