# EUFACTCHECK NEWSLETTER MARCH 2020

**Publication schedule www.eufactcheck.eu for March-June 2020**

The new publication schedule for March – June 2020 is available on the Google Drive (Resources STAFF). Do check it out and make sure you keep to the **deadlines**! It's still work in progress, but right now we're with 15 journalism schools for spring 2020 and more participants will join us in autumn 2020.

In the publication schedule you can find the exact day when you need to publish your **fact check** (the number tells you it's your first, second, … fact check) and the accompanying **blog post**. We expect TWO blog posts from every school. Don't forget to tell your students to submit accompanying (3 types) **social media posts** in Slack, for the production team to publish. Use the instructions in the Ljubljana PPT. In the first column of the schedule you see which members of the **production team** are responsible that week: communicate with them via Slack! We provide **Slack meetings** at regular intervals: cf. schedule. Make sure you're on Slack then, so you can ask questions or give comment. On the other tabs of the publication schedule you can find a check list for publication and a list of participants.

**Visualisations for fact checks**

The Catholic University of Milan and GIPA are again providing the possibility to 'order' a visualisation: check the **visualisation guide** on Google Drive on how to do that. If you want a visualisation: communicate via Slack #visualisations. There is no indication in the publication schedule for fixed dates and we hope that every participant whose students can't provide graphs etc. themselves, can order ONE visualisation.

**Theme for publications**

We decided in Dortmund and Ljubljana to continue with the theme for the fact checks 'European politics, policies and contexts'. This is broader than the specific EU theme in the period before the Parliamentary Elections in 2019. What's really important is that you don't focus on national themes or contexts but have your students check claims or statements that have **cross-national, pan-European impact**.

For the blog posts we expect your students to write about how the check developed or to come up with general thoughts about fact checking, trust in the media, new journalism contexts etc.

**Info on Google Drive**

On the Drive you find all information you need to cascade to your students (resources for STAFF / STUDENTS). Do check these and the other folders (new info: Train the Trainer Ljubljana) and make sure you know all information! Please also think about the material we still expect from you: cf. Slack message by Frederik from 10 March.

**Council of Europe Prize for Fact Checking**

In Vienna the Council of Europe will award a prize for the 'best' fact check published on www.eufactcheck.eu between February 2019 and February 2020 (criteria: European relevance, use of EUfactcheck methodology and format, sources and journalistic value). Also the best blog post will be mentioned (criteria: heading, topic, creativity and style). An independent jury of 4 experts will decide.

The prize award takes place in Vienna on **14 May 2020 evening** (EJTA dinner). The nominees will receive a mail in advance, so they can make sure to be present.

**Next EUfactcheck meeting**

We plan a meeting the day before the EJTA AGM, on Wednesday **13 May 2020 at 3 pm** to discuss the state of affairs, the future, the manual, possible cross-national cooperation etc. We hope to welcome lots of EUfactcheck participants there.