

EVENT DESCRIPTION SHEET

PROJECT	
Participant:	AUTOKREACJA - Poland
PIC number:	947721720
Project name and acronym:	Foster Awareness on the Relevance of Checking the Truth – FACT

EVENT DESCRIPTION	
Event number:	WP7
Event name:	WP7 – Creation of the network against fake-news
Type:	Multiplier event
In situ/online:	In-situ
Location:	Italy, Hungary, Romania, Poland, Lithuania, Greece, Portugal, Spain, Finland, Bulgaria, France, Germany, Slovakia, Sweden, Belgium, Ireland
Date(s):	Between March 2024 and April 2024
Website(s) (if any):	https://fact-project.eu/wp7-network-creation/
Participants	
Female:	230
Male:	138
Other:	0
From country 1 - Italy:	Organisation: COPE, Italy

	<p>Place: Catania, Italy</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 26/02/2024 10:00-13:00 Event with 35 participants (11 Females & 24 Males) <p>TOT from Italy = 35</p>
From country 2 - Hungary:	<p>Organisation: CTRIA, Hungary</p> <p>Place: Székesfehérvár, Hungary</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 09/04/2024 17:00-19:00 Event with 34 participants (25 Females & 9 Males) <p>TOTAL for Hungary = 21</p>
From country 3 - Romania:	<p>Organisation: ACTA, Romania</p> <p>Place: Oradea, Romania</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 04/04/2024 13:00-14:00 Event with 47 participants (27 Females & 20 Males) <p>TOTAL Romania = 47</p>
From country 4 - Poland	<p>Organisation: AUTOCREACJA, Poland</p> <p>Place: Gliwice, Poland</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 29/04/2024 17:00-18:30 Event with 32 participants (28 Females & 4 Males) <p>TOTAL Poland = 32</p>
From country 5 - Lithuania	<p>Organisation: SOC-Efektas, Lithuania</p> <p>Place: Kaunas, Lithuania</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 30/04/2024 12:20 - 14:00 Event with 33 participants (25 Females & 8 Males) <p>TOTAL Lithuania = 33</p>
From country 6 - Greece	<p>Organisation: IASIS, Greece</p> <p>Place: Athens, Greece</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 03/04/24 18:00 - 20:00 Event with 32 participants (22 Females & 10 Males) <p>TOTAL Greece = 32</p>
From country 7 - Portugal	<p>Organisation: IMVF, Portugal</p> <p>Place: Setúbal - Costa da Caparica, Portugal</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 22/04/2024 9:00 - 11:00 Event with 36 participants (27 Females & 9 Males)

	TOTAL Portugal = 36		
From country 8 - Spain	Organisation: JOVESOLIDES, Spain Place: Valencia, Spain <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 29/04/2024 17:00-19:00 Event with 106 participants (58 Females & 48 Males) TOTAL Spain = 106		
From country 9 - Finland	Organisation: EYP, Finland Place: Tampere, Finland <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 27/4/2024 12.00-14.00 Event with 13 participants (7 Females & 6 Males) TOTAL Finland = 13		
Total number of participants:	368	From total number of countries:	9
Description			
<i>Provide a short description of the event and its activities.</i>			
<p>The main aim of this WP was to amplify the awareness raising through some of the communication activities, to widely disseminate the difficulty of identifying fake-news and, thus, the danger that it may cause to our democracies.</p> <p>Partners organised 9 multiplier events in each of the partner countries.</p> <p>DESCRIPTION OF THE EVENTS AT NATIONAL LEVEL:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ITALY - The event was held at the University of Catania, Faculty of Political Science, during a 3-hour workshop. Immediately after the presentation of COPE and the FACT project, there was a brief excursus on fake news (how to distinguish it, how to recognise it, tools) before moving on to the actual workshop. The students were divided into 5 groups and in 1 hour they respectively divided the workshop into: briefing by each group on what policies the EU should adopt to combat fake news, then each group brilliantly presented their proposals and debated with the other groups on their feasibility. PORTUGAL - The event was on 22 April 2024 in Setúbal, Costa da Caparica, in a face-to-face format. Held in conjunction with another IMVF's youth project. It was discussed Disinformation and its impact on climate change, as well as more general information about what disinformation is. There was a presentation of the FACT project, the various activities that have been carried out, and an invitation to join the Network of Young Fact Checkers. SPAIN - We presented the FACT project and result to 45 young migrants that are part of another program (Escuela de Ciudadania) that Jovesolides runs and that aims at fostering migrants' political participation, by training them to 			

