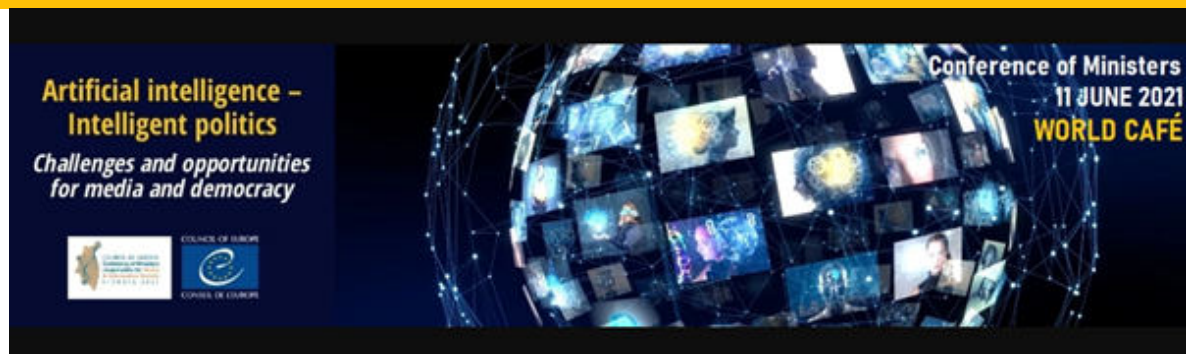


## Community Media and Democracy



With questions of media development and democracy as the Council of Europe Conference of Ministers' main theme, Community Media Forum Europe contributed with a World Café focusing on the important role of community media for Media and Information Literacy - so crucial in today's world.

This issue of our monthly newsletter tells about the conference, and we take you with us to Slovenia, where Radio Student is again threatened and challenged financially - and to Luxembourg where our partner Radio ARA just won a similar battle. And we take you with us to one of the stations in Ireland celebrating National Community Radio Day 2021 on Friday, June 18th.

We share updates on our work with 'Get the Trolls Out!', on media and migration and minority languages, and we share a tool for data protection.

In short: welcome to another issue of the CMFE newsletter, which we hope will inspire your own work and thinking.

Next month our guest editor is the Editor-in-Chief of Radio Rozana and CMFE board member, Lina Chawaf, who focuses in on 'Community Media, Peace and Constructive Journalism' - you can already begin to look forward to that, which as always will look at advocacy for and visibility of community media as well as stories of action and change.

**Do take care and stay safe!**

**Birgitte Jallof, CMFE President**

## CMFE Newsletters

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# Strengthening an enabling environment

**0 € For Radio Študent – Ministry Of Culture Is Defunding RŠ**



We received the bad news from our friends at Radio Student in Slovenia that a number of critical media have had their public funding cut. This confirms once again that the government of Prime Minister Jansa is following the model of Viktor Orbán in Hungary and obviously aims to silence all critical voices in the media landscape. All the more important now is the support of the media concerned and international protest. We are sending you the letter from Radio Student and encourage you to support our colleagues as much as you can.

[Read more!](#)

