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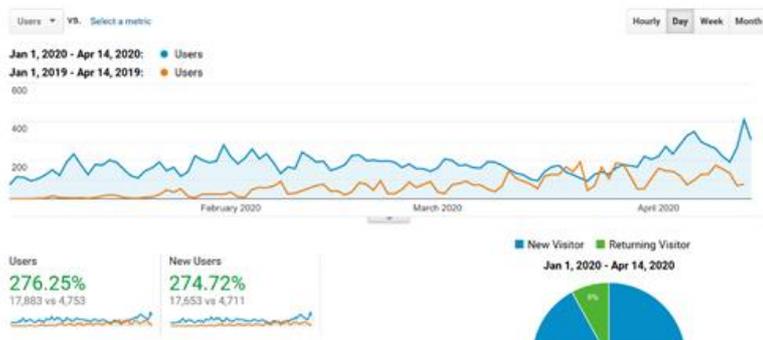
## EUFACTCHECK NEWSLETTER APRIL 2020

### We miss you on Slack!!

Please use it on a regular basis if you want to be part of the project: 1) it is a time-gaining instrument for all participants and certainly for the production team, 2) it is a project communication tool in many news organisations, 3) it is really valuable as knowledge source and for project information input.

### Figures of the website visits

If you wonder how EUfactcheck is doing this semester, have a good look at this graph:



Visitors clearly find and read our fact checks and blog posts, even in increasing numbers.

In the past few months, we consistently attracted way more visitors than in the same period last year. Run rate of more than 200 visitors a day and more than 4,500 visitors a month.

### Extra information / summary of instructions for EUfactcheck staff

We communicated a new document 'How to cascade all EUfactcheck info to your students' to all spring 2020-participants. This synthesis of necessary steps to take with your students is a summary of all information published in the EUfactcheck guidelines (still downloadable on our website), the instructions on the Google Drive (Resources STAFF) and useful messages on Slack. The document also focuses on how students should provide the social media posts (for Twitter, Facebook and Instagram) that are an essential part of their fact-checking exercise. It's only when staff and students keep appealing the public with good social media posts, that we can come up with growing figures like the ones above.

So this is invaluable information for all EUfactcheck staff (also when you publish in autumn 2020)!

### Theme for publications in corona times

Our students check claims or statement within the theme 'European politics, policies and contexts' that have cross-national, pan-European impact. Of course we realise that now there is one, big global theme: the corona crisis. But since we notice the difficulties for our students to fact check claims on corona politics, we suggest that participants can focus on blog posts on corona rather than on fact checks (see introduction text website). This doesn't mean that fact checks on other topics are no longer possible or that participants can't choose anymore.

### Next EUfactcheck meeting

Although we are in uncertain times, we hope to organise a live meeting the day before the EJTA AGM. By the end of August the EJTA Board expects to have more news. If live is not possible, we hope to create an online group meeting. Until then: please keep well!

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