

Information on dealing with the spread of COVID-19

Due to the spread of COVID-19 caused by the coronavirus SARS-CoV-2, the organization of the project “#FacingFake: German-Georgian Journalist Exchange” and the execution of the study trip organized by the Deutsche Gesellschaft e. V. may be subject to change without notice:

1. The participants' health and all people involved in the project is of the highest priority for the Deutsche Gesellschaft e. V. We are **in permanent contact with the German Federal Foreign Office and the German Embassy in Tbilisi** to evaluate the current situation. Significant for us are the entry requirements of the Federal Foreign Office to Georgia, the recommendations of the German Federal Government, and the evaluations of our Georgian partner organisation Media Development Foundation. **Changes of the program, including a medium- to short-term cancellation of the study trip, may be possible** if the Deutsche Gesellschaft e. V. and our partners conclude that we cannot guarantee the necessary measures for health prevention to ensure a safe study trip without increased risk of infection.
2. In case of a medium-term cancellation (before September 2020) we are working on a **digital concept** – including online workshops, lectures, and discussions with local actors – to achieve the substantive goals of the project. Should this situation arise, our partner organisation Media Development Foundation will offer to help you find local interview partners. Also, in the case of a cancellation of the study trip, we expect you to submit of a journalistic article in English which we would like to publish on the website of our partner organisation Media Development Foundation. **With your application for the project, we assume that you are willing to participate in the digital programme offered in the case of cancellation of the trip.** We sincerely apologize for the inconvenience this may cause.
3. In case of cancellation the Deutsche Gesellschaft e. V. **will not be able to bear any financial compensation**, including loss of income, travel costs to and from the airport and costs for further individually planned trips.
4. The project will end on December 31, 2020. Based on current information we will **not be able to rerun the study trip next year** in the event of a cancellation. You also have no claim for participating in future events.