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**Seminar at the Guardian for investigative journalists and project partners**

**London, 28-29 September 2015**

**Aim:**

The seminar at the Guardian aims at increasing capacities of journalists and representatives of media/journalism organisations and institutes from the Western Balkans and Turkey for providing and supporting independent journalism.

Seven investigative journalists from Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Kosovo, Macedonia, Montenegro and Serbia, working on concrete stories with the support of the SEE Media Observatory, will be mentored by experienced journalists of the Guardian in order to better realize next steps in investigations and presentation of the stories.

Representatives of media /journalism organisations and institutes from the Western Balkans and Turkey  – partners in the regional project SEE Media Observatory – will learn from the case of the Guardian about key challenges and approaches in protecting ethical/indepenent journalism and its future in digital age.

The meeting will also serve for the SEE Media Observatory's coordinator of the sub-granting to investigative journalists – Ilona Moricz – to provide important information and advises on upcoming administrative requirements.

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**AGENDA OF THE MEETING**

**Monday, 28 September 2015**

**Location:** Scott Room at the Guardian, floor 1

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| 9.55 | **Participants meet in the Guardian lobby on first floor.**  Meeting begins at 10 am in the Scott Room at the Guardian. |
| 10.00 | Welcome from **Peter Preston** |
| 10.15 | Ethics, the Guardian and the UK scene  **Chris Elliott**, Guardian Ombudsman |
| 11.15 | Where investigative journalism in the UK stands now now  **David Leigh**, former investigations chief at the Guardian, now a professor of journalism at the City University |
| 12.15 | When smaller outfits can make big waves  **David Hencke**, former prize-winning Guardian investigating journalist, now working with Exaro on many headline-making stories including the horrors of paedoplis |
| 1 pm | Lunch served in the Scott Room.  after which (2pm till 4.30 -5 pm) the **seven investigative journalists** go elsewhere to be mentored by **David Leigh** and Guardian investigative reporter **Rob Evans**.  For other participants the program is continuing in the Scott Room. |
| **Program for SEE Media Observatory partners** | |
| 2 pm | Journalism futures  **Wolfgang Blau**, the Guardian’s director of digital strategy |
| 3.15 pm | Print, digital, local, worldwide  **Paul Johnson**, Guardian depty editor and head of editorial  strategy |
| 4.05 pm | A tour of the Guardian building |
| 5 pm | **End of both sessions** |

**Tuesday, 29 September 2015**

**Location:** the Observer editor's office on floor 2

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| 10.00 | Understanding and using data journalism  **Juliet Ferguson** of the Bureau of Investigative Journalism, City University  (joint session) |
| 11.15 | **Ilona Moricz** briefing for journalists on sub-granting issues |
| 11.45 | The world in devastating pictures  **Maggie O’Kane**, head of investigations on the video platform |
| 12.30 | **Peter Preston** sums up |
| Close and **lunch** in the Observer editor’s office.  Seminar ends by 1.30 to 1.45 pm. | |