

Balkan Fellowship for Journalistic Excellence

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The Robert Bosch Stiftung and ERSTE Foundation, in cooperation with the Balkan Investigative Reporting Network, BIRN, announce the launch of the fourth year of their prestigious fellowship programme for journalists in the Balkans.

Journalists from Albania, Bosnia-Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Croatia, Kosovo, Macedonia, Montenegro, Romania or Serbia, are encouraged to submit research proposals on 2010's theme - *TABOO*.

Each year ten journalists are chosen, through an open competition, to receive funding and professional support to research and report on a topic of regional and European importance.

Participating fellows will receive:

- A bursary of €2,000, a travel allowance of up to €2,000 and a chance to participate in a seven-month programme of professional development.
- The opportunity to travel across the region to produce in depth reports with regional and European dimension.
- Training from internationally recognized journalists and experts.
- The opportunity to have their work published Europe-wide and become a member of a growing network for journalistic excellence in Balkans.

In addition, the independent Selection Committee will award bursaries of € 4,000, € 3,000 and € 1,000 to the authors of the three winning articles.

For detailed information on eligibility for the fellowship programme, application and the selection procedure, please read the full Guidelines before you download Application Form

Applications must be received no later than 01 March 2010.