

EFJ expresses support for journalists of Gazeta Wyborcza, symbol of independent and courageous press of Poland, in their struggle for media freedom and integrity.

EFJ expresses solidarity with all Polish journalists standing for independence of the media and commitment to basic principles of our profession, and journalism as a public good.

EFJ also expresses deep concern with recent legal initiatives in Poland that create new restrictions for media freedom in the country, and challenge the future existence of independent journalism. Many media professionals already lost their jobs because of new media rules and regulations during recent years, and many independent reporters are at risk to be punished for their professional activities today. This practice as well as legal restrictions for professional journalist work contradict basic European standards and principles.

EFJ calls Polish authorities to avoid punishment of journalists for their professional activities and calls to take away restrictions for media freedom. EFJ will follow the situation and will stand for journalists' rights.