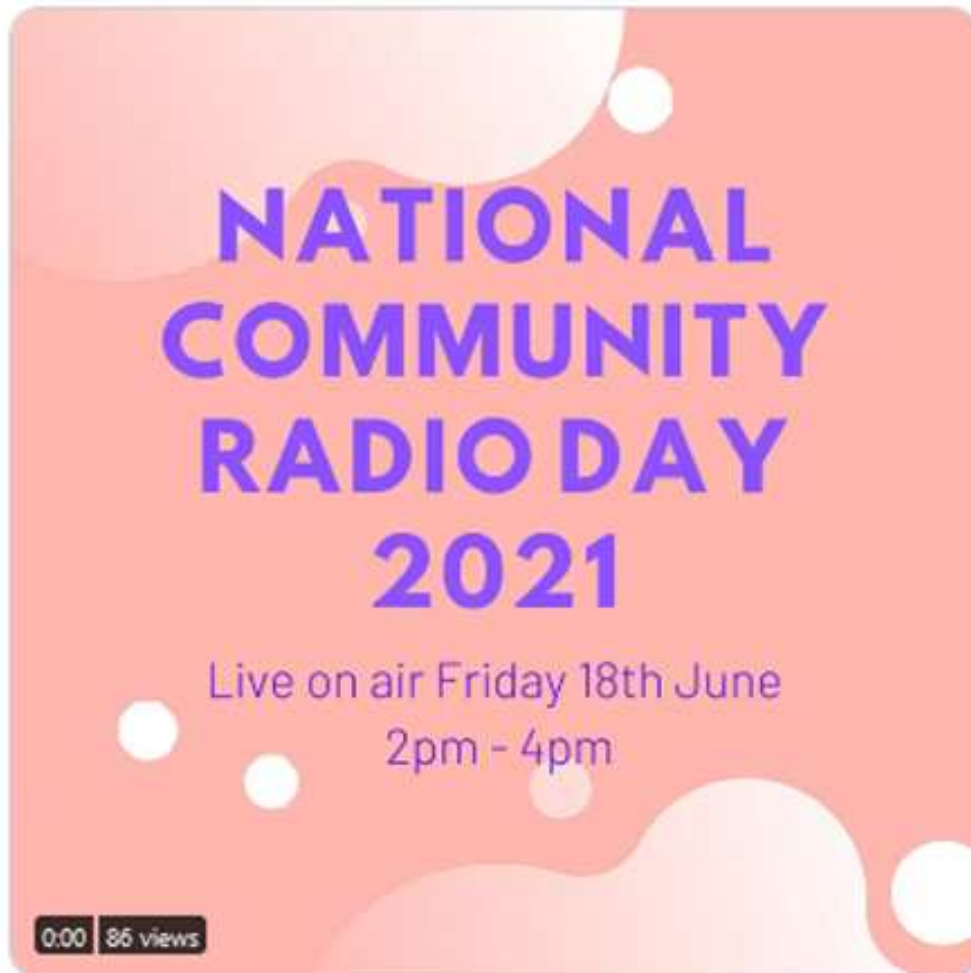
## Radio ARA signs multi-year deal with Government

**SOURCE: Radio ARA**

Radio ARA is pleased to announce that an agreement has been reached with the Luxembourg's Government to finance the activities of the radio station. The contract, on the basis of 250,000 € from 2021 to 2025, was formalised and signed yesterday by the Prime Minister and Minister of Communications and Media, Xavier Bettel and our radio representatives Mr. Guy Antony, Mr. Lex Thiel, Ms. Lisa McLean and Ms. Sandra Laborier.



[Read more!](#)



One of the Irish Community Media Movement's annual advocacy events is the 'National Community Radio Day'. All over the country community and other media celebrate the power of 'local' and policy makers are reminded why supporting them is so important.

[Wired.Fm@wiredfm.6h](mailto:Wired.Fm@wiredfm.6h) - an Irish Student Radio - is one of those celebrating:  
"We'll be joined on air by a host of community stations from all around to world  
to celebrate the merits of community radio!"

Listen in and read more here: 2 - 4pm Friday 18th on 99.9fm

Listen in!



## Visibility of Community Media

Artificial Intelligence and Intelligent politics  
Challenges and opportunities for media and



On 10 and 11 June 2021, Ministers responsible for Media and Information Society issues met to agree on action required to address the radical changes in the media and information environment brought on by massive digitalisation, with dramatic effects for the exercise of freedom of expression and substantial impact on other human rights and freedoms.

Ministers turned their attention to the dangerous backsliding in the area of safety of journalists and also discussed ways to reinforce the resilience of human rights protection frameworks for due respect of the cornerstone role of freedom of expression in democratic societies and for full engagement of its potential in times of crisis.

The Ministerial Conference led to the adoption of a final declaration and four resolutions addressing these important issues. These instruments will secure the political engagement of the Council of Europe and its member States for a number of priority actions and will contribute to the agenda of the Council of Europe's Steering Committee on Media and Information Society's (CDMSI), for the years to come.

In addition, in a "world-café" format, Ministers had an opportunity to receive a first-hand account from local and community media representatives on their media literacy-related work and other projects that have contributed to enhancing access and the participation of marginalised communities in media and in public debate, as well as to be informed of good practice examples in protecting journalists' safety.

