



## Newsletter June 2021

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### (LOTS OF) DATES TO REMEMBER!

- **24 September 2021, 12 am CET:** EJTAik 4
- **15 October 2021:** Roundtable UNESCO/WJEC SUSU conference
- **27 October 2021, 6 pm CET:** start-up meeting EUfactcheck (autumn season 2021)
- **18-19 November 2021:** Moscow Readings
- **8 December 2021, afternoon:** meeting EUfactcheck + task force meeting data journalism staff, LIVE, Mechelen
- **8 (evening)- 9-10 (midday) December 2021:** EJTA AGM, LIVE, Mechelen
- **12-13 May 2022:** EJTA Teachers' Conference, LIVE, DMJX Aarhus

### Message from the board

*Dearest EJTA members we all struggled our way through these strange pandemic*

*months, trusting we're finally getting back to normal life soon.*

*The Board is proud to say we worked hard this semester in fulfilling our EJTA mission: connecting institutes of Journalism all over Europe, even if we needed to do it online.*

*We had very interesting EJTalks, lots of online communication with you and a very successful Teachers' Conference together with Arena (see next feature).*

*For now, we want to wish you all a healthy, safe and inspiring summer and we hope to see you soon in autumn-winter 2021 LIVE. Keep well!*

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## **Teachers' Conference 2021 - 20-21 May 2021**

Brigitte Alfter, director of Arena comments on the EJTA Teachers' Conference of 20-21 May 2021.

"The Arena team was very happy to cooperate with EJTA and to host the 2021 EJTA Teachers' Conference on how to teach data journalism in the framework of Dataharvest, the European Investigative Journalism Conference. This collaboration will help us to share the newest thinking and practice in the field of data, crossborder and investigative journalism with those who prepare the next generation of journalists.

The cooperation with the EJTA board and secretariat was smooth and flexible with quick and efficient communication and decision-making.

We were happy to see that more than 100 EJTA teachers from all over Europe joined the 2-day programme, that was integrated into the 2021 online Dataharvest conference.

A partnership between EJTA and Arena on data journalism seems very natural, as Arena has a large network in European and global data journalism and EJTA is bringing the next generation to this community. We hope to continue and expand the cooperation and hope that Arena can support the development, for example as a number of the participating schools now set out to build a data journalism task force within EJTA."

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## **Data journalism teachers task force**

EJTA staff members who want to build this data journalism task force within EJTA, mentioned their name on the [Google Doc](#) and are warmly invited to join the first task force meeting on **8 December afternoon** in Mechelen.

More details follow in September.

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## **#EJTAlk4 on increasing media diversity through journalism teaching**

On **24 September at 12 am CET**, Anne Leppäjärvi coordinates the fourth online EJTalk about increasing diversity in journalism and journalism teaching.

Underneath her invitation to all:

“Starting from a project in Haaga-Helia, we wonder what could be our role as journalism schools to help immigrant journalists integrate and get employed in their new home countries. How can we find new ways to do journalism in a diverse, multilingual environment and how can we broaden the story choices and point of views in journalism?”

Let’s EJTalk about how to increase media diversity through journalism teaching on 24th September! We will start with a couple of short introductions of EJTA schools in this field. One experiment will be the above mentioned Haaga-Helia’s study programme for journalists who immigrated to Finland.

But of course we want to hear more from you and we are calling out to EJTA schools: do share your experiences with us.

If you wish to share or introduce a project with immigrant journalists, please contact [Nadia Vissers](#) and [Anne Leppäjärvi](#) before 10 September.

We would also love to hear about other projects that aim to increase diversity in the editorial rooms, journalism and journalism schools.”

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**Roundtable UNESCO/WJEC, SUSU Conference,  
powered by EJTA**

UNESCO, World Journalism Education Congress (WJEC) and European Journalism Training Association (EJTA) invites to participate in the International **Online** Round table "Journalism Education in the Era of Social Networks and Artificial Intelligence: Digital Technologies and Ethical Values", which will be held on **October 15, 2021** at the [website](#) of South Ural State University in Chelyabinsk (Russia).

Topics for discussion:  
Digital technologies in the modern educational environment for media professionals training in the 21st century;  
The changing functions of journalism in society;  
Professional and ethical values of journalism community in the era of social networks and artificial intelligence;  
Freedom of journalism education.

The programme of the forum can be found [here](#).  
To participate in the event, please register at the [website](#).

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## Moscow Readings

The Faculty of Journalism of Lomonosov Moscow State University will host the annual Moscow Readings on **18 and 19 November 2021**. It will be an online version. If you would like to present a paper at this conference, you will have to send an Abstract (between 300 and 500 words), including author(s) name(s) and affiliation(s) and send it to [moscow.readings@mail.ru](mailto:moscow.readings@mail.ru) before 18 October 2021. You can find the Call for Papers [here](#).

Next to that, EJTA will organise a special session at this conference on the topic 'Journalism education in the insecure digital age', where we can present ongoing research projects on journalism education and discuss results with the conference audience. If you are interested in participating in this special (online) session, please contact [Nico Drok](#) before September 1st 2021.

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## ETJA AGM 2021

Block your agenda on **9 & 10 December 2021**, because the EJTA AGM will be very interesting for ALL members and as much LIVE as possible. We're sure our association will benefit from a conference to discuss and rethink its strategy, organisational activities, main projects, competencies list (Tartu Declaration), cooperations etc.

That is why we'll organise a two- or three-day conference, depending on the meetings you want to participate in:

- day 1 (8/12): travel day and possible premeetings: EUfactcheck meeting, Datajournalism task force + social event
- day 2 + 3 (9-10/12): EJTA AGM + Conference about 'EJTA business and strategy'

Venue is [Mechelen, Van der Valk Hotel Mechelen](#)

More info + booking details follow in the September Newsletter.

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## Future Conferences

The pandemic forced us to change the order of the EJTA conferences and move our Annual General Meeting from spring to autumn and the Teachers' Conference from autumn to spring.

Maybe this chronology will prove to work better and we'll keep it like this in future.

Together with you, we are eagerly looking forward to these meetings and hope you'll all be present with big smiles and enthusiastic contributions.

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## EUFACHECK

We successfully finished publication season 5 (spring 2021) with 19 participating

schools, many website visitors (f.i. in May: 14.357 page views) and global contacts (from South-Korea over Canada to Israel). Now, we're planning a new EUfactcheck season with new possibilities for cross-national cooperations and new formats.

**Online start-up meeting: Monday 27 September 6 pm CET.**

Boost meeting for all participants, live in Mechelen: Wednesday 8 December afternoon.

Following bootcamp: (hopefully) spring 2022.

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## News from the secretariat

- If you want a **news item to be published on the EJTA website**, please send a clear and short text (max. 250 words) to [info@ejta.eu](mailto:info@ejta.eu) and [director@ejta.eu](mailto:director@ejta.eu).

Make sure all dates and info are clearly mentioned in this text, so we don't have to search for more info before publication.

- (If applicable) The **fee reminders** have been sent to first contact persons of the member institutions. May we ask you to forward the invoice to your financial department, with the kind request to settle your payment by 30 June at the latest?

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## \*\* Future e-mails and GDPR

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