**BIRN TRAVEL & REPORTING PROGRAMME**

**GRANT APPLICATION FORM FOR INDIVIDUAL JOURNALISTS AND TEAMS**

The BIRN Travel & Reporting Programme provides support to journalists from the Visegrad region (Poland, Hungary, Czech Republic and Slovakia) who are interested in reporting from the Balkan region.

With the aim of fostering journalistic cooperation and exchanges of information between the two regions, we are providing regional expertise, travel and reporting grants as well as field support in countries where BIRN has offices (Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Kosovo, North Macedonia, Romania, Serbia, and Montenegro).

Participation in the programme should result in journalistic output being published in the local media in the applicant’s country, with the possibility of the content being republished also on BIRN’s Reporting Democracy platform and in local media in the Balkan region.

If you are applying as a team, one team member will have to be the contact person for the project and signatory of the contract. Nevertheless, you should list all team members in the application form.

The deadline for applications is August 9, 2024.

**FOR INDIVIDUAL JOURNALISTS AND TEAMS**

1. Personal details (add more tables if needed)

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| Country of residence |  |
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| Telephone  |  |
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1. Professional details (add more tables if needed)

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| List main professional achievements so far |
| List responsibilities on this project |

1. Provide name, position and contact details (email and telephone number) of at least two references from the media sector:

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1. Attach links to articles you have written that have been published. Applicants must submit at least one and not more than three representative examples of their published work. Work samples may be submitted in local language or in English.

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**RESEARCH PROJECT**

Proposals should include plans to conduct useful research in the Balkan region, either as self-standing research or as a part of the cross-border story. A cross-border aspect of the research is encouraged but is not obligatory. The result of the grant should be the production of at least one article, while accompanying videos, photos and/or radio/podcasts are also eligible additional outputs.

1. General information

Explain why you are applying for this programme and what kind of local support you need for the proposed project.

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2. Lead

BRIEFLY outline your reporting project. What do you plan to show, highlight or reveal?

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3. Research, interviewees, sources

Please outline your planned research. You must explain why you want to visit a particular country/countries, why it is important for your story, which reporting methods you will use and whom are the people that you want to meet and/or interview.

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4. Relevance

Describe why the planned research and reporting project is worthwhile, interesting and important. Explain what your story will reveal that has not been reported before. Also outline your publishing and dissemination plan, and try to state what impact the publication of your article could have.

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5. Competence

 What is your particular competence to work on the topic that you have proposed?

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**DECLARATION**

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| Name:  |  |
| Country of residence: |  |
| Title of submitted project:  |  |

I hereby declare the accuracy of all statements made in the application form and attachments to it. Further, I confirm that, if selected, I have all the necessary permissions from my employer to participate fully in the fellowship programme and that I am able to devote all due attention to it.

Place, date:

 Signature of applicant