



Study Visit of Midas Journalists in the German Danish Border Region

Journalists working for Midas Newspapers are going to visit Schleswig-Holstein and Syddanmark from 27 August - 2 September 2007. The Study Visit Programme is organized by the European Association of Daily Newspapers in Minority and Regional Languages (Midas), based at Eurac in Bolzano/Bozen (South Tyrol).

After Study Visits to the Basque Country, Catalonia, South Tyrol and Finland, Midas is launching the new Study Visit Programme 2007. The programme seeks to provide opportunities for journalists of Midas member newspapers and journalists from the majority/mainstream press to develop knowledge in editorial work maximizing their experience through the exchange of information. The study visit is dedicated to report on minority protection and cultural diversity issues within the context of the European Integration process.

The weekly programme integrates fieldtrips, classroom and editorial training. The journalists are assigned to get knowledge of the work in Danish and German editorial departments of the local newspapers "Flensburg Avis" and "Der Nordschleswiger". In addition to this editorial training, the journalists attend seminars on the situation of the Frisian, German and Danish language groups in the region, and the historical dimension of the German Danish Border Region in a national and European context. Midas and the host-newspapers also organize meetings and interviews to become more familiar with the economical, cultural and political situation of the 3 language groups in the border region. The journalists are coming from 8 different countries, namely Slovakia, Romania, Georgia, Italy, Germany, Finland, Lithuania and Spain.

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