

Governance

Caucasus Media Institute



Background

The Caucasus Media Institute (CMI) project started on 01.01.2002 after a preliminary preparation phase (January – October 2001). CMI assists in the development of mass media and the building up of civil societies in the Caucasus. Its aim is to achieve a professional standard of journalism capable of informing the public and encouraging debate through the mass media and other civil society organizations. CMI works in the following directions: introduction of international standards of reporting in journalism in the Caucasus, training journalists in the use of new technologies which are reshaping the media profession, offering background knowledge and training in critical analysis of recent developments in the Caucasus studies, and other main related areas.

General Information

Project region:
South Caucasus

Project duration:
2005-2007

Total budget:
CHF 681 195

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Objectives

The project has three major objectives:

Project Objective 1. Journalists in the beginning of their careers have learned the improved standards of their profession and are able to apply the acquired skills and knowledge in the daily practise.

Project Objective 2. Experienced journalists are able to apply advanced methods and technology in research, editing and dissemination and to learn to increase the quality of the news and reports.

Project Objective 3. Journalists have access to resources, thus enabling them to investigate and understand the complexity of social, political and economic developments and events.

Expected results and activities of the current project phase

The Institute offers training modules that are supported by research and documentation units. The Institute has:

- **Main Training Programme**, which lasts 9 months and enrolls up to 30 novice journalists per year;
- **Special Training Programme**, which provides an on-going training opportunity for mid-career journalists; it consists of a series of short-term courses on technical issues related to journalism, and thematic issues related to media content;
- **Research and Documentation Unit** to manage a library and other research resources available for journalists;
- **Post-Graduate Training** continued in journalism and area studies [started in October 2006].

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