



Governance

Caucasus Media Institute

Photo of the project



Background

The Caucasus Media Institute (CMI) project started in 01.01.2002 after a preliminary preparation phase (January – October 2001). CMI assists in the development of mass media and of civil society in the Caucasus. Its aim is to achieve a professional standard of journalism capable to inform the public and offer 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 critical analysis of recent developments in the Caucasus studies and other main related areas.

General information

Project region :
South Caucasus

Project duration :
2007 – 2010

Total budget :
SDC : **CHF 650'000**

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Objectives

The project has three major objectives:

Project Objective 1. A group of journalists is trained to report and analyse the media according to the European standards.

Project Objective 2. Analytical discourse is more varied and pluralistic.

Expected results and activities

The Institute offers training modules that are supported by a 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** with a library and other research resources available for journalists;
- **Post-Graduate Training** in journalism and area studies started in October 2006.

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