
EU CONCERNED OVER RECIPROCAL ENTRY BANS ON MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES FROM SERBIA AND MONTENEGRO

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The European Union is concerned about reciprocal bans on journalists from Serbia and Montenegro from entering one country or another, the European Commission told Radio Free Europe, stressing that measures restricting the work of the media are not in line with the values expected of EU candidate countries.

EU enlargement countries must act in accord with fundamental European values, including respect for democratic principles, fundamental rights, freedom of expression and freedom of the media. Progress on the EU path requires a clear commitment to these values. Therefore, measures that can limit the work of journalists are of concern. Partners in the enlargement process are expected to ensure that journalists can freely do their work, without unjustified and unfounded restrictions, the EC said in a reply to RFE, it was reported by FoNet news agency.

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