

# **Policy Statement on Supporting Frontline Media in Ukraine**

**Based on the Joint Resolution of the Ukraine–Sweden Frontline Press Forum  
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**This statement is based on the Joint Resolution adopted by over 150 journalists, media representatives, and experts from Ukraine and Sweden.**

Participants of the Ukraine–Sweden Frontline Press Forum stress that frontline media in Ukraine are operating under extreme wartime conditions and play a critical role in protecting lives, maintaining access to reliable information, and countering disinformation.

In frontline regions, local newspapers and journalists often remain the only trusted and consistent source of information for communities living under shelling, displacement, and infrastructure disruption. At the same time, these media outlets face targeted attacks, rapidly increasing operational costs, and severe financial constraints that threaten their survival.

We, the participants of the Forum, call on international organisations, European institutions, and bilateral partners to prioritise support for frontline media in Ukraine.

## **Priority actions**

### **1. Sustainable financial support**

Ensure access to flexible funding mechanisms that allow frontline media to cover essential operational costs and continue their work.

### **2. Access to critical equipment**

Support the provision of energy solutions, communication tools, protective equipment, and drone detection technologies necessary for safe reporting in frontline areas.

### **3. Journalist safety**

Strengthen support for safety programmes implemented by Ukrainian professional organisations, reflecting the evolving risks of drone warfare and frontline reporting.

### **4. Support for operational networks**

Ensure the sustainability of the Journalists' Solidarity Centres network, which provides rapid and practical assistance to journalists working in high-risk environments.

### **5. Release of detained journalists**

Intensify international efforts to secure the release of Ukrainian journalists held in Russian captivity.

Frontline media must be recognised as a critical component of Ukraine's information infrastructure in wartime. Supporting their resilience is essential for protecting lives, ensuring access to reliable information, and sustaining democratic resilience in regions directly affected by the war.

## **Signatories**

This Policy Statement is an integral part of the Joint Resolution adopted by the participants of the Ukraine–Sweden Frontline Press Forum.

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- **National Union of Journalists of Ukraine (NUJU)**
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  - **Norwegian Media Businesses' Association / Mediebedriftenes Landsforening** (Norway)
  - **Association of Danish Media / Danske Medier** (Denmark)
  - **Finnish Media Federation / Medialiitto** (Finland)
  - **News Media Finland** (Finland)