



10 Applicants were granted with a Fellowship Bursary in the framework of the Kosovo Fellowship for Journalistic Excellence Programme

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A team of regional and local professionals from the Kosovo Fellowship for Journalistic Excellence Programme granted 10 ambitious journalists a 2,000 Euro fellowship bursary. The winners of the fellowship bursary will conduct research on issues such as public spending, local governance, public procurement, environment, energy, healthcare, culture, education, media financing, human rights, interethnic cooperation to write an in-depth research story.

Kosovo Fellowship for Journalistic Excellence Programme is a 6-month fellowship opportunity for journalists to apply to learn and gain from this experience. The programme is provided and supported by the European Union Office in Kosovo and implemented by Balkan Investigative Reporting Network and the Association of Kosovo Journalists.

The journalists will be mentored and supervised by a team of highly professional BIRN Kosovo editors who are greatly experienced and acknowledged for their excellence by several organisations and awarded for their professionalism by the main media bodies in Kosovo.

The professional jury met on 17th of September to evaluate all the applications received for the “Kosovo Fellowship for Journalistic Excellence” Programme. During the meeting, the jury presented their scores for each applicant on which they commented and discussed altogether.

After the evaluation process, each applicant received a response on their applications via e-mail with attached points and comments form.

Below is the attached list of the successful applicants for the Kosovo Fellowship for Journalistic Excellence Programme with brief explanation of what their proposal intends to achieve:

1. Agon Sinanaj's proposal intends to investigate the financial damages to the citizens of Kosovo caused by insurance companies.
2. Besnik Krasniqi's proposal intends to investigate the abuse and damages caused in the project with the arable lands.



3. Donika Gashi's proposal treats the problems of beggars with mental health problems that circulate in the streets of different cities in Kosovo.

4. Edona Musa's proposal intends to investigate the illegal purchase and usage of coal for heating during the winter.

5. Ngadhujim Avdyli's proposal intends to investigate the problems and lack of transparency in subsidizing the production of films in Kosovo and the movies that were financed but never screened.

6. Pajazit Krasniqi's proposal intends to investigate the corruption in the process of subsidizing agriculture funds from the Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Rural Development.

7. Sanja Sovrlic's proposal intends to shed light on the Mitrovica Rock School in the North of Mitrovica.

8. Valon Fana's proposal intends to shed light on the potential abuses of women in massage centers in Prishtina.

9. Visar Xhambazi's proposal intends to write the implementation of the gender quota in the Government of Kosovo.

10. Ferdi Limani's proposal with the set of photography intends to shed light on the damage of the Dri River.

Further, the grantees will produce an original in-depth investigative story in the form of either written articles or TV reportages or content presented in a multimedia format which will be published in Albanian, Serbian and English.