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CALL FOR APPLICATIONS
to the Human Rights Monitoring and Safety and Security Workshop
for human rights defenders in Western Balkans, Central/Eastern Europe and Turkey

Building on its long-standing engagement in the protection of human rights defenders (HRDs), in June 2014 the OSCE Office for Democratic Institutions and Human Rights (OSCE/ODIHR) published the *Guidelines on the Protection of Human Rights Defenders*. Since then ODIHR has worked to make the Guidelines known to the general public and to specific audiences, such as government officials, the media, other OSCE executive structures and HRDs themselves. ODIHR has also made efforts to stimulate dialogue between HRDs and states authorities, to support HRDs' participation in public decision making, to build the capacity of human rights defenders in human rights monitoring/reporting and their safety and security, and to raise the profile of human rights defenders and their work in public and political discourse.

ODIHR is pleased to offer a five-days training on human rights monitoring and safety and security for human rights defenders from Western Balkans, Central/Eastern Europe and Turkey. The objective of the training is to enable HRDs to independently carry out quality, objective and impartial human rights monitoring activities.

The event will take place in Montenegro from 17 to 21 October 2016, and will cover the human rights monitoring principles, human rights monitoring cycle, physical and psychosocial safety and security of human rights monitors as well as digital safety and security. The training will be based on interactive learning methods and requires a high level of active participation by all participants. Therefore, the size of the group will be limited to 25 participants, selected according to the following criteria:

- Be a citizen of one of the countries in the abovementioned sub-regions;
- Have limited experience in monitoring and reporting on human rights;
- Be willing to engage in human rights monitoring activities in the future;
- Consider the training highly relevant for future human rights activities;
- Have had no or little training in safety and security so far;
- Be fluent in English.

ODIHR invites all the HRDs to apply and share this call for applications within their network. The OSCE recognizes as a human right defender any person promoting and striving for the realization of human rights regardless of profession, age or other status or whether they are carrying out their human rights activities individually or jointly with others, as part of an informal group or a non-governmental organization (NGO), or whether they act in a voluntary capacity or professionally. The key characteristic that defines human rights defenders is not who they are, but what they do and the principles they stand for.

Deadline for application: applicants are kindly requested to fill in and send the attached questionnaire and their CV no later than 05 September 2016 to David Mark, OSCE/ODIHR Human Rights Adviser/ Capacity Building Co-ordinator at HRDcapacitybuilding@odihr.pl. ODIHR will ensure a geographical and gender balance among participants. Successful applicants will be informed about the outcome of the selection process.

Accommodation and travel costs for the workshop will be covered by the OSCE/ODIHR.