



Audiences in 21 countries, including Afghanistan, Iran, Iraq, Pakistan, and Russia rely on RFE/RL's programs for authoritative, multi-platform reporting of local, regional and global events.

Fast Facts

- **RFE/RL broadcasts to 21 countries in 28 languages:**

Albanian, Arabic, Armenian, Avar, Azerbaijani, Bashkir, Belarusian, Bosnian, Chechen, Circassian, Crimean Tatar, Croatian, Dari, Georgian, Kazakh, Kyrgyz, Macedonian, Montenegrin, Pashto, Persian, Romanian, Russian, Serbian, Tajik, Tatar, Turkmen, Ukrainian, Uzbek

- **Coverage:** 1,170 hours/week via radio (AM, FM, UKW, SW, cable, satellite), Internet (24 websites, mobile, social media), television
- **Audience:** 23.4 million/week (FY 2012)
- **Budget:** \$95.2 million (FY 2012)
- **Employees:** 500+ employees in Prague and Washington. 19 local bureaus with a total of 240 journalists and over 700 freelancers and stringers.

RFE/RL Accomplishments and Initiatives

- RFE/RL's Afghan Service, Radio Azadi, is the most popular and trusted media outlet in Afghanistan, with a market share of over 62 percent.
- Radio Mashaal, RFE/RL's newest service, marks three years providing programming in Pashto targeting youth and countering extremism in the regions along Pakistan's border with Afghanistan. In 2013, Mashaal hosted the first ever political debates between Pakistani parliament candidates from the FATA.
- An average of 12 million pages are viewed every month on the website of RFE/RL's Persian Service, Radio Farda. Despite an official Iranian government ban on the site and deliberately slow internet speeds, more than one third of visitors come from inside Iran. In addition, Radio Farda engages over half a million fans on Facebook and its content is cross-posted on countless Iranian blogs.
- Radio Svoboda is an influential alternative to Russia's state-controlled media, with a growing social media presence and web audiences averaging 3.2 million visitors and 6.7 million page views per month in 2012.
- RFE/RL's Georgian Service, in partnership with USAID and IREX, opened the Radio Tavisupleba Media School in April 2012 to provide cutting-edge training to young journalists in the region.
- RFE/RL and the Czech Republic launched the Vaclav Havel Journalism Fellowship program in 2012 to promote and strengthen professional, independent journalism in and around Europe.

International Awards

- 2013 Silver Medal, "Best Investigative Report" from the New York Festivals International Radios and Promos Awards to Radio Farda journalist Vahid Pourostad for his radio documentary, "Solitary Confinement."
- 2012 "Courage in Journalism" award from the International Women's Media Foundation to Khadija Ismayilova, RFE/RL Azerbaijani Service.
- 2012 Hellman/Hammett grant awarded to RFE/RL correspondent Dovletmyrat Yazkuliyevev for his fearless reporting in Turkmenistan, one of the world's most closed societies.
- 2011 Silver Medal, "Best Announcer Presentation" to Radio Farda's Farshid Manafi and Silver Medal, "Best Regularly Scheduled Talk Program" to the Manafi-hosted satire program "Pas Farda" from the New York Festivals.

Organization/Oversight

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