



Newsletter November 2019

1. Teachers' Conference Dortmund 2019

The Teachers' Conference in Dortmund about African-European cooperation has been very successful. In total about 120 people participated, half of them being EJTA-members.

In his excellent keynote 'Ten things we need to know about Africa', Eric Chinje (African Media Initiative) emphasized the role of economic factors, like the flight of capital, the ineffectiveness of foreign aid, the high level of non-job creating investments and the low level of intra-African trade. He showed that a new class of leaders is coming up, which might end a long period of bad leadership.

The second keynote (on cross-border cooperation), the parallel sessions, the food and the social events were also of great quality. After the conference 12 African colleagues visited their European tandem partner.

2. Tartu 2020

The working group for updating the 2013 Tartu Declaration has had its first meeting. In a three hour session many suggestions for change were discussed. One of the main themes has been to get 'Tartu2020' more in line with what is called "the audience turn" in journalism. In several qualifications the role and importance of the audience should be made more clear.

At the next Annual General Meeting of EJTA (Vienna, May 14th) the updated version of the Tartu Declaration will be presented. This version will not suggest a fundamental change; it will stay within the framework of the [current Tartu Declaration](#): 10 competences and 50 qualifications. After the AGM a new committee will be installed to have a more profound look at the qualification profile of EJTA, including the structure of it.

3. RVQ Research

The EJTA Research on the view of European journalism teachers on future Journalistic Roles, Values and Qualifications has been presented at the World Journalism Education Congress in Paris last July. The report is available as a PDF on [the publications page of our website](#).

The next step will be to take this research to the global level and present the worldwide outcomes at the next WJEC (Beijing, 2022). Several partners from all continents have shown interest to collaborate.

4. EUfactcheck



The EJTA fact-checking project had a very successful first production phase (January-June 2019) and after a project meeting in Dortmund some participants started to publish again on www.eufactcheck.eu in autumn.

In spring 2020 we'll be working at full speed:

- 'old' participants will continue publishing their checks and blog posts;
- during a new Train the Trainer at the campus of EJTA-member Ljubljana University we'll welcome more than 40 Journalism staff from more than 15 countries with a focus on Eastern European Countries and the Balkan;
- (we're sorry – or actually happy - to say that due to this success there are no more registrations possible);
- we'll publish a 'manual' with lessons learned during the EUfactcheck project: we plan its launch in Ljubljana.

The Train the Trainer and the manual are funded by the [Evens Foundation](#), and we hope to continue our constructive cooperation with them also in the next years and following production phases to come. In order to find extra financial help to move from a temporary project to a permanent structure, we wrote a new sponsor file to contact possible funders with.

This way we wish to guarantee that this unique pedagogical project will be sustainable and that our unique methodology will find its way into even more European Journalism schools.

5. Other projects

EJTA is a partner in the so-called [DESTIN project](#) (Erasmus+, Strategic partnership).

The goal of this project is to improve Journalism Education for Democracy in Ukraine. Participants are 11 Ukrainian universities and 7 partners from the EU, including ETJA. This fall there have been two benchmark visits for all the partners: one to our EJTA member FoJo in Kalmar and the other to Adam Mickiewicz University in Poznan, that is in the process of becoming a member. The aim of these visits was to talk about important developments in journalism and journalism education and to give examples of how to respond to these. The universities will now redesign their curricula and in March 2020 all of them will be visited and peer reviewed. EJTA will chair one of the Review Committees.

6. FEJS

At the General Assembly in Helsinki (17-21 October 2019) the FEJS students elected a new Executive Board: Sławek Doległo from Poland, Liz Vermeulen from the Netherlands and Annika Koe from Germany. Félicia Van Goethem from Belgium was elected as new Secretary General of the Executive Board and Emma Dillen from Belgium was chosen to be the new Head of Secretary. Both Board and Secretary are elected for two years and they inform us they have the intention to cooperate actively with EJTA in that period.

Since two new elected ladies and the EJTA Board member responsible for FEJS all are liaised with the same Belgian Journalism school (AP University of Applied Sciences), cooperation and meetings between EJTA and FEJS will be easily convenient.

Also FEJS receives funding from the Evens Foundation.

If you want to be informed about the FEJS activities or if you have any questions, you can reach the FEJS Executive Board on their [website](#) or via their

social networks: [LinkedIn](#), [Facebook](#), [Instagram](#) or [Twitter](#) or by sending an [email](#).

7. Invoices EJTA membership 2020

The invoices for the 2020 fee will go out in the beginning of December. If a member prefers to pay the 2020 fee in December 2019: that is possible. The fee stays at the level of the past twelve years; 750 Euro.

If for instance a internal order number should be mentioned on your invoice, please send a message with all the information to our [Secretariat](#) by the end of this week.

Please see to it that the fee is paid before March 15th.

8. Elections: join the board!

At our next AGM in Vienna we will discuss some major changes in the Board of EJTA.

At the end of October 2020, Nico Drok will step down as president and Eric Nahon (elected in July 2019) will be the next president. At the same time Alexandra Stark, Maria Lukina and Nadia Vissers will step down. Alexandra is eligible for another two year term and she is willing to stay on the Board with special attention for the mid-career section of EJTA. After having served for three terms of two years, Maria Lukina and Nadia Vissers have to end their Board membership. Nadia will become director of EJTA and she will attend Board meetings in that capacity, but her seat in the Board will be vacant.

This means that we will need three new Board members in May 2020.

The question is simple : who wants to step forward as EJTA board member?

The board of EJTA tries to run the association as smoothly as possible. There is some work, but nothing beyond impossible. It is a team effort. We talk about the EJTA Strategy, the AGM, the Teacher's conferences and the projects EJTA or EJTA members are involved in, new memberships and research. We will need you to run EJTA in the good direction!

If you are interested, please send a short bio, a photo and a short motivation explaining why you want to be on the Board to Eric Nahon (eric.nahon@ipj.dauphine.fr) before the end of February 2020.

9. Upcoming Events

EJTA Events

- **EUFactcheck Train the trainer, 13-14 February 2020**
Ljubljana, Slovenia

EJTA Conferences

- **EJTA AGM and Conference, 14-15 May 2020**
Theme: Digital storytelling
Vienna, Austria
- **EJTA Teachers' Conference, 15-16 October 2020**
Chelyabinsk, Russia

- **EJTA AGM and Conference, Spring 2021**
Mechelen, Belgium
- **EJTA Teachers' Conference, Autumn 2021**
Tbilisi, Georgia
- **EJTA AGM and Conference, Spring 2022**
Aarhus, Denmark
- **EJTA Teachers' Conference, Autumn 2022**
Liverpool, United Kingdom

Members that would like to organise an AGM-Conference or a Teachers' Conference are warmly invited to address their proposal to the President of EJTA, Nico Drok, via [e-mail](#).

Events from member institutions and other organisations

- ***Forum for European Journalism students, Annual Conference***
Ljubljana, Spring 2020 (dates to be confirmed)
- ***International Journalism Festival 2020***
Perugia, 1 - 5 April 2020
- ***European Investigative Journalism Conference and Dataharvest 2020***
Mechelen, 14 - 17 May 2020
- ***IAMCR***
Beijing, 12-16 July 2020
- ***ECREA***
Braga, 2-5 October 2020
- ***Forum for European Journalism students, General Assembly***
Saint-Petersburg, Russia, October 2020 (dates to be confirmed)

If you want to inform EJTA-members about an event you're organising within the context of Journalism Education, please send a message to the secretariat and we'll publish it on the site and in the Newsletter.

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