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Connecting(ex)You: International Training Session in Storytelling and Live Radio Production, Sarajevo

The fourth and last international training within the project “**Connecting(ex)You**” took place between 28 November and 2 December 2016 in Sarajevo, Bosnia and Herzegovina. The training was organized by the Association for Media and Cultural Decontamination and focused on storytelling, innovative interviewing techniques and live radio production.

During the theoretical part of the training the participants learned about the importance of background research and how to prepare for in-depth interviews. They were introduced to the live studio equipment and learned about specifics of live radio shows. In addition, the participants attended a lecture in interviewing techniques and learned about the importance of human-based stories. The director of the Association, Zoran Catic introduced them to the topic of online radio and shared with them his experiences with working on live radio shows.

During the training session the participants worked in groups on radio pieces dedicated to the elections in 2016 and what the results of these elections mean for the future of liberal democracies in Europe. The participants conducted some of the research for the productions in advance. The webinars organized by the three partner organizations helped them a lot to prepare their topics. During the international training the participants finalized their productions. Besides individual work on the radio pieces they had the chance to conduct several expert interviews that contributed a lot to their research. They also had the opportunity to visit the Centre for Human Rights in Sarajevo and talk to its director.

As a result of this work four radio pieces were produced. The first radio piece deals with hate speech as part of election campaigns on the Balkans. In a series of interviews with experts from the region the journalists are trying to find out where freedom of speech ends and where hate speech begins. The second reportage is dedicated to fake news and offers advice in how to recognize fake websites. The third radio piece deals with election irregularities in the Western Balkan countries and provides examples about how voters are pressured to vote in favour of certain parties. The fourth reportage is dedicated to the presidential elections in Austria. It tries to find out which candidate the members of the former Yugoslav diaspora are supporting and why.

Besides the individual radio pieces, all the trainees participated in the production of one live radio show. In the show they shared their experiences with radio work and what they have learned about journalism during the time of the project. Everybody reported with excitement about that experience: for many of the trainees this was the first time producing a live radio show.