

European Journalists met in Nice for the EJ International Congress 2023.



The annual International Congress of the European Journalists Association (EJ), held in Nice from October 26 to 29, 2023, featured a series of speeches highlighting the theme "Europe Between War and Elections."

Following the opening remarks by the President of the association, the Romanian journalist Felicia Ristea, Ivan Koedjikov, former senior civil servant of the Council of Europe, delivered a talk on "European Democracy: Elections in Times of War, Global Changes, and Populism,"; Joan Barata, an online journalism and professor at several U.S. universities, spoke about "New European Digital Structures and Their Implications for Global Platforms and Freedom of Expression."

The sessions, moderated by Bojan Brezigar, editor of the Slovenian newspaper *Primorski Dnevnik*, continued with presentations by Yusuf Kanli, Vice President of the Association of Journalists in Ankara, on "Turkey After the 2023 Presidential Elections: Attitudes Toward the European Union and Global Scenarios"; Vassil Sotirov, EJ Vice President, on "The European Media Freedom Act and the Responsibility of Member States"; Jean-Pierre Darnis, Visiting Professor of Contemporary History at LUISS Guido Carli University in Rome, on "Expectations After the 2024 European Elections"; and Tinatin Dvalishvili, head of the Center for Training Young Journalists in the Caucasus, on "New Threats to Democracy in the Caucasus and Other Former Soviet Regions."

Joining remotely from New York, Stan Berteloot, journalist at Reuters News Agency, provided an extensive overview of "Opportunities and Threats of Artificial Intelligence for the Media."

The discussions among participants were rich and diverse, with contributions, a.o., from Paolo Magagnotti, Honorary President of EJ; and Ralf Schneider, EJ Vice President and VEJ President and Andrea Radetzky, EJ Vice President. President of VEJ.

On the final day, attendees visited the “Oceanographic Museum” in Monte Carlo.