



## Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe

**Vacancy Notice Number:** VNSECP00730  
**Vacancy Type:** International Contracted  
**Field of Expertise:** MEDIA AFFAIRS  
**Post Title:** ASSISTANT RESEARCH OFFICER  
**Grade:** P1  
**OSCE Mission/Institution:** OSCE Representative on Freedom of the Media  
**Duty Station:** Vienna, Austria  
**No. of Positions:** 1  
**Date of Entry on Duty:**  
**Vacancy Notice Issue Date:** 14-Dec-2012  
**Deadline for Application:** 14-Jan-2013

### Background:

The OSCE Representative on Freedom of the Media (RFoM) observes media developments in all 56 OSCE participating States. He/she provides early warning on violations of freedom of expression and promotes full compliance with OSCE press freedom commitments.

### Tasks and Responsibilities:

Under the direct supervision of the Senior Advisor and the direct supervision of the Senior Advisor, the incumbent conducts research on the regulatory framework of media freedom within Southeast Europe and South Caucasus. More specifically:

- Following and analyzing developments regarding media freedom with special focus on Southeast Europe and South Caucasus and suggesting follow up activities;
- Conducting systematic research and checking pertinent publications on a daily basis to examine and identify the latest trends in the decriminalization of libel, other media freedom issues; analyzing such information to assess it in line with the mandate of the Representative on Freedom of the Media;
- Suggesting follow-up activities and preparing internal reports for the Representative;
- Preparing draft recommendations for clearance by the supervisor on the approach and action to be taken by FOM on improved access to information through the use of new technologies, on ensuring democratic principles in internet use;
- Liaising with counterparts in other international organizations and with members of relevant non-governmental organizations to ensure an ongoing information flow;
- Drafting background papers for delivery by and correspondence for signature by the Representative and performing any other duties as assigned, such as the co-ordination of work on other projects planned by the Advisors.

### Necessary Qualifications:

- First level university degree in political science, social sciences, law, history, journalism or related field;
- Minimum of two years of professional experience in the media field or with an international organization or a media-related NGO;
- Sound knowledge of and experience with modern information technologies;
- Professional fluency in English and any of the Turkic languages. Working knowledge of other OSCE official languages would be an asset;
- Excellent oral and written communication skills and good drafting ability;
- Demonstrated gender awareness and sensitivity;
- Ability to establish and maintain effective working relationships with people of different national and cultural backgrounds;

- Performing other related duties as assigned.

### **Remuneration Package:**

Monthly remuneration will vary between EUR 3,738 (single rate) and EUR 3,963 (dependency rate) depending on post adjustment and family status. OSCE salaries are exempt from taxation in Austria. Social benefits will include possibility of participation in the Vanbreda medical insurance scheme and the OSCE Provident Fund. Other allowances and benefits are similar to those offered under the United Nations Common System.

**If you wish to apply for this position, please use the OSCE's online application link found under <http://www.osce.org/employment>. The OSCE retains the discretion to re-advertise the vacancy, to cancel the recruitment, to offer an appointment at a lower grade or to offer an appointment with a modified job description or for a different duration. Please note that vacancies in the OSCE are open for competition only amongst nationals of participating States, please see <http://www.osce.org/who/83>. The OSCE is committed to achieving a better balance of women and men within the Organization. Female candidates are particularly encouraged to apply. The OSCE is a non-career organization committed to the principle of staff rotation, therefore the maximum period of service in this post is 7 years. No application fees or information with respect to bank account details are required by OSCE for our recruitment process.**