Are journalists responsible enough?

Journalists from 15 different countries gathered together on 28-29 January 2016 in Brussels, Belgium, for a workshop to discuss the role and responsibilities of journalists when reporting.

“In an increasingly complex world, where borders have less meaning than ever before, journalists have a responsibility to offer their communities stories from all over the world that have impact and influence. What happens in one continent may have major importance to people on the other side of the world. And we need journalists to tell these stories with integrity and in a way that really matters to their local audiences”, said Dr Mike McCluskey, International Media and Broadcast Consultant, at the ASEF journalists’ workshop in Brussels.

This workshop is a special addition to the 8th ASEF Editors’ Roundtable and is being organised in view of the Asia-Europe Meeting (ASEM) 20th Anniversary in 2016. After Brussels, a 2nd workshop (registration is now open) will take place in May in Guangzhou, China, focusing on the theme of “Digital Connectivity between Asia and Europe”. The outputs gathered from the journalists participating in these 2 workshops will serve as a basis for a further discussion by the editors-in-chief at the final Roundtable event in July 2016 in Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia.

During the official opening of the Brussels workshop at the European External Action Service (EEAS), Dr Mike McCluskey presented the Asia-Europe Digital Connectivity Survey. This survey aims to analyse the current practices of journalists and readers from Asia and Europe (https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/Asia-Europe-Digital-Connectivity). Dr McCluskey is the moderator of this 8th ASEF Editors’ Roundtable series.

For more information on this event please visit: http://bit.ly/ASEFERT8
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