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FLARE presents the Best International Organised Crime Report

The deadline to apply to the prize for the best video enquiries dedicated to analyse the world of transnational organised crime is on 19th november

The **Associazione Ilaria Alpi, FLARE Network and Novaya Gazeta** announce a competition for the production of an **investigative journalistic video documentary** on the theme of international organised crime and corruption.

The goal of the project is to **promote information** and to **support** those journalists committed to analyse a **phenomenon** which now has international significance and deep local roots.

The **expansion** on global scale of the interests linked to organised crime is just one of the aspects related to the fall of **Berlin Wall** and the collapse of **Soviet Union**. The **abolition** of custom barriers, the **easiness** of transnational movements and the **opening** to the West of market which historically had been under state control have allowed organised crime gangs to acquire a **key role** on global economy.



Considering this, the announcement promoted by Associazione Ilaria Alpi, FLARE Network and Novaya Gazeta concerns the **cofunding** (€ 2,000 for each) of **four projects** of journalistic video enquiries dedicated to analyse the presence, the impact and the outcomes of organised crime in the social, political and economic life within a **chosen geographical context**.

The projects will be released in **preview** on the occasion of the 2011 edition of **Ilaria Alpi Television Journalist Awards**, dedicated to the memory of the Rai (Italian national TV and radio corporation) reporter **murdered** on 20th march 1994 together with cameraman Miran Hrovatin.

The winning inquiry will receive the **Best International Organised Crime Report** and a further prize of € **2,000**.

«I firmly think that the contrast to corruption and organised crime is the main duty of modern journalism - says **Sergey Sokolov**, deputy chief editor of Novaya Gazeta -. The project we are involved in together with FLARE Network and Associazione Ilaria Alpi represents a big **challenge** and an **important step** to carry on our work».

The deadline to participate at the prize is **19th november 2010**; results will be announced on **1st december 2010**. The call for applicants and the submission form are available at www.flarenetwork.org. For further enquiries please contact FLARE Network at communication@flarenetwork.org

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FLARE Network

FLARE - Freedom, Legality and Rights in Europe - is a network made of civil society organisations for a common strive against mafias and transnational organised crime. Those who adhere to the FLARE Network are associations for youth promotion and non-governmental organisations. Such organisations come from the areas of Europe, Mediterranean basin, Russian Federation, Caucasus and Balkans. For more info, visit www.flarenetwork.org.

Associazione Ilaria Alpi

The Associazione Ilaria Alpi was founded in 2005, but its history dates back in 1994 when its name was Comunità Aperta and gave birth to the Ilaria Alpi Television Journalist Award. Today the association manage the organisation of the prize and is fully committed in the field of social communication and investigative journalism, from training activities to cultural productions.

Novaya Gazeta

Founded in 1993, Novaya Gazeta is the most authoritative independent russian media. It is published every Monday, Wednesday and Friday. It is renowned for its investigative work in the areas of politics and economy, with enquiries and focus articles from all over the country. Since 2001 four journalists of the editorial office were murdered.



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