MEDIA ADVISORY

## OSCE Chairperson-in-Office and OSCE Representative on Freedom of the Media host conference on Media Freedom

VIENNA/STOCKHOLM, 17 May 2021 – <u>A conference</u> on "Increasing Public Trust in Independent Media through the Implementation of OSCE Commitments" will be held in Stockholm on 18-19 May. The conference is organized by the Swedish OSCE Chairpersonship and the OSCE Representative on Freedom of the Media.

This conference will examine and discuss the implementation of OSCE participating States' commitments on the right to freedom of opinion and expression and media freedom as an integral part of the OSCE concept of comprehensive security. The conference will also provide an opportunity to highlight best practices and address joint challenges regarding media freedom in the OSCE region.

The conference will also highlight the distinct risks that female journalists face in relation to their work.

OSCE Chairperson-in Office, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Sweden, Ann Linde and the OSCE Representative on Freedom of the Media, Teresa Ribeiro, will open the conference.

Among other prominent speakers are Professor Timothy Garton Ash, University of Oxford; Per Olsson Fridh, Minister for International Development Cooperation of Sweden; and Amanda Lind, Minister for Culture and Democracy of Sweden.

The conference will be streamed live via www.osce.org/live.

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