**What is the ethical audit?**

It is a self-assessment exercise of the commitment to good governance and ethical and professional standards in the media.

**Who can perform the ethical audit?**

Individuals, media outlets, advertisers, social media and search platforms, regulators and state actors, media development organisations and donors.

**How to perform the ethical audit?**

Ethical audit consists of a set of questions available through the EJN, or the Journalism Trust Initiative (JTI) app operated by Reporters without Borders. Access the JTI app on www.jti-app.com/, or write to us at info@ethicaljournalismnetwork.org.

Part of the ethical audit is dedicated to editorial values. The Media Outlet shall disclose its editorial mission statement which shall be consistent with the fundamental ethical principles of trustworthy journalism, and should incorporate principles of: ethical practice, good governance, self-regulation and engagement with the public.

Part of the ethical audit is dedicated to disclosure of type of ownership. The Media Outlet shall declare its legal status clarifying what type of company it is registered as. The Media Outlet shall state clearly if it is fully or partly owned by the government, a state institution, or other public body. The Media Outlet shall indicate if it is a publicly traded company and where it is legally registered and where its shares are traded. If the ownership of the Media Outlet is different from the above, it shall indicate its form of ownership and provide links to local legal definitions of the type of ownership.

The Media Outlet shall disclose a list of its sources of revenue, ranked from largest to smallest. These may include subscriptions, advertising, major donors and donations, subsidies, fees, sales, memberships, sponsorships, events, etc. Organisations obliged to publish or make public their financial information shall provide a reference to the source where the data is accessible. Where a media entity deems itself precluded from disclosure of information due to safety and security concerns as outlined in the Terms and Definitions section, these shall be explained.

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