

10.00

Doors open and check-in

10.30

Welcome Remarks

10.40–11.15

Local News at Risk: Why Press Freedom Matters Everywhere

To mark World Press Freedom Day

3 May, a conversation with media freedom thought leaders led by moderator **Saša Petejan**.

Tamar Rukhadze, Deputy Director at Batumelebi

Oliver Money-Kyrle, Advisor to Balkan Free Media Initiative

11.15–12.30

Financing the Future of Local Media: Markets, Philanthropy and Public Interest

As local news ecosystems face mounting financial pressure, this series of discussions examines the mix of market mechanisms, philanthropic investment and public-interest approaches shaping their future.

David Kardos, Center for Sustainable Media

Lucas Batt, Greater Community Media

Roberto Suárez Candell, South-180

Priyanka Raval, Editor, The Bristol Cable

Moderated by **Saša Petejan**

12.30–12.45

Ceremony - Global Youth and News Media Prize

Presented by **Aralynn McMane**, Executive Director at Global Youth & News Media

12.45–14.00

Buffet lunch

14.00-14.15

LIMENet project platform launch

A video presentation of the LIMENet project's newest collaborative tool.

Luc Steinberg, Media Diversity Institute Global

14.15-15.00

Broadening Audiences and Trust: Connecting Communities through Inclusive Storytelling

As trust in media continues to fragment, inclusive storytelling offers a path to stronger community connection. This panel will discuss how journalists can collaborate with audiences, elevate overlooked voices and design content that meets people where they are.

Catherine Joie, Belga Press

Mariane Pearl, Journalist, Author and Advocate

Anouk Torbeyns, StampMedia

Moderated by **Saša Petejan**

15.00

Closing Remarks