



Want to Report on the Major Science and Healthcare Stories?

Apply for an:

Online Science Journalism Course for journalists from Central and Eastern Europe

Free Press for Eastern Europe in collaboration with [The Conversation's Services \(Universal Impact\)](#) organizes a free online course in science journalism and is open for journalists from these 6 countries: **Bulgaria, Czechia, Hungary, Poland, Slovakia and Romania.**

The course is open for anyone with experience in journalism who wants to learn more about science and apply it in their work, from aspiring science journalists to experienced journalists and editors, social media managers (working for news outlets), freelancers who specialize in other topics.

What does the Course cover?

- How science journalism differs from other areas
- How to work with scientists
- How to read scientific papers
- How to read, analyse and critique key science stories
- How to use reliable databases for research
- How to cover scientific controversies
- Ethical concerns in using research data

The Course consists of 4 interactive webinars where you will learn how to identify and develop timely and engaging stories on science and medicine for the press. The sessions cover major practical and conceptual issues in reporting on science.

When?

1. Webinar: Tuesday February 8th, 2022 15:00 CET
2. Webinar: Thursday February 10th, 2022 15:00 CET
3. Webinar: Tuesday February 15th, 2022 15:00 CET
4. Webinar: Thursday February 17th, 2022 15:00 CET

Each webinar is 1.5 hours.

Where? Online

Language English

Who can apply?

We invite journalists and media professionals from Bulgaria, Czechia, Hungary, Poland, Slovakia and Romania - either based in these countries or working remotely for media/audiences in these countries.

How to sign up? To apply, complete a questionnaire - telling us about yourself and why you want to participate in the training course.

When is the deadline? 26.01.2022

Interested? Apply via <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/BZQ9MT9>

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About Free Press for Eastern Europe

Free Press for Eastern Europe is a non-for-profit organisation registered in Prague, Czech Republic. It works to promote independent high quality journalism and supports networks and collaborations between media outlets, journalists and experts.

The training is organized within SCIENCE+ project that is implemented by Free Press for Eastern Europe in partnership with Free Press Unlimited. We are creating a network to share best practices in health reporting and science journalism in initially six Central and Eastern European (CEE) countries: Czechia, Poland, Hungary, Slovakia, Bulgaria and Romania. Experts, science editors, freelancers and independent outlets will form a coalition to ensure responsible and trustworthy reporting on public health and other medical topics.

Learn more about SCIENCE+

<https://www.freepressunlimited.org/en/projects/improving-medical-journalism-central-and-eastern-europe>