LIBYA
HIWAR

Since 2011, Libya has fallen into chaos, with armed militia and civil war. In this fragile political and economic situation, the media in Libya are struggling to safeguard the pluralism of information in their country. In order to help maintain democratic debate in Libya, CFI, in partnership with the Crisis and Support Centre of the French Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Development (MAEDI), has launched “Hiwar: perspectives on journalism in Libya”. This project invites 15 Libyan journalists to participate in four discussion workshops focusing on their professional practices and the situation with regard to ethics and integrity.

AIMS

- To promote a common framework for discussion for journalists in relation to ethical challenges during a time of crisis.
- To make journalists aware of the dangers associated with the accumulation of journalistic and political functions, which are even greater in the context of a crisis.
- To encourage discussion in relation to the formation and structuring of plural and independent media coverage.

FOR WHOM?

15 Libyan journalists from all kinds of media.
WHEN?

From January to June 2017

HOW?

- **Selection of 15 journalists**, via CFI networks, from all kinds of media (radio, web, press, agencies, television).

- **Cycle of four 3-day workshops in Tunis (Tunisia)**: both theory and practical sessions with case studies enabling the participants to compare practices, in relation to various subjects (ethics and integrity, journalism and political functions, being a journalist whilst in exile, the independent role of journalists, etc.).

- **Remote monitoring between the different sessions**, in order to prepare practical cases for the next sessions and see how the beneficiaries develop.

- **Drafting of a feature article by the journalists**, so as to raise awareness on the part of the public of the role and mission of journalists in Libyan society today, which will be published in their respective media and on social networking sites.

- **Organisation of a round table discussion on World Press Freedom Day**: on 3 May 2017, journalists from ILYM will team up with those involved in Hiwar to take part in a round table discussion relating to the freedom of the press during crisis situations.

EXPECTED RESULTS

- Journalists incorporating the necessary instinctive behaviour, in terms of ethics and integrity, into their working practices, and taking on board how crucial it is to remain impartial when faced with deep political divisions.

- Decision-makers and public opinion leaders having increased awareness of the tasks and role performed by journalists in the current Libyan climate.

- Identification of possible avenues for cooperation in developing the media landscape in the country.

**CFI: the French media development agency**

CFI provides support to media organisations as development actors across several continents. A subsidiary of France Médias Monde and an operator of the French Ministry of Europe and Foreign Affairs, the agency is currently working on around 30 projects that fall under three major programmes: Media and Governance, Media and Business and Media and Development.

The “Media and Governance” programme tackles democratic governance issues, notably by strengthening the rule of law, media plurality, the ethical conduct of public debates and the search for pluralistic and high-quality information.

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