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COMMUNITY MEDIA FORUM EUROPE



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The Council of Europe recognises the value of community media as a source of local content, cultural and linguistic diversity, media pluralism, social inclusion and intercultural dialogue.

It endorses the commitment of community media to media and information literacy, through the development of critical and creative thinking and active participation in media content production.

Strategic Action Plan of the Council of Europe on Cultural Diversity, Media Pluralism and Community Media
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Community Media Forum Europe (CMFE) represents networks, national federations and projects active within the Third Media Sector. CMFE takes an active role advocating for citizens' rights to community media and serves as a platform for dialogue and recognition of community media at the European level, as a clearly distinct media sector, alongside public service and private commercial media. In a context where freedom of expression and access to information are increasingly endangered by concentration in the media field and by the spread of misinformation, community media are indicators of media pluralism and often an amplifier of media literacy within marginalized groups.

CMFE has an observer status with the Steering Committee on the Media and Information Society (CDMSI) of the Council of Europe and is part of the CoE International Non- Governmental Organisations (INGO) Conference. Currently, CMFE has 103 members (of which 28 are National Federations) from 26 European countries. According to the CMFE 2012 mapping a total of 2237 community radio stations and 521 community television stations are active across Europe.

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