

## **Launch of three projects to strengthen independent news production around European affairs**

Following an open Call for Proposals in 2018, three media consortia will receive support to enrich coverage around EU affairs from multiple perspectives. Concretely the support is given for the production and dissemination of information and content, while respecting complete editorial independence. Two consortia (the European Data News Hub and the European Data Journalism Network) will expand existing projects with new partners. The third project gathers European newspapers.

### **European Data News Hub**

News agencies Agence France-Presse (AFP), Deutsche Presse-Agentur (DPA) and Agenzia Nazionale Stampa Associata (ANSA) have joined forces for the second time in the European Data News Hub, which now also includes Romanian Press Agency AGERPRES.

The project aims to increase the use of data in coverage of European affairs through infographics, video, audio and text stories in seven languages (English, German, French, Spanish, Italian, Romanian and Hungarian). With EU support, coverage will be publicly available online, meaning any interested media can integrate these materials into their websites.

DPA, AFP, ANSA and AGERPRES will also distribute the content through their networks and newswires, reaching a worldwide audience including newspapers, TV and radio stations, websites and international institutions.

Other data journalism specialists and news agencies from across Europe are invited to take part and contribute.

### **European Data Journalism Network**

The European Data Journalism Network (EDJNet) is an independent network of media outlets producing and promoting data-driven coverage of European topics in 18 languages. The network was born in 2017 and has grown to 27 partners across the EU.

EDJNet aims to provide news media across Europe with trustworthy and rigorous content and to support journalists in covering European topics through data-driven techniques.

The project includes joint production of articles, videos and investigations, which can be reused by anyone within and outside the network.

The network also offers free tools to journalists to search public data portals, to monitor Eurostat data, and to analyse tweets about EU affairs. It produces weekly newsletters, organises webinars and offers a helpdesk for any interested journalist, to build the necessary know-how and exploit the potential of

data-driven journalism.

The network is open to additional partners, and associate membership is possible.

## **SONAR**

SONAR is a new project of Gazeta Wyborcza (Poland), Le Soir (Belgium), Le Figaro (France) and El País (Spain), all part of the Leading European Newspapers Alliance (LENA).

The project aims to show multiple perspectives and points of view from different European countries in the form of in-depth, investigative, multimedia stories around European topics as well as shorter articles and infographics. Stories will include data-driven materials around health, economy, society, politics, education and youth.

The project will also offer educational resources on data, tools to create and share data journalism, and workshops for media professionals.

Its content will be accessible via the LENA website as of mid-2019.

## **Duration and level of funding**

The projects will run until 2021. The total amount of EU co-financing is nearly 1.9 million EUR (700.000 EUR for EDNH, 693.379 EUR for EDJnet, and 506.528 EUR for SONAR).

## **Related information**

The three projects received support following the Call for Proposals launched in 2018, as part of the EU Multimedia Actions. All grant agreements contain an editorial charter to ensure editorial independence. The Call aimed to support diverse and impartial coverage of news and current affairs about EU affairs, to inform people about topics that are relevant to them and to enrich the debate with multiple views. A reference to this Call was included in the EC Communication on Tackling Disinformation of 26/4/2018.

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