

EVENT DESCRIPTION SHEET

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PROJECT	
Participant:	1 – CONNECT INTERNATIONAL, (Connect)
PIC number:	905742448
Project name and acronym:	European Against Fake News — EAF

EVENT DESCRIPTION	
Event number:	4
Event name:	EAF online event
Type:	Seminar
In situ/online:	Online
Location:	Brussels, Belgium
Date(s):	25.03.2024. – 28.03.2024.
Website(s) (if any):	Connect – www.connect-international.org EduNorth – www.edunorth.org Backslash – www.backslash.es Move It – www.moveit-org.com TiPovej – www.tipovej.org
Participants	
Female:	68
Male:	42
Non-binary:	1
From country 1 [Belgium]:	12
From country 2 [Slovenia]:	25
From country 3 [Croatia]:	10
From country 4 [Greece]:	28
From country 5 [Spain]:	10
From country 6 [Italy]:	4
From country 7 [Romania]:	4

From country 8 [Hungary]:	2		
From country 9 [Germany]:	4		
From country 10 [Bulgaria]:	7		
From country 11 [Portugal]:	6		
From country 12 [Czechia]:	1		
Total number of participants:	111	From total number of countries:	12

Description

Provide a short description of the event and its activities.

From the 25th of March until the 28th of March 2024, the Europeans Against Fake News project held its fourth event, with the difference from the previous three events that this time it was held online. Extensive communication and dissemination efforts made by the partners through social media and collaboration with youth centres and schools, resulted with 111 participants directly engaged into the EAF online event. Event engaged even more participants who were either from other European countries (North Macedonia and Serbia) or who faced different challenges like Internet connection or other issues, thus being prevented from fully participating in the whole event (none of these participants were calculated in the table above). This event was hosted and coordinated by the Connect International which used its expertise and together with partners, despite challenges of organizing large scale online event, successfully engaged young people throughout Europe into discussion on the fake news and empowering them with media literacy and other relevant skills for countering fake news and its impact on the society. Prior to the event, diverse preparation activities took place, enabling us to logistically and technically prepare the event and online tools used, and also to methodologically prepare Media and policy experts (MPEs) and Youth Educators for facilitation of the online interactive, engaging and collaborative sessions with young people, that unfolded.

Event lasted for 4 days and the first day, the 25th of March, was final preparation, discussion and arrangements of partners, MPEs and Youth Educators (23 of them). This day started with plenary introduction into the event and joint networking activities through thematic breakout rooms where these partners and experts had opportunity to better learn about each other, but also topics and EU respective policies that will be discussed throughout the event with young people. Program continued with technical meetings where partners and experts were separated into online working groups according to the one out of the four topics that are covered by the EAF online event. These meetings served for final discussion on the timeline and arrangements in their team, ensuring smooth, uninterrupted and quality work.

EAF online event on its second (26th of March) and third (27th of March) day hosted series of online activities (EAF meetups and EAF creative workshops) that engaged young people from across Europe, working with them on their media literacy, critical thinking and creative activism. Methodologically, both days followed the similar structure, with difference that each day had different young people and discussed different topics. On the 26th of March 2024 the EAF online event gathered 38 young people and engaged them into discussion on the topics of “Euroscepticism as a democratic barrier” and “Climate Cha(lle)nge”. While on the 27th of March 2024 the EAF online event gathered another 50 young people, discussing the topics of “Migration – hometown of disinformation and populist campaign” and “Fundamental rights in the time of COVID-19 – Right to be (dis)informed”. Both days were opened through the plenary session where the Europeans Against Fake News project, the Citizens, Equality, Rights and Values programme and the very aim of the event were presented. Participants were introduced into the fake news and importance of media literacy in navigating this complex information and media landscape today, thus being motivated for further participation at the event. Upon the introduction, participants were separated into two groups, according to the topics they were assigned for. Here, they were presented with the methodology and online tools that will be used such were the Jamboard, G-docs, Zoom breakout rooms and Meme generator tools, preparing them for the active participation at the sessions. Series of EAF online meetups and EAF online creative workshops unfolded next as the part of our methodological approach. Through the EAF online meetups young people were facing Media and Policy Experts and engaging into dialogue and discussion about fake news that were selected as study cases for their topic. Through these sessions young people had opportunity to enhance their media literacy and learn on the concrete example about how to recognize fake news, critically assess and deconstruct them. Each meetup was followed by the EAF creative workshops where young people deployed their critical and creative thinking and worked in teams on creating a funny, yet critical and educational, memes addressing fake news that

was discussed. This process was facilitated by the Youth Educators, inspiring them to become active citizens in addressing fake news.

Last day of the EAF online event (28th of March 2024) was dedicated to the joint work of MPEs, Youth Educators and young people who are representing their working groups. Separated into their working groups according to the topic, they engaged into finalization of the memes selected to become part of the EAF 360 virtual exhibition, as well as accompanying social media campaign promoting it.

Throughout the EAF online event a compilation of the 24 memes that are addressing designated fake news in critical, educational and funny way, were developed by young people. These memes were accompanied with the narrative following these fake news and as such become part of the EAF 360 virtual exhibition that was published on the Europeans Against Fake News web page. This virtual exhibition is made in attractive, interactive and educational manner, engaging young people throughout Europe to immerse into exhibition and enhance their media literacy.

HISTORY OF CHANGES		
VERSION	PUBLICATION DATE	CHANGE
1.0	01.04.2022	Initial version (new MFF).