EU, CFI bring Yemeni journalists together to discuss ways to improve coverage of humanitarian issues in Yemen

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More than 30 Yemeni journalists and representatives of Yemen-based humanitarian organizations gathered in Amman on 20 to 22 November to discuss the best ways to improve the flow of humanitarian information on Yemen. The journalists will also attend the ARU annual investigative journalism forum, the Arab World’s largest gathering for investigative reporters.

The seminar is organized under the EU-funded Yemen Media Emergency Response YMER+ project, which is implemented by the French media development agency (CFI), jointly with Amman-based Arab Reporters for Investigative Journalism (ARIJ).

Addressing the participants, the head of EU Delegation to Yemen Ambassador Hans Grundberg said: “I am delighted that we have been able to bring together this important number of prominent Yemeni journalists to advance humanitarian journalism in Yemen. We trust that these kinds of initiatives can contribute to improving the flow of information about the humanitarian situation on Yemen in a way that helps respond to the different aspects of the crisis.” Ambassador Grundberg also underscored the importance of having a professional and conflict-sensitive media in Yemen that can report humanitarian issues and promote peace.

CFI’s Mediterranean Asia Director David Hivet said: “This seminar aims to deliver ideas, solutions and collaborations between medias, journalists, NGO’s and international organizations to serve the interests of the Yemeni population and particularly Yemeni women who are the most affected by the situation. All over the world, when journalists are covering conflicts, most of the time, they report and write about men (e.g.: soldiers, politicians...). This seminar is an opportunity to focus on the media coverage related to the Yemeni women who deserve it.”