

The Media Act (the Official Gazette No.59/04)

(...)

Article 30

(1) A journalist shall not be obliged to provide data about the source of published information or the information he intends to publish.

(2) The right of a journalist referred to in paragraph 1 of this Article shall also pertain to editor in chief, editors and authors of published reports who are not journalists.

(3) Prior to publication, the journalist shall be obliged to inform the editor in chief of the fact that the information is from an unidentified source in the manner stipulated in the media statute. In that case all the provisions on the protection of the source of information shall also apply to the editor in chief.

(4) The State Attorney's Office, when such limitations are required in the interest of national security, territorial integrity and protection of health, may lodge a request with the competent court to order the journalist to disclose data on the source of the published information or information he intends to publish.

(5) The court may order the journalist to disclose data on the source of the published information or information he intends to publish, if so required for the protection of public interest and if it concerns particularly important and serious circumstances and the following has been indisputably established:

- that a reasonable alternative measure for disclosing data on the source of information does not exist or that the person or body from paragraph 4 of this Article seeking the disclosure of the source of information has already used that measure,
- that legal public interest for disclosing data on the source of information clearly prevails over the interest for protecting the source of information.

(6) When assessing the circumstances of the case, the court shall exclude the public in the course of the procedure of disclosing information and warn the persons present that they are obliged to keep confidential everything they have found out in the procedure as well as of the consequences of disclosing confidential information.