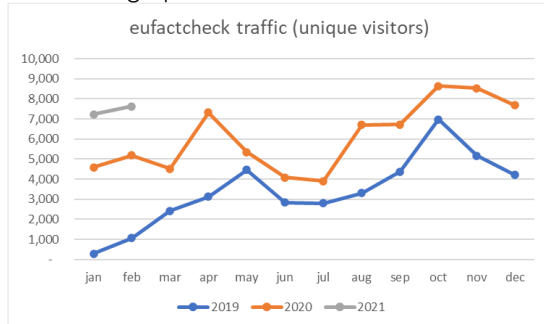


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Even with an elephant in the room we're doing great!

It's hard not to mention the pandemic and also here we need to express our hope that, after this horrible year, we can finally start hoping that vaccinations will run fast and we can come together live soon with all of our friends and colleagues. Meanwhile we can safely say that this project is really doing great, even in lock down and with 100% online communication: check the graph of EUfactcheck traffic underneath.



Production season FIVE: SPRING 2021

In March 2021 we'll start publication season FIVE: 19 EJTA schools from 13 different countries are eager to participate in this educational fact-checking project and we keep on attracting new EJTA participants. With lots of enthusiasm we welcome Sofia University and are happy to see some 'old tigers' from previous seasons back.

Cross-national collaboration

Also the new collaboration possibility between two participating schools is a success. In autumn semester 2020 we had seven pioneers with five cross-national publications. In spring 2021 we have more than 10 interested schools which will be 'coupled' to each other in order to pursue a fruitful cooperation.

EUfactcheck is an educational project mainly run by volunteers

In an international educational project of this size and quality, we need to stress that there's a lot of work to be done and we don't have concrete hopes for substantial funding. So again, we need to ask to be kind to the volunteers of the production team and to save them as much time as possible. This can only work if all participating schools follow the instructions and formats (google Drive) carefully and upload the social media posts in Slack #socialmedia, because the PT will only publish with socials present. To all sympathisers and supporters: keep sharing the EUfactcheck publications and liking on Facebook, Instagram and Twitter!

Council of Europe Prize 2020-2021

For the new edition of the Council of Europe Prize, we have chosen TWO themes (together with the Council) which participants should focus on, if they want to qualify for the Prize:

- Misinformation and disinformation in Covid19 times in Europe.
- Social Europe (migration, populism, xenophobia, social security, ...).

The publications from February 2020 till September 2021 will be taken into account and the Prize will be awarded at the EJTA Conference of autumn 2021 (live – fingers crossed).

Collaboration with the European Journalism Observatory

We're having constructive meetings with colleagues from EJO in order to cooperate in future and do research together. See as a start: <https://de.ejo-online.eu/ausbildung/faktencheck-projekt-lehrt-kritischeren-umgang-mit-nachrichten>

Upcoming EJTA events: #EJTALKs and conferences

In corona year 2020 EJTA started with online brunch meetings: #EJTALKs. We had already two successful editions and #EJTALK3 will take place on **Friday 19 March, 11.45 am CET** and you can chat + discuss with us about data journalism and its place in the journalism curriculum via this link: [#EJTALK3 on DATA JOURNALISM](#) We hope to meet you all there. More news on the following EJTA conference (20 and 21 May 2021) will also be given then and there.

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