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EU Project

Training workshop for human rights defenders, activists and journalists on physical protection and online security in the Centre Region

The training workshop for HRDs, activists and journalists on physical protection and online security in the Central region was organized in Yaoundé from Wednesday, March 3 to Friday, March 5, 2021 in the conference hall of the Friedrich Ebert Foundation. The activity took place as part of the sub-regional project "Security for All" co-financed by the European Union in partnership with the Friedrich Ebert Foundation.

The workshop, which lasted three days, brought together about thirty participants from Yaoundé, involved in the defense of human rights. The participants were trained by the team led by **Barrister Agbor Balla, President of the Centre for Human Rights and Democracy in Africa** and **Mrs. Sandrine Coets from the European Union Delegation in Cameroon** respectively on the various aspects related to the exercise of human rights in the African context in general and Cameroon in particular and the role of the European Union in the protection and promotion of human rights. The aim of the workshop was to strengthen the capacities of defenders, activists and journalists working in the defense of human rights.

To this end, the training focused on the presentation of the international, continental and national framework for the protection of human rights defenders, the different categories of defenders, the different physical and digital strategies for the personal protection of defenders, as well as the means of recourse to international organizations for defenders. In addition, the sharing of experiences by the different participants on the difficulties encountered and the strategies adopted enriched the quality of the training.



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This training workshop came after three other workshops organized in the North West, South West and Central regions. They are implemented on the basis of the **Guide on the physical protection and online security of human rights defenders** produced within the framework of the regional project "**Security for All**" co-financed by the European Union in partnership with the Friedrich Ebert Foundation. The aim of this project is to strengthen the involvement of civil society in the reforms and governance of the security sector.