

MEMORANDUM

ON COOPERATION IN THE FACT-CHECKING FIELD

Investigative Journalists NGO

1.MEMORANDUM SUBJECT

- 1.1. The Memorandum envisages cooperation within the framework of the legislation of the Republic of Armenia in the directions defined in Article 2 of the Memorandum.
- 1.2. The cooperation confirmed by the Memorandum does not imply the establishment, creation and/or membership of any type of legal entity. The signatories retain their independent jurisdiction and are free to act independently in order to achieve the goals defined by the charters of their organizations.
- 1.3. The signing of the Memorandum does not cause any financial obligation until civil law contracts are signed with the fact-checking specialists in the directions of cooperation defined by the Memorandum.

2. COOPERATION DIRECTIONS

2.1. Within the framework of the cooperation established by the Memorandum, the signatories of the Memorandum express their willingness to cooperate within the framework of "European Media Facility Armenia – Building Sustainable and Professional Media" project initiated with the financial support of the European Union, implemented by DW Akademie Europe and Central Asia (main partner), BBC Media Action, Open Society Foundations - Armenia and the consortium of two Armenian media companies, Hetq and Factor TV.

Cooperation implies:

 Participation in public discussions, conferences, round tables, work meetings and other events related to the verification of facts, support if possible and desired.

- Mutual support in the field of fact checking, exchange of experience, network cooperation with partner media.
- Investigative Journalists NGO provides support to partner media and individual journalists in the field of fact-checking and correspondent tools, skills transfer.
- If desired, within the framework of the civil law contracts concluded with the Investigative
 Journalists NGO or with third parties, or within the framework of approved projects, in other
 directions of bilateral interest and not prohibited by legislation.

3. RIGHTS AND OBLIGATIONS

- 3.1. For the purpose of cooperation in the directions defined by the Memorandum, Investigative Journalists NGO and the signatory have the right to conclude civil law contracts, both with each other and with third parties.
- 3.2. Investigative Journalists NGO and the signatory have the right to authorize responsible persons to act within the framework of and on behalf of the cooperation established by this Memorandum.
- 3.3. Investigative Journalists NGO and the signatory hereby allow the use of each other's logos, names and other symbols during the implementation of the project, subject to prior agreement.
- 3.4. Investigative Journalists NGO and the signatory hereby certify that the cooperation established by the Memorandum does not imply any specific obligation, interference in each other's affairs, participation in each other's management and leadership issues.

4. TERM OF EFFECTIVENESS OF THE MEMORANDUM

4.1. The Memorandum enters into force from the moment of signing by the signatory and is valid until terminated by the initiative of Investigative Journalists NGO or the signatory.

5. DISPUTE RESOLUTION PROCEDURE

5.1. Disputes and disagreements arising during the implementation of the Memorandum and the separate agreements concluded between the Investigative Journalists NGO and the signatory based on it are resolved through negotiations, and in case of failure to reach an agreement, in the manner prescribed by the legislation of the Republic of Armenia.

6. OTHER PROVISIONS

- 6.1. Amendments and additions to the Memorandum can be made by mutual written consent of Investigative Journalists NGO and the signatory and are considered an integral part of it.
- 6.2. Issues not provided for in the Memorandum are regulated by the legislation of the Republic of Armenia.

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