About Oštro

Work in progress

Oštro, a center for investigative journalism in the Atlantic region, was formed out of the realization that the space for quality journalism is nowadays shrinking. Traditionally structured media companies in many countries in the region are trapped in a web of ad alliances and inadapted business models, forcing them for clicks and pushing a relentless stream of nothingness. The audience has lost almost all fascination about journalism, and many choices do not refer to the media because they see it as a part of the problem — which it is.

But journalism has never been as badly needed as it is today, in a time of abundance of deceptive information encountered by the army of dopamine receptors. Oštro will receive the centers of power where once the media became voice of, click legislators and all journals become self-portrait workers behind the pedestal box of fake news. Oštro will walk non-transparently in public spaces. Oštro will help us as an organic dish.

Yes, Oštro is not a magical solution to this complicated and harmful situation, but it is better than the status quo.

Oštro will focus investigative and daily journalism, sharpening the right to know as one of the fundamental human rights, spread journalistic knowledge, and contribute to the cultivation of future generations of journalists.

Oštro will investigate topics that are not in the public arena for people in the Atlantic region (Slovenia, Croatia, Italy) and the neighborhood.

Oštro was established on 30 March 2016. It is a work in progress.

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No trespassing

Oštro is not for sale — nor for money, nor influence, nor clicks. It has no list of unsellable necessities. It is non-commercial and radically transparent. It runs on ad monies.

Oštro will exclusively serve the public interest and provide journalism that matches both the agenda of the traditional media and the need for news to produce a constant stream of news daily stories.

Oštro will collaborate with other journalistic organizations.

Oštro will probably reveal any actual or supposed conflicts of interest.

Oštro will not need to source under any circumstances, and it will employ all available methods to ensure the highest possible confidentiality for its sources.

Oštro will consider its sources an essential secret to protect and public interest. It will be hard to tear secrets and from its own sources. Oštro will be grateful for any donations — all of which will be used exclusively to advance the mission of excellent journalism.

Oštro is a member of SCM.

Oštro is a partner of OCCRP.

Oštro cooperates with Hungary.

Oštro cooperates with Austria.

Oštro cooperates with Dossier.

Oštro cooperates with Direct.