New call for proposals supports EU fact-checkers in debunking disinformation

The Commission has published a new call for proposals worth €850 000 to support EU fact-checkers in identifying and debunking disinformation.

To create a safer and more trustworthy online environment, the European Union is strongly committed to the fight against disinformation. During the recent crises, fact-checkers have emerged as an integral element in the media value chain, verifying and assessing the credibility of content based on facts and evidence.

The call seeks to boost the capacity of the European fact-checking community to respond rapidly and effectively to crises. The awarded project shall:

- conduct a needs analysis
- develop a concrete package of resources for EU Fact-Checkers
- test the developed solutions in the vital field of climate change and related crisis events
- run dedicated training and dissemination activities

The overarching aim is to facilitate citizens’ easy and fast access to accurate information. In addition, the democratic debate on how to fight the climate emergency effectively and preserve the planet for future generations relies crucially on citizens’ access to reliable information.

With this project, the EU is building on the successful efforts of the European Digital Media Observatory ([https://edmo.eu/](https://edmo.eu/)) (EDMO) and the European Fact-Checking Standards Network ([https://eufactcheckingproject.com/](https://eufactcheckingproject.com/)) (EFCSN), with the aim to further boost European fact-checkers’ capacity to respond to crises.
The call is open to fact-checking organisations, civil society, news media, academic institutions etc. The deadline for applications is 15 December 2023, with a view for the winning project to start on 1 April 2024.


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