

A European Network of Fact-checkers

Background



Past and current EU support for fact-checking



Multi-disciplinary
community of researchers
and fact-checkers



EFC SN

European Fact-Checking
Standards Network



**European Code
of Standards for
Independent
Fact-Checking
Organisations**



Code of Professional
Integrity for European Fact-
Checking Organisations



Capacity building for
climate change and crisis
fact-checking

*“We will focus on societal resilience and preparedness, through increased digital and media literacy and boosting prevention through pre-bunking. **We will create a European network of fact-checkers and make it available in all languages.**”*

“Europe’s Choice” Political Guidelines, July 2024

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Call under the Digital Europe Programme



Key facts

- **Budget:** EUR 5 million
- **Application Period:** 15.04.2025 – 02.09.2025
- **Amount of projects to be funded:** 1 project
- **Type of grant:** Grants for financial support
- **Funding rate:** 100% for consortium, 50% for supported third parties
- **Project Duration:** 30 – 36 months



Objectives

Support the growth of a European Network of Fact-checkers, which will deepen the language coverage and operational capacity of fact-checking in Europe.

1. Expand fact-checking capacity in Europe, and establish in particular **more solid fact-checking capacity in Member States with insufficient fact-checking coverage**
2. Support the capacity and readiness of European fact-checkers to **respond to emergency situations** or other **particular disinformation pressures** in one or more Member States
3. Provide support and protection for fact-checkers **against harassment**
4. Equip European fact-checkers with **state-of-the-art skills, expertise and tools**
5. Support **cooperation, peer support and exchange** within the European fact-checking community
6. Create a **European repository of fact-checks**, capable of aggregating content from associated fact-checking organisations
7. Explore **sustainable business models** for fact-checkers in Europe, including through dedicated use cases of the repository of fact-checks.



Delivery

Three outputs directly implemented by the consortium (with a maximum of 40% of the grant)

1. Implementing a fact-checkers protection scheme
2. Building a European repository of fact-checks
3. Creation of a fact-checking emergency response capacity

Issuance of grants to third parties (with a minimum of 60% of the grant)

Supporting short-term and long-term needs of the European fact-checking community, through activities such as

- *Support for coverage expansion and meeting certification requirements*
- *Piloting of novel technologies such as LLM's for fact-checking purposes*
- *Organisation of conferences and outreach*

Targeted Stakeholders & Conditions

- Fact-checking organisations
- Civil society organisations
- News Media
- Academic institutions
- Commercial entities providing services which are relevant for the achievement of the call objectives

The consortium must involve **at least one independent fact-checking organisation**.

Independence can be demonstrated through certification by either the European Fact-Checking Standards Network (EFCSN) or International Fact-Checking Network (IFCN).



Thank you



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