

Preface
to the Macedonian Translation of the
“Research report on positive obligations under Article 10 of the
Convention”

This Research report was published by the European Court of Human Rights in 2011 and concerns positive obligations of Member States under Article 10 to protect journalists and prevent impunity (For the original English version of the report please see www.echr.coe.int “Case-Law/Case-Law Analysis/Case-law research reports”).

The Macedonian translation aims at raising knowledge of this significant matter, and by extension, of the protection of human rights.

This publication therefore is targeted not only at legal experts of all professional groups as well as law students, and in particular at attorneys at law, but also at all those eventually concerned with violation of their rights resulting from article 10 of ECHR, as well as all those working with such potentially concerned persons. Additionally, an important target group presents journalists and media representatives and judges who handle cases where freedom of expression is concerned.

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This guide is not the first cooperation between the Council of Europe and the IRZ within the field of legal publications. One example of earlier cooperation are the two commentaries on the Laws on civil procedure and coercive execution applicable in Bosnia and Herzegovina published in 2005 within a joint project of the Council of Europe and the European Commission, in which the IRZ was involved both with regard to contents and funding. The commentaries have become well known among the law experts in Bosnia and Herzegovina. The Macedonian translation of the “Practical Guide on Admissibility Criteria” marked the beginning of this cooperation, within which publications on the European

Court of Human Rights, its case-law and the European Convention on Human Rights in general are translated into various languages of South East Europe.

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