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STRENGTHENING ELECTION REPORTING IN ARMENIA

EXCHANGE PROGRAM FOR JOURNALISTS

Background and our goals:

- The **networking and research trip to Yerevan** focuses on Armenia's critical 2026 parliamentary elections and constitutional referendum – key events that will define the country's democratic future amid ongoing political instability. This trip offers invaluable insights into Armenia's strengthening ties with Europe and firsthand exposure to its current challenges, including regional security, refugee integration, and the impact of hybrid threats and disinformation on societal resilience and independent journalism.
- Throughout the trip, you will have the opportunity to engage with key Armenian and international stakeholders, politicians, journalists, media NGOs, and cultural institutions, building essential networks and gaining unique perspectives. These meetings, interviews, and firsthand insights will lay the foundation for your journalistic work and help increase Armenia's visibility in German media. Additionally, the trip aims to strengthen civil society and foster lasting networks between Armenian and German journalists.

Your role in the project:

By participating, showing your interest in networking with Armenian colleagues and civil society representatives, and especially through your independent reporting, you will contribute to the project's goals. We expect at least one article to be published on the Yerevan Press Club's platforms – additional publications in various German or international media are highly encouraged and welcomed.

Research Trip to Yerevan – Details and Conditions:

- The study trip to Yerevan will take place from **21st to 28th September 2026**.
- The costs for flights (from Hamburg and back), the program, and accommodation (in double rooms) will be fully covered.
- Participants should budget for their own meals and airport transfer to Hamburg. If you wish to extend your stay or make individual travel arrangements, please note that any additional costs will be your responsibility. Should you prefer a single room, this can be arranged for an additional fee.

Who can apply?

We invite **journalists from Germany** with creative approaches, strong networks within German media, an interest in building connections in Armenia, and clear ideas for publishing their journalistic contributions. When selecting participants, we place particular emphasis on the feasibility and quality of their research plans, as well as the likelihood of publication. Please feel free to include in your application the media outlets where you plan to publish your work. We value balanced gender representation and encourage journalists from all media, including local outlets, to apply. The project language is English.

How to apply:

The application deadline is **May 31st, 2026**. Please submit your motivation letter, CV, and a one-page outline of your research idea. All documents should be combined into a single PDF and submitted in English.

If you have any questions or need further information, feel free to contact:

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