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Joint letter to MEPs on Daphne Caruana Galizia

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Following the brutal and tragic murder of the Maltese investigative journalist Daphne Caruana Galizia, Transparency International EU and the European Centre for Press and Media Freedom, along with other media freedom groups, call on the European Union to create a special prize in her name to promote and support independent investigative journalism around Europe.

This prize should be designed to help provide journalists with the support they need to be able to uncover wrong doing, illegal activity and corruption without having to fear for their own safety simply by doing their jobs.

Media freedom and the right to free speech must be protected and we urge the European Commission to show their commitment to these freedoms through creating the “Daphne Caruana Galizia Prize” without delay.

[The letter can be found here.](#)

Brussels, 24 October 2017

To Members of the European Parliament,

Re: Daphne Caruana Galizia: death of an investigative journalist in Malta

As representatives of Europe's journalistic, media freedom and anti-corruption communities, we call for the European Parliament to establish a Journalism Prize in the name of Daphne Caruana Galizia.

She was assassinated whilst investigating complex allegations of corruption in an EU Member State, and we are determined to support continuation of her fearless work.

In order to achieve a lasting legacy of independent international collaboration, to hold power to account to and provide Europe's citizens with full and accurate information we further support a permanent funding line for investigative journalism in the European Union budget.

We pledge to honour the work of Daphne Caruana Galizia and all other journalists who have been killed just for doing their jobs, and we count on you, our elected representatives, to support threatened journalists.

Yours sincerely,

European Centre for Press and Media Freedom

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