

Photo journalist from Ukraine

Academic background

B.A. Communication, Journalism and related programs, University, Ukraine

Certificate in Photography, Photoschool, Ukraine

Work experience: 13 years

Press photographer and videographer – News agency, Ukraine

Covering breaking news, public events, press conferences, and emergency situations, photo editing and post-processing (Adobe Photoshop, Lightroom, Photo Mechanic, etc.), journalism and reporting, video shooting and basic video editing skills, caption writing and metadata management, crisis management and personal safety awareness (HEFAT training certificate)

Curator for photojournalism course – Media NGO, Ukraine

Organizing a short-term photojournalism course including a follow-up mentorship for selected participants in collaboration with a Ukraine-based media NGO targeting Ukrainian local journalists to enhance their war reporting in both photo and video

Editor-in-chief – News agency, photo division, Ukraine

Strategic and operational planning for the agency, coordinating assignments for photographers and photojournalists, reviewing, selecting, and editing photographs for news publication, monitoring breaking news and organize rapid coverage, writing and editing photo captions, metadata, and descriptions, approving images for publication across digital, print, and social media platforms, organizing and maintaining digital photo archives and databases

Press photographer – News agency, Ukraine

Capturing breaking news and live events, photo editing and post-processing (Adobe Photoshop, Lightroom, Photo Mechanic, etc.), Working in conflict zones, emergencies, and challenging environments, caption writing and metadata management, crisis management and personal safety awareness

Press photographer – Transportation journal, Ukraine

Professional photography (news, documentary, and event photography), photo editing and post-processing (Adobe Photoshop, Lightroom, Photo Mechanic, etc.), basic journalism and photojournalism, archive management and photo cataloging

Digital skills: Adobe Photoshop Lightroom, digital journalism, video and photo editing

Language skills: Ukrainian and Russian (mother tongue), English (fluent), German (beginner)

Motivation for participating in the Mentoring Partnership

I am an experienced photojournalist from Ukraine and would like to continue my career in Germany. I am looking for support with job searching, the application process, career planning, and building a professional network. In Ukraine, job opportunities in photojournalism are often found through personal networks, so I would like to learn how the job market and networking work in Germany and how to develop an effective networking strategy. Ideally, I would like to be matched with a mentor who is a professional photographer, or alternatively an editor or another media professional with broad expertise in news photography.