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

### **THIRD TRANSNATIONAL PROJECT MEETING IN SPAIN**

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The diversity of news distributed via social media communication channels (Twitter, Facebook and LinkedIn), exposes everyone to large scale disinformation including misleading and false information. The concept of [fake news](#) has its origins more than 150 years ago (in the 16th century), but the current easiness of sharing information using social media platforms led to a flood of fake news. Propaganda, misinformation and Fake news have the potential to polarise public opinion, to promote violent extremism and hate speech and, ultimately, to undetermined democracies and reduce trust in the democratic processes, Council of Europe (2018). Thus, a set of basic skills and [competencies to critically assess the news](#) would be of great assistance of youth, therefore this project aims to “enhance the capacity of youth workers and youth organizations in their support for young people to interpret, analyse and evaluate the Fake News”.





From October 2019 five European organizations from Poland, Italy, Romania, Spain, and France have been involved in workshops, webinars, [Erasmus+ training courses](#) for exchanging good practices. More training courses will be held until December 2021.

The 18 October 2021, the third Transitional Project Meeting held in Madrid (Spain) brought together representatives of the following project partners:

1. [Asociatia TEAM 4 Excellence](#) (T4E), Romania – Leader of the consortium
2. [Fundacja Instytut Badan lnnowacjw Edukacji](#) (INBIE), Poland
3. [Petit Pas](#), Italy
4. [Solidaridad Sin Fronteras](#) (SSF), Spain



During the meeting were discussed and addressed important topics, such as:

- The next training event (LTTA 4 “Strategy of intervention”) that will be held in december 2021
- The finalization of the amazing [Fake News Magazine](#)
- The collection of good practices including strategies of intervention

The strategic partnership is creating motivating and useful contents 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 is providing 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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