



The Foreign Media Association (FMA) wants to bring together Turkish and foreign media professionals who live in Turkey and work for media outlets headquartered abroad. FMA aims to offer a support network, providing members both solidarity and concrete guidance to help them navigate through any difficulties they may face related to their work.

### **Our Mission & Services**

	<u>Mission</u>	<u>Approach</u>
1)	Advise, represent and advocate for members with official institutions such as the DIRECTORATE OF COMMUNICATIONS, Government, Municipalities, Police, etc.	- Enlarge network with DIRECTORATE OF COMMUNICATIONS and other relevant agencies. - Meet with DIRECTORATE OF COMMUNICATIONS and develop a program for “de-escalation & constructive cooperation.”
2)	Protect the rights of members and provide assistance in emergency situations.	- 24/7 emergency hotline - Legal support in cooperation with <a href="#">Media and Law Studies Association (MLSA)</a>
3)	Cooperate with international and domestic journalist and media organizations.	- Partnerships with IPI, RSF, CPJ, etc. - Organize seminars/workshops with organizations such as MLSA
4)	Clarify and challenge statements on misinformation targeting foreign media journalists and their reporting.	- Fact Checks done by FMA, providing necessary evidence/ information and shared through FMA’s online presence. - Serve as a trusted source for comment.
5)	Assist with copyright issues	- Contacting local media organizations in cooperation with lawyers and MLSA

### **Who can become a member?**

- Journalist
- Reporter
- Fixer
- Producer
- Editor
- Photographer
- Cameraperson
- Soundperson
- SNG or LiveU Technicians

Candidate members need to provide evidence that they are working for media outlets headquartered abroad and that it is their main source of income. Online outlets are acceptable. Only media professionals who adhere to the core principles of journalistic ethics\* will be granted membership.

## **What documents are needed to become a Member?**

- Freelancers and employees need to prove they work full time or part time for media organizations headquartered outside Turkey via a link or hard copy of work. If the applicant is not named, a written letter from the media organ or from the named person in the link should confirm that the applicant was part of the report/production/text.
- Residence in Turkey (Exceptions for Turkey correspondents living outside Turkey and VIP Members)
- Payment of minimum 20,00TL/month for freelancers and 30,00TL/month for full time employees
- To apply for membership, please write to us (Include your main costumers and a reference): [membership@FMATurkey.org](mailto:membership@FMATurkey.org)

## **Finances**

Office, employee, etc. will be financed by the membership fees, donations and/or international funds. The founding of the association, or “dernek,” requires a one-time fee of 1,500 TRY total. Monthly fees, including salary for one employee, will come to around 3,335 TRY. The budget for the first few months will be provided by a fund, until the membership can cover expenses, or it is decided to shut down FMA due to lack of interest.

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### **\*Five Core Principles of Journalism**

(From: <http://ethicaljournalismnetwork.org/who-we-are/5-principles-of-journalism>)

1. **Truth and Accuracy** - Journalists cannot always guarantee ‘truth’, but getting the facts right is the cardinal principle of journalism. We should always strive for accuracy, give all the relevant facts we have and ensure that they have been checked. When we cannot corroborate information we should say so.
2. **Independence** - Journalists must be independent voices; we should not act, formally or informally, on behalf of special interests whether political, corporate or cultural. We should declare to our editors – or the audience – any of our political affiliations, financial arrangements or other personal information that might constitute a conflict of interest.
3. **Fairness and Impartiality** - Most stories have at least two sides. While there is no obligation to present every side in every piece, stories should be balanced and add context. Objectivity is not always possible, and may not always be desirable (in the face for example of brutality or inhumanity), but impartial reporting builds trust and confidence.
4. **Humanity** - Journalists should do no harm. What we publish or broadcast may be hurtful, but we should be aware of the impact of our words and images on the lives of others.
5. **Accountability** - A sure sign of professionalism and responsible journalism is the ability to hold ourselves accountable. When we commit errors we must correct them and our expressions of regret must be sincere not cynical. We listen to the concerns of our audience. We may not change what readers write or say but we will always provide remedies when we are unfair.