

Abstract

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A Concept of Investigative Cross-Border Journalism. The Essence and Functioning of the Vsquare Project in the Visegrad Region

In a democratic system investigative journalism has an informative and control function. This causes it to be called the fourth estate or watchdog of democracy. Political, business and social scandals are revealed by investigative reporters which stigmatizing corruption, nepotism and immoral behavior. Due to the scope of unmasked scandals, there is sometimes a need for international journalistic cooperation. Therefore, the aim of the paper is to analyze the cooperation of investigative journalists within the Vsquare project in the Visegrad Region in terms of: investigative journalism vs. investigative cross-border journalism, the specifics of the entities involved in the project (Reporters' Foundation, Czech Center for Investigative Journalism, Atlatzso), journalistic investigations, work methodology, results of investigations and their impact on the public sphere.