

FAST FACTS

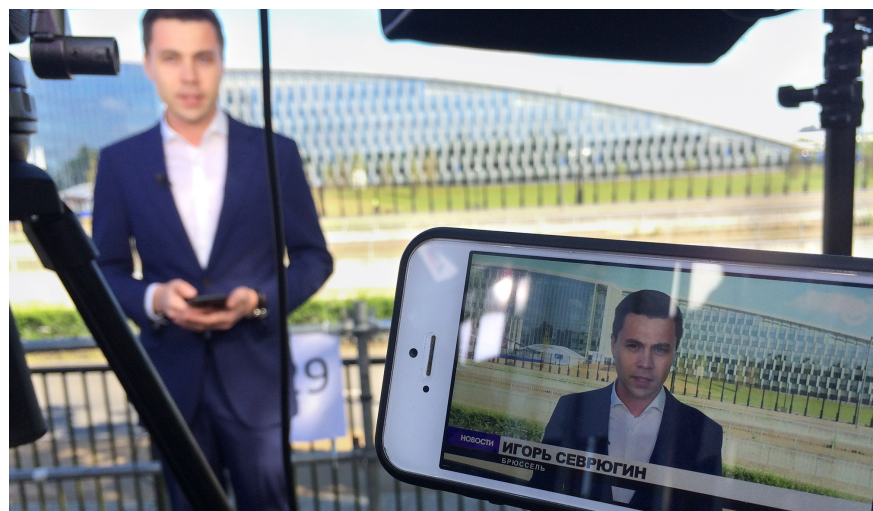
HEADQUARTERS
**Prague, Czech
Republic**
Washington, DC

ANNUAL BUDGET
\$124 million
(FY2018 est.)

LANGUAGES
25

AUDIENCE
31.1 million
(FY2018 est.)

Radio Free Europe/Radio Liberty (RFE/RL) reaches more than 31 million people every week with locally-oriented, multimedia content that promotes democratic values and institutions in 20 countries where a free press is banned or not fully established.



PROGRAMS

Since its formal launch in February 2017, the 24/7 Current Time digital television network, led by RFE/RL and in cooperation with VOA, has claimed a space in the global Russian-language media market for balanced news, original features, under-reported stories, and fresh debate via satellite, cable, and online.

RFE/RL's Russian Service is one of the most-cited multi-media networks in Russia. In 2017, it averaged 6.7 million visitors and 14.4 million page views monthly to its webpage; logged 81 million YouTube video views; and is active on Russian social networks and Facebook, where it has more than 536,000 fans.

RFE/RL's Balkan Service directly engages young audiences in responsible dialogue regarding the harmful effects of extremism and radicalization within their societies via a social media-based campaign, "Not in My Name" for Bosnia and Kosovo.

IN FY2017

918 MILLION
pages of content were viewed
on RFE/RL websites

RFE/RL content was viewed
515 MILLION
times on YouTube

and RFE/RL had
278 MILLION
engaged users on Facebook

JOURNALISTS UNDER THREAT

38 INCIDENTS

including physical assault, online harassment, interrogations, detentions, prison, and threats in connection with their reporting

**ON APRIL 30, 2018,
THREE RFE/RL
JOURNALISTS**

died in a suicide bombing that targeted journalists in Kabul, Afghanistan.

In 2018, RFE/RL launched “Not in Our Name,” a video and social media project in Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan, and Uzbekistan to empower communities to stand up to violent extremists and explore how residents can work together to prevent the spread of violence and extremism.

MISSION

RFE/RL promotes democratic values and institutions by reporting the news in countries where a free press is banned by the government or not fully established. RFE/RL’s journalists provide what many people cannot get locally: uncensored news, responsible discussion, and open debate.

Based on the conviction that the first requirement of democracy is a well informed citizenry:

- RFE/RL’s independent journalism provides fair and objective news, analysis, and discussion of domestic, regional, and international issues crucial to healthy democracies and free markets.
- RFE/RL strengthens civil societies by projecting democratic and pluralistic values.
- RFE/RL combats all forms of intolerance and promotes mutual understanding among peoples.
- RFE/RL provides a model for local media, assists in training to enhance media professionalism and independence, and develops partnerships with local media outlets.

IMPACT

RFE/RL’s breaking news and multi-media reporting across its target region earns daily citations in global media, including *The Washington Post*, *The New York Times*, *USA Today*, CNN, and ABC. In 2017 it published leading coverage of Russia’s annexation of Crimea and separatist campaign in eastern Ukraine; political succession, radicalization, and energy in Central Asia; societal divisions in the Balkans; security and militancy in Afghanistan and Pakistan; and human rights in Iran.

The RFE/RL Ukrainian Service’s investigative TV program *Schemes* delivers high-impact reporting on corruption among Ukraine’s political elites that has informed official investigations, led to high-level dismissals, and contributed to greater awareness about public accountability in Ukraine.

RFE/RL’s Pashto-language Radio Mashaal broke numerous stories and dominated social networks in 2017 in support of its mission to promote pluralism and counter extremism in Pakistan’s Taliban-dominated border regions with Afghanistan.

In 2017, RFE/RL journalists in no fewer than 38 incidents in at least 12 of the countries they cover suffered physical assault, online harassment, interrogations, detentions, prison, and threats in connection with their reporting. On April 30, 2018, three RFE/RL journalists died in a suicide bombing that targeted journalists in Kabul, Afghanistan.