# New Neighbours at Council of Europe Ministerial Conference



**World Café**  
Friday June 11, 14:00 - 15:20

**COUNCIL OF EUROPE  
Conference of Ministers  
responsible for Media  
& Information Society  
NICOSIA 2021**

**MEDIA LITERACY AND  
COMMUNITY MEDIA PROJECTS**

Martina Chapman

Michael Nicolai

Lisa McLean

Lina Chawaf

Soledad Galiana

Larry M. Macaulay

Our joint EU-funded project [New Neighbours](#) was included as a best practice in media literacy (in community media) at the Council of Europe Ministerial Conference on Media and Information Society!

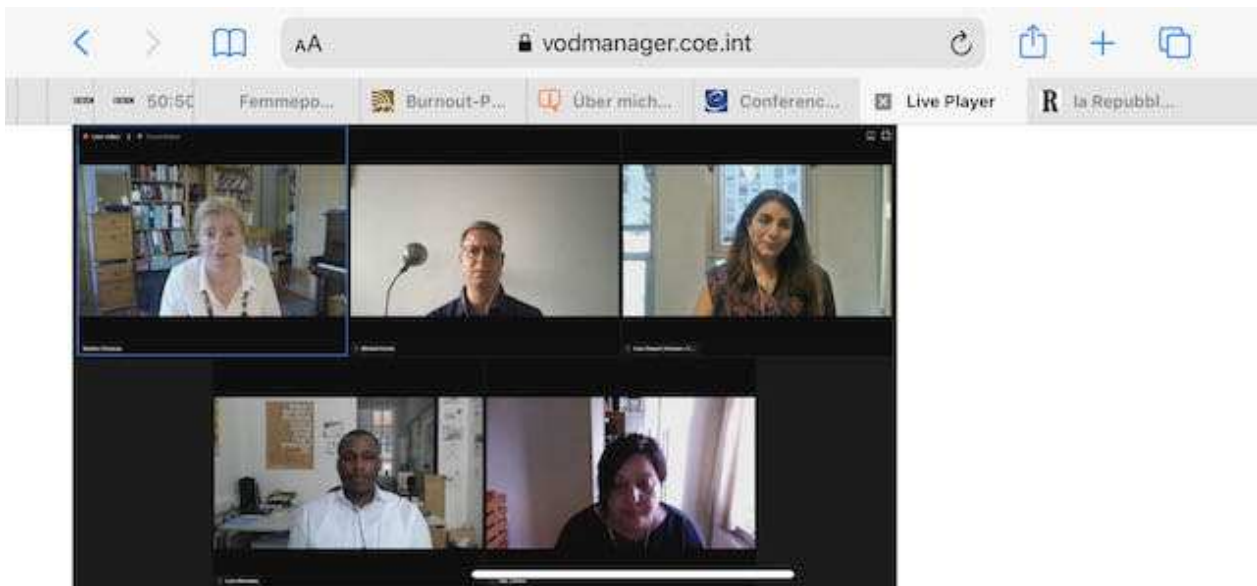
You can find out more about the Conference here:

<https://www.coe.int/en/web/freedom-expression/media2021nicosia>

We chose to put a special focus on the work done in [Reggio Emilia](#) by CMFE with Fondazione Mondinsieme.

Here is the exhibition space with a section about New Neighbours and ChiaccheRE:

[Exhibit](#)



Larry Macaulay presented the project at the Conference during a world café session, on Friday June 11 from 14:00 to 15:20.

**Fostering media and information literacy Community media projects, organized in cooperation with CMFE Community Media Forum Europe**  
Moderator: Ms. Martina Chapman, Independent consultant in Media Literacy and Digital engagement, coauthor, Council of Europe background paper [MEDIA LITERACY FOR ALL Supporting marginalised groups through community media](#)

Panelists:

- Mr. Michael Nicolai, Coordinator, Project manager of SMART project
- Ms. Lina Chawaf, Program manager, CMFE Board Member, Radio Rozana
- Ms. Soledad Galiana, radio Coordinator, Ethical Media for Active Citizenship
- Mr. Larry M. Macaulay, CMFE Board Member – New Neighbours
- Ms. Lisa McLean, Editor, Radio ARA, Luxembourg

ONLINE SEMINAR: WE TELL A DIFFERENT STORY

**The role of documentary film, alternative and community media in reporting migration**





New Neighbours and CMFE took part in the MIGRATIONS/MEDIATIONS project - ARTS AND COMMUNICATION AS RESOURCES FOR INTERCULTURAL DIALOGUE by Università Cattolica in Milan, Italy.

