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## Malta's failure to implement measures to protect journalists

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In April 2016, Malta signed CM/Rec(2016)4 Recommendation of the Committee of Ministers to member States on the protection of journalism and safety of journalists and other media actors. Eighteen months later, in October 2017, Daphne Caruana Galizia was assassinated.

In 2021, the European Commission published its Recommendation on ensuring the protection, safety and empowerment of journalists and other media professionals in the European Union, which references the Council of Europe Recommendation.

In 2025, Malta has not yet implemented the Council of Europe Recommendation, nor the EU Recommendation, on the safety and protection of journalists.

Ms Vokshi

To ask the Committee of Ministers:

Will the Committee of Ministers ask Malta to explain why it has not yet implemented Recommendations on the safety of journalists, including CM/Rec(2016)4, and to explain how the Maltese State is ensuring the safety of journalists, in practice and at law, in the meantime?

