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Respected Sir/Madam,

Lawyers' Committee for Human Rights – YUCOM and Independent Journalist's Association of Vojvodina – NDNV are kindly inviting you to participate at the **Media Clientelism Index: The Reality Check** conference which is a part of the “Civic Response to Clientelism in Media (MEDIA CIRCLE)”. The realisation of this project has the financial support of the European Union. The Conference will take place on **December 15th 2015**, at the Main hall of the Media Center in Belgrade, Terazije 3, starting at **10 a.m.**

Rating the degree to which the governments of Croatia, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Montenegro, FYR Macedonia, Serbia and Romania respect internationally acknowledged human rights, among which the freedom of the media and the freedom of expression were highlighted was the essential part of this research. According to the findings, Serbia falls under the category of countries in which the freedom of the media as well as the freedom of speech and expression face certain limitations. Based on the 2015 Serbia's EU Progress Report, the set of laws aimed at improving the situation in the media and the clarification of the legal framework are being developed, with special concern on the control over the media. However, the conditions for the full exercising the freedom of expression still are not set in place.

The results of the **MEDIA CIRCLE** project and the measurements of the **Media Clientelism Index (MCI)** will be presented simultaneously in six countries covered by this experimental research (Croatia, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Montenegro, FYR Macedonia, Serbia and Romania). In addition to the Serbia's results presentation, the comparative results of the clientelism index for other countries in the region will also be delivered.

Please confirm your presence via e-mail office@yucom.org.rs or via telephone 011/33-44-235. English translation will be provided.

The conference agenda can be found attached.



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CONFERENCE AGENDA

Media Clientelism Index: Reality Check

Media Centre

Terazije 3

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| 10:00 – 10:15 | Duško Medić , Executive Secretary of the Independent Journalist's Association of Vojvodina |
| 10:15–10:30 | Milan Antonijević , Director of the Lawyers' Committee for Human Rights |
| 10:30 – 10:45 | Rade Veljanovski , Professor of Journalism, Faculty of Political Sciences of the University of Belgrade |
| 10:45 – 11:00 | Vukašin Obradović , president of the Independent Journalist's Association of Serbia |
| 11:00 – 11:15 | Representative of the Anti Corruption Council (tbc) |
| 11:15 – 11:30 | Discussion |