If you missed the Seminar “We tell a different story” held on Wednesday, May 19th 2021 on the role of documentary film, alternative and community media in reporting migration, you can catch up with it here:

[Recording](#)

## Action for Cooperation and Change

**Get the Trolls Out!**  
**May Trollbusters Report**



The May media monitoring by MDI's project partners saw anti-Muslim hate incidents occur across Europe. In Hungary, biased sources were used to discuss Muslims, the 'Islam-Leftism' conspiracy narrative was promoted in Belgium and France, in the UK an anti-Islam blog brought up London-mayor Sadiq Khan's religion, a Greek newspaper scare-mongered that Muslims are a "threat to Europe, and former Polish MP and German MP both made Islamophobic comments.

Find out more [here](#) and take action to stop anti-religious hatred!

[More !](#)

All that you did not know you might be missing...

**C L A S S I F I E D S**

**NewsSpectrum applicants represent the diversity of EU minority languages**



Uniting minority- and majority-language media in Europe

[newsspectrum.eu](http://newsspectrum.eu)



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INSTITUTE FOR ARTS  
AND CULTURE

IPI and MIDAS received over 50 applications for the first round of the NewsSpectrum Fellowships from minority language media professionals and their majority language partners, showing the strength and diversity of minority language media across the European Union.

All grants will be awarded by an independent jury of experts and they expect to notify all applicants by the end of June whether the jury has selected their application for funding.

The NewsSpectrum programme, run independently by IPI and MIDAS, is an EU-funded support mechanism that brings together minority and majority language media professionals in the European Union for collaborative reporting and professional placement initiatives.

If you missed their 28 May deadline for applying this time around, please stay tuned; they will be announcing the second round of NewsSpectrum Fellowship application opportunities later in June.

In the meantime, why not sign up for their [NewsSpectrum newsletter](#), where you will be kept up to date on all the latest news and announcements. You can [get in touch](#) with the team with any questions.

FAQ

**Looking for funding?**

**How to build trust with media funders**

There is no magic formula for engaging with funders, but there are concrete steps your organization can take to improve your chances of securing funding.

“Above all, it’s important to remember that relationships with funders are cultivated before, during, and after you receive funding,” said [Gabriela Hadid](#), the Latin American Investment Representative for the global philanthropic organization, [Luminate](#).

[Read on!](#)

## Events

# Data protection in Journalism: Practical Tools



The European legal framework on personal data protection is constantly evolving and the issue of citizens’ privacy is increasingly central to the public debate. Journalists must move confidently in this area, to ensure that people’s fundamental rights are respected while fulfilling their reporting role.

This series of free webinars targeted to journalists will focus on different aspects of the issue with a pan-European angle, drawing on the research experience of PANELFIT, a Horizon 2020 project focused in this area, in collaboration with the European Data Journalism Network and OBC Transeuropa.

#1 - 15 JUNE 2021, 4 pm CEST  
Handling personal data in a pandemic

#2 - 22 JUNE 2021, 4 pm CEST

How to fight disinformation, misinformation and malinformation

#3 - 6 JULY 2021, 11 am CEST

Data protection and social media: how to work with social platforms while avoiding lawsuits

#4 - 8 JULY 2021, 11 am CEST

Journalism and the GDPR: practical tools to deal with personal data in the European legal framework

During this series, the Practical Handbook for Journalists on Data Protection will be presented. The webinar will include an open space for questions, from which we will take inspiration to expand the Handbook.

Iñigo De Miguel Beriain, senior researcher at the University of the Basque Country, will be the main speaker, with Federico Caruso, a collaborator of OBC Transeuropa, as a moderator. Other speakers will join along the way.

The one-hour webinars are free of charge and will take place on Zoom. Registration is valid for all four webinars.

For more information, please write to [caruso@balcanicaucaso.org](mailto:caruso@balcanicaucaso.org). The events will be recorded.

[Register!](#)

## Storytelling online course

Our colleague and friend [Beatrice Ngalula Kabutakapua](#), Storytelling and Strategic Communications Consultant, is offering a live online course on storytelling during the summer. The course will include the framework SHAPE, which Bea has created to tell compelling stories.

If you or your comms teams are interested, you are welcome to complete [this survey](#) or get in touch with Bea directly at [comms@kabutakapua.com](mailto:comms@kabutakapua.com).



