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First impressions
Heating the engines…

• Meeting with Anna and Mikko
• How does Factbar work?
• Wordpress
• …
...and take-off

- 49 second year’s students
- 12 groups
- Only 4 weeks
- Research course
- 3 credits
- One semester
What did we do?

- Translate Editorial process
- Find our way in Factbar-Wordpress
- Looking for claims ourselves
Calls for claims
4 weeks – week 1

- Guest lecture
- Jan Jagers
- Journalist
- Weekly fact check in Knack magazine
  - What is FC?
  - Cases
4 weeks - week 2

- Introduction to Factbar
  - Goal: EU-elections 2019
  - Editorial process
  - Example (Knack and VRT)
- Groups get their claims
- Planning first steps
- Telling their plans
Claims?

• “Every day one migrant is leaving Antwerp and returning voluntarily to his home country”
• “Cutting back nuclear energy will raise the amount of CO2”
• “Sunglasses need to be replaced every two years”
• “12% of household budget go to food”
4 Weeks – week 3

• Every group reports on actions, calls, research,…
• Other groups listen
• Exchange of ideas (“Call person/institution X?”)
• Exchange of information (“I have an uncle working there!”)
4 Weeks - week 4

- Lesson on ‘numberacy’
- Reporting (“My uncle is still working there!”)
- Exchanging background information (“I found an interesting article on dealing with statistics”)

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Information exchange

• Diigo-account

• Excel-file in drive.google
  • Experts / Journalists / Politicians / Public services / Companies
  • Name etc, speciality and ‘extra’
  • Students put their contacts in the list
Findings

- Students are enthusiastic
- Finding claims is not easy
- No theme (for now)
- Different level of difficulty
- Different ‘speed’
- “I work at Factbar”
Findings 2

- List of institutions/names/…?
- Dealing with surveys and sources requires constant coaching
- Finding their way, being flexible
- Being critical continuously
- Planning strategy
- Number of categories (true-false)
What’s next?

- Lesson on dealing with surveys/polls/…
- Reporting in individual groups?
- Start of November
  - Factbar.be
  - First articles published (?)
- Fact checking EU-claims starts