

RADIO FREE EUROPE RADIO LIBERTY

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What is Radio Free Europe (RFE)?

- one of the most comprehensive media organizations in the world
- produce radio, Internet and television programs in countries where a free press is either banned by the government or not fully established
- provide uncensored news, responsible discussion, and open debate



Datas

- Platforms. Radio, Internet, Television
- Audience: 24.6 million/week (radio, web, streaming audio)
- Employees: 500 at Prague headquarters and Washington office; 400 full-time journalists and 750 freelancers
- O Budget: \$83,000,000
- Countries: 20
- Languages: 28

Type of organization

RFE/RL is a private, nonprofit corporation

President: Jeffrey Gedmin named in 2007

• funded by the U.S. Congress through the Broadcasting Board of Governors (BBG)

(includes Voice

of America, Radio Free Asic

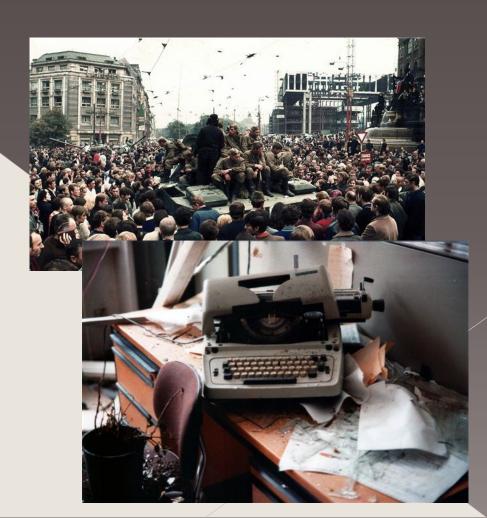


HISTORY

- RFE and RL originally separate organizations
- founded in 1950,
 broadcast to Bulgaria, Czechoslovakia,
 Hungary, Poland and Romania
- three years later RL began broadcast to the Soviet Union
- o broadcasts to Estonia, Latvia, and Lithuania in 1976
- the two corporations were merged into RFE/RL, Inc. in 1976

The period of the Iron Curtain

- provided an unbiased, professional substitute for the free media
- the programs focused on local news not covered in state-controlled domestic media as well as religion, science, sports, Western music and locally banned literature and music
- the programs were produced primarily at the radios' Munich headquarters and broadcast from Germany, Spain, Portugal



Personalities

Ferdinand Peroutka, Pavel Tigrid, Karel Kryl, Yvonne Přenosilová, Jožka Pejskar, Jaroslav Pecháček ("baloon information")



After the Velvet revolution

- the Hungarian service was closed in 1993
- the Polish service in 1997
- the Czech broadcasts ended in 2002
- broadcasts to Estonia, Latvia, Lithuania,
 Slovakia, and Bulgaria were closed in 2004
- o broadcasts to Romania ended in 2008

Today

20 states:

Afghanistan, Armenia,

Azerbaijan, Belarus, Bosnia, Georgia, Iran, Iraq, Kazakhstan, Kosovo, Kyrgyzstan, Macedonia, Moldava, Montenegro, Russia, Serbia, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan, Ukraine, Uzbekistan

 rebroadcasting to local stations is prohibited in Belarus, Iran, Turkmenistan, Tajikistan, Uzbekistan, and most recently Azerbaijan



Headquarters

- relocated its broadcasting center to the former Czechoslovak parliament building in Prague in 1995
- 2009 move to a custom built building





Webpage



www.rferl.org



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