

Press release

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## **EMPOWERING YOUTH TO CRITICALLY ANALYSE FAKE NEWS**

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The diversity of news distributed via social media communication channels exposes citizens to large scale disinformation including misleading and false information. The new consortium established for implementing the “Empowering youth to critically analyse fake news” Erasmus+ project will bring new solutions to empower youth to evaluate fake news and to detect disinformation campaigns across social networks.

During the following one and a half year, five European organizations will be involved in workshops, webinars, training courses for exchanging good practices and transnational meetings aiming to “enhance the capacity of youth workers and youth organizations in their support for young people to interpret, analyse and evaluate the Fake News”.

During 17-18 October 2019, the kick-off meeting held in Constanta (Romania) brought together representatives of all project partners.

1. Asociația TEAM 4 Excellence (T4E), Romania – Leader of the consortium
2. CEMEA Rhone-Alpes, France
3. Fundacja Instytut Badan Innowacyjnych Edukacji (INBIE), Poland
4. Petit Pas, Italy
5. Solidaridad Sin Fronteras (SSF), Spain



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The meeting sessions addressed two important topics: first, the project management and second, the technical aspects to enable the team to cooperate for developing youth skills and competencies to critically assess the news.

In order to achieve the project scope, partners identified three specific objectives:

- Enhance the capacity of youth organizations to appropriately empower youth for dealing with Fake news.
- Improve the level of key competences of youth workers in formal and non-formal education to adequately contribute to the youth critical skills development.
- Increase the degree of interest of young people from partners' countries to identify, analyse and evaluate the Fake news.

This way, the newly established strategic partnership is expected to create a motivating context for project staff to effectively address all three identified target groups: youth with active accounts on social media, youth workers working with youth in all forms of education and youth organizations active in all kinds of education.

The successful implementation of the project will provide the consolidation of the efforts of the project partners to empower youth to evaluate fake news and disinformation campaigns across social networks. Moreover, the good practices and the collection of improved methods and techniques for dealing with fake news that will be created is expected to be taken up by more education institutions all over Europe.

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