

Tactical Media Room: Where Tech meets Tactical Media to Support Ukraine and Independent Media in Russia and Belarus

The Tactical Media Room (TMR) aims to support independent tactical media, journalists, newsrooms and civic initiatives from Ukraine, Russia and Belarus. Founded late February 2022 after the Russian invasion of Ukraine with a weekly meeting and an app group, TMR is an initiative of Waag Futurelab and Institute for Network Cultures (HvA), in collaboration with hackers, artists, designers, and members of organizations such as Beeld en Geluid, Free Press Unlimited, Mediastudies (UvA), Freedom Internet, Free Russia, MCH2022/Dutch hacker camps, Stichting Democratie en Media, ISOC.NL and TechInc —including a growing number recently arrived Ukrainians. As a temporary Amsterdam-based platform, TMR brings together different forms of expertise in the fields of journalism, media activism, arts and research. A Signal group with currently 40 members is the main internal channel for people involved in the organization of the TMR (new participants are invited by the members). Topics and activities vary from Russian disinformation, censorship and propaganda research, mapping platform geopolitics, support regarding hardware and online services by ISP's and hosting providers, tech knowledge exchanges (from satellite phones to cybersecurity), and practical aid support.

The TMR is planning to host a series of monthly public meetings, preferably on Thursdays from 20.00 - 22.00 at Waag, Nieuwmarkt 4 Amsterdam. The format will be a combination of short presentations of insights and a hands-on practical approach to topics like guerrilla translation and subtitling, disinformation, and how to secure yourself.

From the basis of an initial data sprint held in late March, ongoing rapid response research will be coordinated by the Institute of Network Cultures at HvA, together with Mediastudies staff at UvA (coordinated by Marc Tuters) and affiliated members such as Michael Dieter (Warwick/UK), Ruben Brave (ISOC NL) and others. There is a blog with unique content, including diaries from Ukraine and postings from Russia: <https://networkcultures.org/blog/category/ukraine/>.

Vacature tekst

Tactical Media Room is een tijdelijke coördinatiegroep ter ondersteuning van onafhankelijke media in Oekraïne, Belarus en Rusland, mogelijk gemaakt door diverse organisaties die werken in de tech sector, kunst en cultuur, onderwijs en onderzoek. Wij zoeken met ingang per direct een producer voor twee dagen in de week, om te beginnen voor een periode van drie maanden. Taak zal zijn het coördineren van het platform, de vergaderingen, sociale media presentie en het organiseren van de geplande publieksbijeenkomsten. De producer zal vallen onder het HvA lectoraat netwerkcultuur en de HvA leerstoel van de professor of practice van Marleen Stikker en werkt nauw samen met het publieksprogramma van de Waag. Tevens zal de coördinator een of twee (student)assistenten of stagiaires aansturen. De producer krijgt de mogelijkheid om een assistent of stagiair, bij voorkeur uit Oekraïne en woonachtig in de omgeving Amsterdam, aan te nemen voor een of twee dagen per week. Sollicitaties met CV naar: info@networkcultures.org.

Tasks: Communications Coordinator (Junior) / Administrative Assistant

Function description:

- part-time job (from 1 day/week to 50% FTE)

- temporary: (3-6 months)

- can be done from home

- once a week: be present at physical location of a weekly meeting

General Tasks:

- give administrative support for all the communications tasks - organise the workflow

- keep documentation of all the procedures

- maintain lists of contacts

- collect & organise polls answers & survey answers

TMR Specific Tasks, Basic:

- take notes at Wednesday's meetings & publish them on the wiki

- collect links from the Signal chat & organise them & publish them on the wiki - public "weekly update" (requests, offers, events, jobs, news, updates...)

- share "weekly update" on Social Media

- be in touch with all of the involved people

Advanced / Senior:

- organise public events / workshops

- do the Social Media outreach

- search for relevant content on the Social Media & news & bring back to the group - coordinate sub-groups (once we have them)

- outreach: contact the groups that are missing

- write blog posts

- produce the series of events