

Freedom of Expression



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- ❖ *Article 11 Charter of Fundamental Rights of the European Union*

- ❖ *1. Everyone has the right to freedom of expression. This right shall include freedom to hold opinions and to receive and impart information and ideas without interference by public authority and regardless of frontiers.*

- 2. The freedom and pluralism of the media shall be respected.*

❖ Article 10 European Convention on Human Rights

- ❖ *1. Everyone has the right to freedom of expression. This right shall include freedom to hold opinions and to receive and impart information and ideas without interference by public authority and regardless of frontiers. This Article shall not prevent States from requiring the licensing of broadcasting, television or cinema enterprises.*
- ❖ *2. The exercise of these freedoms, since it carries with it duties and responsibilities, may be subject to such formalities, conditions, restrictions or penalties as are prescribed by law and are necessary in a democratic society, in the interests of national security, territorial integrity or public safety, for the prevention of disorder or crime, for the protection of health or morals, for the protection of the reputation or rights of others, for preventing the disclosure of information received in confidence, or for maintaining the authority and impartiality of the judiciary.*

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- Protect media freedom and independence from political pressure;*
- Safeguard the financial independence of the media in the European Union;*
- Protect journalists and their freedom of expression;*
- Protect journalists and new media actors from hate speech;*
- Protect whistleblowers and investigative journalism;*
- Promote a healthy political debate and lasting political engagement through media literacy, media ethics and media pluralism.*



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