FACTBAR MEETING

Media School
Thomas More University College,
Mechelen

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MEDIA SCHOOL

• Bachelor Journalism: 3-year program
• University College Level
• Competence-based cross-media training
• Strong focus on research and constructive journalism in an international context
• Thomas More is part of the KU Leuven Association

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FACT CHECKING & VERIFICATION

- ‘News basics’-course in the first year: theoretical framework
- Media production in first and second year
- Online publication in 2nd year: social media reporting
- Research in first, second and third year: story-based inquiry (Luuk Sengers)
- Practice enterprise ‘21bis.be’ in 3rd year

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• 3rd year journalism students in online and print, radio or tv
• Per medium small groups, coached by a teacher
• During 1st semester: one of the courses - 2 or 3 times a week
• In 2nd semester: ‘internal internship’ - 4 weeks - full time - before or after ‘external’ internship

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OUR CONTRIBUTION TO FACTBAR

• Fact-checking practice pilot in media production-course 1st year (2nd semester 2018 - regional elections)

• Development of national fact-checking website (2nd semester 2018)

• Fact-checking exercise for 2nd year-students in editorial skills (October 2018 - regional elections)

• Fact-checking semester during 21.bis internal internship (European & national elections 2019)
OUR CONTRIBUTION TO FACTBAR

• Organising peer coaching and peer review
• Develop a course on fact checking
• Help with practice enterprise methodology
• Involving (inter)national media/experts together with international students
• Organizing meetings

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