



## Newsletter January 2021

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[Join us on Friday 15 January 2021](#)

[#EJTAlks2 at 12 o'clock \(CET\)](#)

### 1. Happy New Year !

Dearest EJTA members, friends and colleagues, we sincerely wish that some days of peace, light-heartedness and family warmth brought creativity and strength to all of you, so you can all anticipate a fresh start and new beginning.

Together with you, we're looking with great hope to the future and to this new year 2021, in which the world is going to return back to normal.

We trust the human race, and especially the EJTA race, is so resilient and strong that we can all positively count on a better year, with live contacts, with inspiring

conversations, with drinks on warm, sunny terraces, with tears of joy, with all of our friends and colleagues back together again.

And although 2020 indeed was an isolated and unpleasant year for most of us, we still did quite well with EJTA:

- We did have our AGM with lots of participants: online and still full of emotions.
- We elected a wonderful new Board and President and put a Director in office.
- We can still count on the expertise and knowledge of the previous President.
- We welcomed six new members.
- We're doing financially well.
- We published the EJTA research report on 'Journalistic Roles, Values and Qualifications in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century'.
- We reached out to all our members with sending them the EUfactcheck manual in hard copy.
- The EUfactcheck project continues with many interesting publications: you should check the website.
- We started with our #EJTALKs: the first edition was quite a big success and we already sent out the save the date for the second online EJTALK. See further in this Newsletter.

So, dearest EJTA members, let's keep our heads and hopes up high and build confidently on the future of our association.

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## **2. #EJTALK2**



EJTA started with a new, social activity to bridge the current physical distance between EJTA members and to create a win-win for all members.

At regular intervals, we organise online brunch meetings about themes that are core issues in journalism teaching and with good practices to learn from each other.

These 'EJTalks' are created to be both informal chats and informative meetings.

The first edition on 13 November 2020 with the theme 'Tips and tricks on teaching journalism in corona times' was an immediate success with more than 25 participants. This is very promising for the following editions to which all EJTA-members are most warmly invited:

- **Friday 15 January 2021, 12 o'clock CET,**  
***The future of international exchanges and projects in European journalism teaching.***

Please use the [this link](#) on that day and time and give your full name and university at the moment when you participate the meeting.

- **EJTAlk #3: Friday 19 March 2021, 12 o'clock CET**  
***Why is data literacy important for future journalists?***

Make sure you don't miss this unique opportunity to meet and greet your EJTA colleagues and to discuss topics that concern us all.



(Screenshot of 13/11/2020, only 9 participants visible)

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### 3. Conferences 2021

We know everybody really hopes to have a live AGM and conference in Vienna in May 2021, but the option of a blended or online conference seems to be become more and more realistic now.

The Director and Board will keep you informed, but we need to ask you to be patient. As mentioned in the previous Newsletter of November 2020: no definite decision will be made before the next Board meeting in March 2021.

But you can be assured there WILL be EJTA conferences in 2021, in whatever form. The next EJTA AGMs and conferences (2022 and 2023) are planned to take place in Aarhus, Mechelen, Tbilisi and Liverpool, but not necessarily in this chronological order.

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### 4. EJTA Strategy

We had to postpone our Strategy discussion to our next AGM, which will be in May 2021. The main question is simple: what do you expect from EJTA in the next 5 years? You're still very welcome to send your ideas and suggestions to [Nadia Vissers](#) before February 1st 2021.

If you need inspiration, you can find it in the AGM documents (sent to you in September 2020 by the EJTA secretariat).

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## 5. EUfactcheck: state of affairs



In autumn 2020 EUfactcheck started its fourth publication season with new ideas, participants and initiatives such as cross-national collaboration between EJTA schools, new formats (media analysis) and a possibility for staff to publish tips and tricks on how to teach fact checking. We plan to continue with this collaborative project in spring 2021 (with new publications starting on 15 February 2021) and all EJTA members are welcome to join the start-up meeting of spring semester 2021 on **Monday 18 January 2021, 4.30 pm CET**.

If your school is not a participant yet and you're interested to join EUfactcheck in spring semester 2021, please send a mail to [Nadia Vissers](#) and you'll receive an invitation for this meeting. All regular EUfactcheck 'customers' will receive the link next week latest. To all EJTA members: do like and share the newly published fact checks or other publications on social media.

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## 6. News from the Secretariat

In these times of digital collaboration, correct data are even more important than ever, if possible.

That is why the EJTA Secretariat will take the initiative to invite all members to update the data of their institution and the current contact persons.

During the course of January, you will receive an e-mail with the invitation to complete a digital form.

We thank you for your kind cooperation!

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## 7. Upcoming events

You'll all understand we unfortunately can't put any certain dates here at this moment. We sincerely hope together with all of you we'll be moving to live conferences soon and can look forward to live upcoming events for EJTA members.

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