This project encourages the media and civil society organisations (CSOs) in Guinea to come together and work towards the citizen-led control of public initiatives, chiefly through workshops advocating the correct management of public resources. It also seeks to promote the relevant best practices for accessing and using information that are needed for effective citizen-led control, and to forge and instil a long-term culture of cooperation between the media and CSOs, based on their complementary natures and their synergies.

**AIMS**

- Strengthen the role and technical skills of the media and CSOs in the citizen-led control of public initiatives in Guinea.
- Promote the long-term coordinated action of the country’s media and CSOs in that control, by making full use of their complementary natures and their synergies.
- Pass on the information obtained through this control to the people and public authorities.

**WHEN?**

From June 2017 to June 2018
FOR WHOM?

→ 13 journalists and 13 CSO representatives
→ 7 co-trainers from the media and Projeg (a coordinated programme for strengthening the capabilities of civil society organisations and young Guinean citizens)
→ Members of the media outlets and CSOs receiving training
→ Local partners (Cellule Balai citoyen and Ablogui)

HOW?

→ Training workshop for three co-trainers.
→ Workshops for citizen-led control projects, training in investigative journalism and an introduction to open data.
→ Supervising and guiding the groups of two (journalists and CSO representatives).
→ Putting Projeg’s regional secondary schools in the picture.
→ Assessment seminar and closing ceremony, bringing together the groups of two behind each of the projects, partners, directors of media outlets and CSOs, the supervising/guiding team and the authorities.

EXPECTED RESULTS

13 months

→ Training journalists and CSO representatives in the skills and techniques they need for citizen-led control of public initiatives and, more specifically, in investigative journalism and the use of open data.

€245,000

→ Planning and rolling-out concrete citizen-led control projects, publishing surveys, using information to raise awareness, mobilising the people and developing advocacy skills.

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→ Combining media and CSO experiences and forming a mobilised network around concrete citizen-led control projects and the groups of two behind those projects.

→ Design and provision of a guide to reading and analysing the public budget to the media and CSOs.

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The “Media and Development” programme helps media organisations to take ownership of development issues (education, health, gender) by strengthening the relationship of trust between journalists and civil society.

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