

**Dates: 5 - 6 October 2017**

**Country: UK, London**



[ARTICLE 19](#) is inviting applications from representatives of audio-visual media regulatory bodies and press councils from across the European Union to participate in a two-day workshop on 5 – 6 October in London on international legal standards on regulating hate speech in the media. The workshop will provide a space for sharing experience and best practices and will include a mixture of theoretical and practical sessions.

To apply, please send a CV and short letter of motivation, stating your expectations for the workshop and describing one good practice in the field of countering hate speech and/or promoting freedom of expression from your institution or your country to **recruitment@article19.org** by Monday 28 August. Please use the subject heading 'Hate Speech Seminar'. Successful applicants will be notified by 1 September. ARTICLE 19 will cover travel, accommodation and a modest per diem while in London.

As part of the [#MediaAgainstHate](#) project, the workshop will also seek to elaborate new, creative and innovative approaches towards promoting equality and freedom of expression in the media, including the social media presence of media actors.

Some of the topics to be discussed at the workshop in London are:

- What is the role of media regulators and press councils in promoting the rights to freedom of expression and equality in the media?
- What types of “hate speech” may be prohibited under international law?
- What examples are there of good practice by media regulatory and self-regulatory bodies across Europe in responding to “hate speech”?
- What creative and innovative approaches could reinforce freedom of expression and equality in the media, including the social media presence of media actors?

[ARTICLE 19](#) is an international non-governmental organisation, working globally to promote freedom of expression and access to information. The theoretical session of the workshop will draw on ARTICLE 19’s body of work on media regulation, self-regulation and responding to hate speech, including the [2015 Toolkit on Hate Speech](#), a detailed exploration of the international legal framework and the complexities of its application. Endorsed by high-level UN officials and civil society and academic experts, ARTICLE 19’s policy documents aim to promote greater global consensus about how to effectively counter “hate speech”, while protecting the rights to freedom of expression and equality.

The workshop is part of [#MediaAgainstHate](#), a Europe-wide campaign led by the European Federation of Journalists and a coalition of civil society organisations. The Media Diversity Institute (MDI) is one of the partners in the project Media against Hate. Other partners involved are: Article 19, Community Media Forum Europe (CMFE), Community Media Institute (COMMIT), Croatian Journalists’ Association (CJA) and Cooperazione per lo Sviluppo dei Paesi Emergenti (COSPE). The project is financially supported by the European Commission (DG Justice and Consumers).