



Annex 1

OPEN CALL NOTIFICATION LETTER

OPEN CALL FOR APPLICATIONS

Grants for Technical/Organizational Interventions in small media outlets

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The *SMS Facility – Small Media Support in the Western Balkans* project, aimed at improving media freedom, organizational capacity, and institutional resilience of small media across the region, and funded by the European Union, announces a Public Call for Applications for financial support under the Small Grants for Technical/Organizational Interventions Scheme.

This Call is designed to support the internal development, operational sustainability, and digital adaptation of small and local media outlets operating across the Western Balkans (Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Kosovo, Montenegro, North Macedonia, Serbia). The initiative seeks to enhance the long-term viability and independence of media organizations through targeted technical and structural support.

The Project welcomes potential applicants to submit their applications until **17.10.2025**. The full Call for Applications, including detailed guidelines for applicants and application forms, is available at Journalift on the following [link](#).

Please note that the Project will organize an online **Information session** to provide detailed information and practical advice on preparing and submitting applications for this Call for Proposals. This session will offer crucial guidance and practical advice for preparing and submitting project applications.

The session will be organized in the English language on **16.09.2025. at 13:00 h**.

We invite all interested potential applicants to register their participation at the information session [link](#).