

# THE COUNCIL OF EUROPE AND THE SAFETY OF JOURNALISTS

## Committee of Ministers' Recommendation CM/Rec(2016)4 to member States on the protection of journalism and the safety of journalists and other media actors

**Since 2015:**  
592 alerts in 39 countries  
26 journalists killed  
**Currently:**  
19 cases of impunity  
120 journalists in detention

[CM/Rec\(2016\)4 – Full text](#)

[CM/Rec\(2016\)4 - Implementation strategy](#)

Journalism  
Journalists  
Other media actors

Prevention



Legislative framework, independent and substantive periodic review of laws and practices

Protection



Law enforcement, redress mechanisms, gender-specificity, safety trainings, digital security

Prosecution



General requirements (prosecutions and investigations), impunity

Promotion



Information, education and awareness-raising

Implementation



[Council of Europe portal site – safety of journalists](#)

[Platform to promote the protection of journalism and safety of journalists](#)

[2019 Annual Report by Partner Organisations to the Platform](#)

[Expert study – How to address current threats to journalism?](#)

[Book - Journalism at risk](#)



[European Court of Human Rights](#)

[Huseynova v. Azerbaijan](#)

[Mazepa & others v. Russia](#)

[Khadija Ismayilova v. Azerbaijan](#)