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Start in 2019 and work backwards



Which class?

- To ensure continuity have the same group working on this for the next three years?
- That would mean starting them in this years 1st years, a 4th year group would be too busy on final degree projects
- So the class of 2016 would be in second term o f third year in 2019, Erasmus Term?

What to do first

- In Term two of news reporting ie Jan to June 2017 include some fact-checking exercises
- In Term 1 or 2 of 2nd year 2017/2018 pilot a fact-checking module/where to put it in curriculum?
- In Term 2 of Third year that group will run factbar.eu

Middle-age: The serious stuff



Industry partner

- One industry group, TheJournal.ie have signed up to the international fact-checking protocols
- Get this group to liaise with us?
- Run a pilot with them? (Local Government elections 2018?)

Buy-in from team

- Training
- Meetings with other partners
- Core group of 3 to 4

Internal partners?

- Finance/expertise to set up website?
- Databases?
- Data journalism?
- Computer Science?

External experts

- Economist
- Political Scientist
- EU Expert
- Immigration expert
- Fact-checking must be fair/ independant

What has the EU ever done for us?



Apart from the sanitation, the medicine, education, wine, public order, irrigation, roads, the fresh water system, and public health... what have the Romans ever done for us? Brought peace!

— *Graham Chapman* —

AZ QUOTES

Data-bases

- EU data-bases/ do some of this in EU politics class?
- Irish data-bases/ do some of this in data journalism and data-bases class?
- Mapping/ must be done earlier in course so ready for 2019. Include it in the Liberty local newspaper class in second year?

Questions?

- How big a group of students do we need?
- Size of back-up team of lecturers/experts?
- To keep communication simple the group should be manageable with distinct functions.
- You cannot check everything so need precise areas, with fact-packs ready to go.
- When does fact-checking start, ie building an audience before going live?

And finally: the first rule of Factbar is?
There is no fact barred.