## Migration and Media Awareness 2021



CMMA2020 has been postponed from its original 2020 programme plan due to Corona.

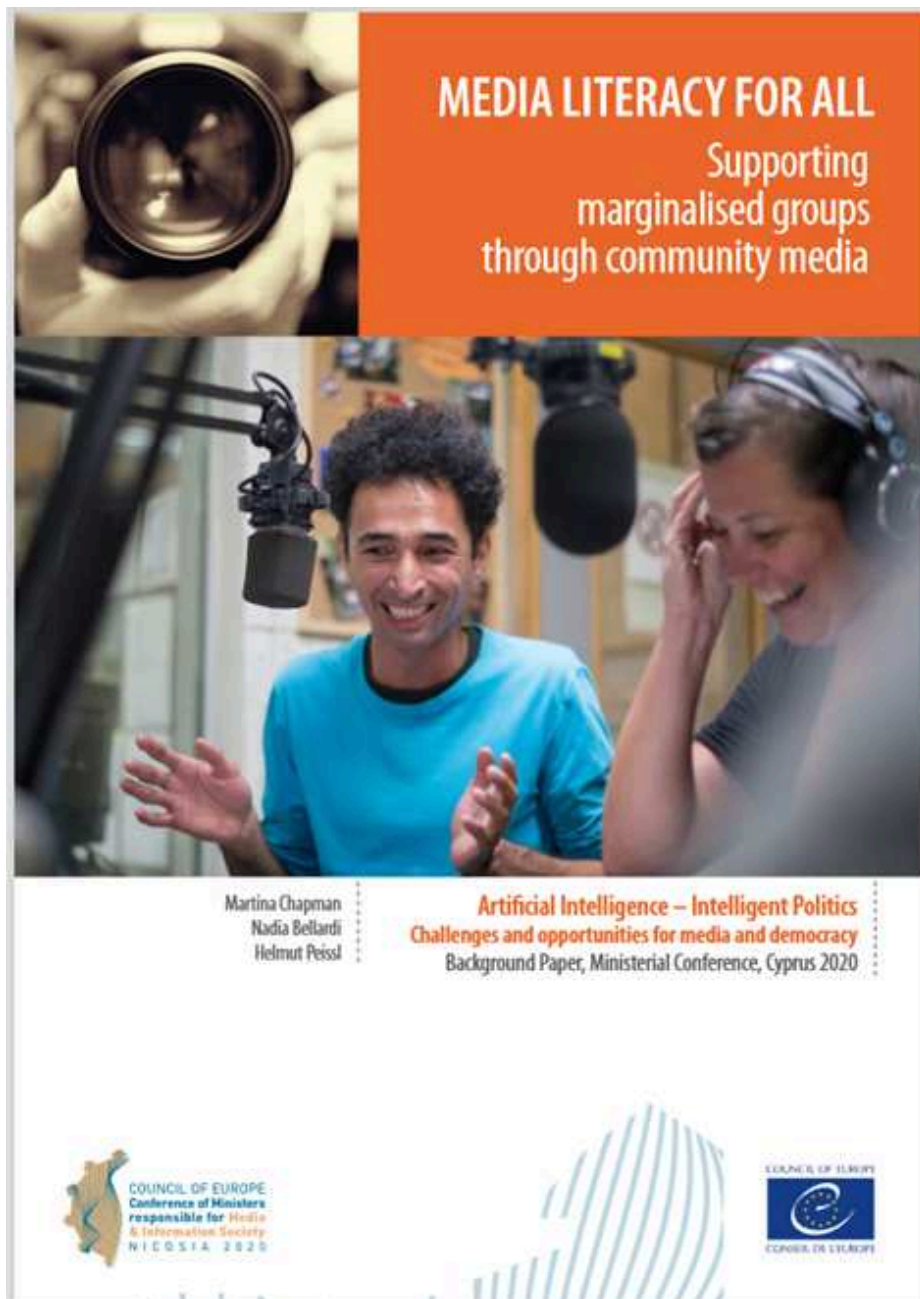
In 2021 the conference theme remains: "Looking Back, Thinking Ahead" and will focus on the importance of inclusion, diversity, and participation.

CMFE is happy to be a core partner of CMMA 2021.

**Save the date!!!**

[Read More!](#)

## Publications



Thematic background paper for CoE conference: Media Literacy for all:

Document

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