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## Safeguarding media freedom in Armenia, Azerbaijan, Georgia, Moldova and Ukraine – Conference in Tbilisi

**Date:** 15-16 April 2010

**Location:** Tbilisi Marriott Hotel, 13 Rustaveli Av., Tbilisi (Georgia)

**Organised by** the Council of Europe, in the framework of the 2009-2010 Swiss chairmanship of its Committee of Ministers

**Description:** Public officials, parliamentarians, media professionals and representatives of NGOs will debate the safety and protection of journalists, the challenges to freedom of expression and the changes in the media brought by new technologies.

The aim of the event is to discuss how to further promote freedom of expression and information in Armenia, Azerbaijan, Georgia, Moldova and Ukraine in line with Council of Europe standards and recommendations.

Dunja Mijatovic, recently appointed OSCE Representative on Freedom of the Media, and William Horsley, Chairman of the UK section and Media Freedom Representative of the Association of European Journalists, will be among the key speakers. The event will bring together over sixty representatives from the South Caucasus and Moldova and Ukraine.

### Programme

#### **Practical information:**

- The conference, which starts at 9.30, is open to the press.
- Interviews with the participants can be arranged on the spot or by telephone.
- A press conference will be held at the venue of the event just after the closure at 13.15 on Friday 16 April.
- Media interested in attending should request an accreditation to the contacts below.

#### **Links for further information:**

[www.coe.int/media](http://www.coe.int/media)

[Special file on media freedom](#)

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