



## INVITATION TO DISCUSSION

**Red alert for media freedom in Southeast Europe? - on the situation of free and independent media coverage in the countries of the Western Balkans**

Within the framework of the SEEFF à Berlin #4, the festival partner crossborder factory organizes a public discussion on the topic "Media freedom in the countries of the Western Balkans".

**Sunday, 26. May 2019**

**Time:** 4:00 Uhr bis 6:00 pm

**Location:** Crossborder Factory, Saarbrückerstrasse 24, Haus D, 10405 Berlin,

Discussion participants are Adelheid Feilcke, Journalist and Head of Europe, Deutsche Welle, Bonn, and Adi Ćerimagić, Analyst at European Stability Initiative (ESI), Berlin. Frank Morawietz (crossborder factory) will moderate the event.

The discussion: Free media are an elementary component of civil society and a functioning democracy. What about media freedom in Southeast Europe? How strong is the state's influence on the media and the ownership structure? Can citizens in the countries of the Western Balkans inform themselves independently? Is there independent media coverage against corruption?

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