



Press release

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Youth organizations need a strategy of intervention to limit the spread of Fake News and disinformation

Disinformation at a large scale is one of the problems the world faces right now. COVID-19 showed how easy the time spent online can increase, and thus, the threats of misinformation and fake news should be a top priority for everyone working against them.

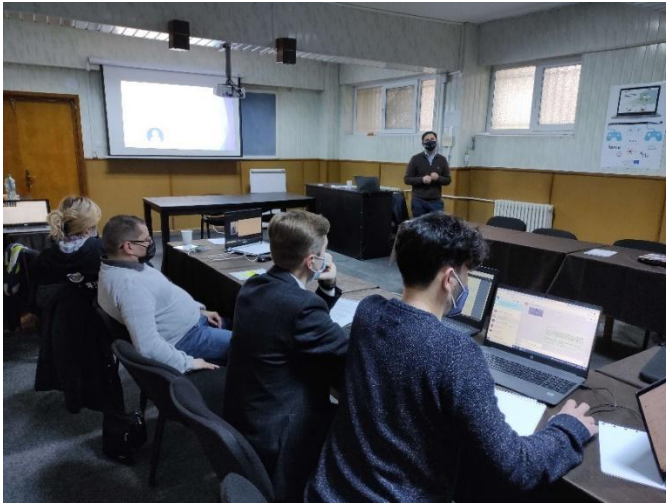
The consortium established for implementing the “[Empowering youth to critically analyse fake news](#)” Erasmus+ project brought new solutions to empower youth to evaluate fake news and to detect disinformation campaigns in digital environments, from 2019 up to now.

During this period, five European organizations got 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 13-15 December, the learning, training, teaching activity held in Constanta (Romania) brought together representatives of all project partners.

1. [Asociatia TEAM 4 Excellence](#) , Romania – Leader of the consortium
2. [Fundacja Instytut Badan Innowacyjnych Edukacji](#) , Poland
3. [Petit Pas](#), Italy
4. [Solidaridad Sin Fronteras](#) , Spain
5. [CEMEA Rhone-Alpes](#), France – online participation





This course activity is the last from a series of four Erasmus transnational learning activities, and addressed strategies of intervention to combat fake news.

It was an intercultural non-formal education context, as representatives from each partner organisation delivered workshops and practical activities related to limiting fake news.

They had the opportunity to discover fake news about COVID-19, they learned how to identify fake news, how it's disseminated and even to come up with a strategy to disseminate fake news, as an educational experience on how to combat them.

For the participants to understand how the youth organizations can empower young people to detect fake news and disinformation, they were presented with some of the results of the collaboration with European partners that can be implemented in their youth work. Thus, the participants were invited to test:

- 10 Online courses for youth to improve their digital citizenship skills. Participants were invited to take a look at the website of the DIGCIT project and become active learners on the online platform.
- Techbyrith App, which is an educational tool developed by the TECHBYRINTH team for young people to identify the appropriate and inappropriate uses of technology and the internet, to improve their online behaviour and become more digital competent.

On top of that, to increase awareness about the advantages of collaboration in a European context, to learn more about Romania, the host organization arranged a Romanian intercultural night, in which participants had the opportunity to taste all the best Romanian country has to offer. They had the opportunity to exchange cultural experiences and enjoyed a typical Romanian traditional dinner, accompanied by European Solidarity Corps volunteers.

The good practices and the collection of improved methods and techniques for dealing with fake news which were created are expected to be taken up by more education institutions all over Europe, helping other people to combat fake news and end the phenomenon once and for all.

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