**Meeting Minutes of the Coordinating Body for Reporting and Acting upon Complaints during Elections or Referenda (13.08.2025)**

The Coordinating Body that will be acting in accordance with the Code of Conduct in the Online Sphere during Electoral Processes and Referenda throughout the 2025 Local Elections, held its first meeting on 13 August 2025. The meeting was attended by the following members of the body: Biljana Georgievska (CMEM), Olivera Vojnovska (Metamorphosis), Aleksandra Temenugova (ICS), Biljana Petkovska (MIM), Emilija Petreska-Kamenjarova (AVMU), and Ognen Janeski (AJM). Also in attendance was Marina Trajkova (AVMU) as a deputy for one of the members.

During the meeting, it was confirmed that AJM and Metamorphosis had nominated new members/deputies to the Body due to objective reasons preventing the previous members from participating. The new representative for AJM is Ognen Janeski, and for Metamorphosis, Xhenis Sulimani.

Furthermore, following the passing of Sashe Dimovski, Biljana Georgievska from CMEM was elected as the new coordinator of the Body with a two-year mandate. Olivera Vojnovska from Metamorphosis remains deputy coordinator until February 2026, when her two-year term shall come to an end.

It was announced during the meeting that other organizations had expressed interest in becoming members of the Coordinating Body by signing an annex to the Memorandum of Cooperation. However, in the discussion among the members, it was pointed out that these organizations should accede to the Code of Conduct, while the Body may consult them as needed based on their expertise. This position stems from the fact that the Coordinating Body includes institutions and organizations that are directly involved in the media sphere and (self)regulation. Nonetheless, if any organization submits a formal request for membership in the Body, the request will be reviewed, and a final decision will be made accordingly.

The members also discussed the need to launch an online campaign to raise awareness and visibility of both the Code of Conduct in the Online Sphere during Elections and Referenda and the work of the Coordinating Body. The campaign would also include guidelines on how citizens can submit complaints to the Body. The campaign is scheduled to be implemented in the upcoming period. In addition, the Code will be sent to all political parties, independent lists, and candidates participating in the electoral process so they could have the opportunity to accede to it.

In the remainder of the meeting, it was discussed that certain sections of the **Rules of Procedure** of the Coordinating Body for Reporting and Acting upon Complaints during Elections or Referenda need to be amended or further clarified. Specifically, the decision-making process within the Body was discussed, and the members reached a conclusion that, for complaints received through the Body, the member to whom the complaint has been assigned should provide an opinion or recommendation, after which the Coordinating Body will make a final decision in a single step, avoiding a second-instance review by the other members, which occurred during the previous election cycle. The other proposed amendments to the Rules of Procedure discussed at the meeting were of a technical nature.

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