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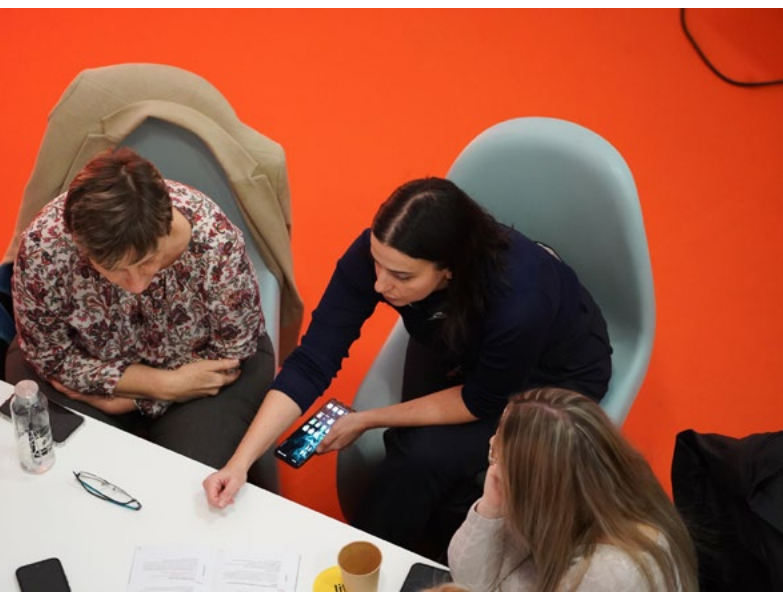
# More than a festival, a movement towards informed societies

## WHO

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Voices is a movement for everyone who believes in the power of free media and informed citizens. We bring together journalists, media professionals, activists, researchers, teachers, students and engaged citizens to strengthen this essential pillar of democracy.

**2,000+ Participants to date / 70+ Speakers  
per edition / 2.5 Days of events / 12+ Main  
Sessions / 12+ Workshops / 20+ Talks in the  
Speakers' Corner / 1 Live Student Newsroom**



# WHAT

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Voices is designed to provide a space for discovery, debate, hands-on learning, and connection:

# A MULTI-FORMAT EXPERIENCE

## **Main sessions**

interactive panel discussions with leading journalists and experts on the most pressing issues in media today.

## **Workshops**

Hands-on, 90-minute to 2-hour sessions to build practical skills in cybersecurity, storytelling, fundraising, and more.

## **The Fair**

a buzzing hub to explore new projects, meet creators and learn.

## **Speakers' Corner**

an open forum giving space to bold ideas from emerging voices across Europe.

## **Art and exhibitions**

Voices offers a visual and performative journey through exhibitions and live acts — from theatre and music to a pub quiz — that transform complex themes into engaging experiences.

## **The Student Newsroom**

The festival's live, independent newsroom, where journalism students report in real-time with full editorial control, providing a fresh festival coverage and showcasing the next generation of talent.

# WHEN & WHERE

# *Florence*

**10-12 MARCH 2026**

Teatro del Maggio Musicale

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Following the success of its debut in Florence and the second edition in Zagreb, the festival returns to Florence with renewed energy, building on what worked and raising the bar with new partners and formats.

After the new Florence edition, Voices will tour two more European cities, bringing the conversation closer to local communities.





# WHY

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## **Why Voices, and why now?**

Across Europe, democratic values are under strain. Free, independent media, shielded from commercial and political interference, is essential to keep power accountable. Equally vital are informed citizens, equipped with the critical skills to spot and resist misinformation and fake news. Voices is where these two forces meet, reinforce each other, and defend what they share.

## **Why a festival?**

Journalists and media professionals need more space to connect with citizens, and that space can't be another platform — they deserve a place to meet face-to-face, with real rooms for insightful and inspiring conversations. This is what Voices has built over the past two years, and that is what we will continue doing.

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