be tomorrow's political leaders. There were also in the room public authorities, medias and other relevant stakeholders. The 29th of April was the Inaugural day of the training, and the theme of this year's edition is the EU elections 2024 and the New Pact on Migration and Asylum. Therefore, we had a 2-hours debate between the participants and the policy makers about the importance of voting in the EU elections, and how fake news can threaten democracy. Among public authorities, participated Inmaculada Rodríguez Piñero, socialist deputy in the EU Parliament, Serigne Mbayé, candidate "Podemos" to EU Parliament, and Vicente Betoret, spokesperson for the party "PP" of EU topics in the Valencian Parliament.

- **GREECE** - The event took place in the Day Centre of IASIS NGO, with the attendance of 32 professionals, volunteers and beneficiaries of the unit. We presented the aim of FACT project, as well as the results and the various activities implemented during the project. Participants were encouraged to start a dialogue about fake news and EU elections and how fake news can affect the results. Participants were eager to exchange ideas and ask questions about the EU reality and procedures.
- **HUNGARY** - CTRIA organised a multiplier event in Székesfehérvár. The event was held in Székesfehérvár, so the participants were mostly from the city or the surrounding settlements. A total of 34 participants attended the event, where the topic was "Fake news as an existing problem". Participants discussed and shared their knowledge and experience of fake news, both collectively and in small groups. CTRIA presented the project, its results and events, and also provided some useful information on filtering fake news.
- **ROMANIA** - Today ACTA organized a Multiplier Event which took place at the "Lucian Blaga" Theoretical High School, in the presence of over 40 participants, professionals, students, volunteers, as well as guests from the legal field, and social education. The activity started with the presentation of the FACT project and the CERV program, and then four young people involved in the various activities implemented in this project enthusiastically presented their activity. This was followed by guests who spoke to the audience about the importance and difficulty of identifying fake news, as well as the legal implications and danger it can cause. In the end, the participants were open to exchanging ideas and asking questions to the guests about EU legal procedures on fake news.
- **POLAND** - On April 29th, the Autokreacja Foundation organized a Multiplier Event held at the University of the Third Age in Gliwice. The event attracted participants primarily from the university, including students eager to engage in discussions about contemporary issues. The event commenced with an introduction to the FACT project the results of the project, in particular the website, training courses, debates and the Podcast. The spotlight then turned to guest speakers who enlightened the audience about the crucial task of discerning fake news, emphasizing its legal ramifications and potential dangers. Engaging discussions ensued, wherein participants exchanged ideas and posed insightful questions to the guests regarding EU legal procedures concerning fake news. This event served as a platform for intellectual discourse, fostering collaboration and knowledge exchange among attendees, further enriching their understanding of contemporary societal challenges.
- **FINLAND** - The Multiplier event was organized in Tampere as part of EYP Finland's annual Spring Meeting. The event brought together young people from European Youth Parliament from all over Finland. The event began with a presentation by project coordinator Ninni Issakainen who gave an overview of the results and activities of FACT-project. This was followed by a talk by Anya about her experiences as a FACT-guardian and what she learned. After

the presentations, the floor was opened for discussion on the impact and necessity of projects such as FACT and how they can help fill needs in society that for example education systems are not able to fulfill. The young people participated in the conversation actively.

- **LITHUANIA** - On April 30th, a multiplier event for the FACT project took place at Kaunas University of Applied Sciences, with 33 participants. The event aimed to empower students and staff by enhancing their media literacy and critical thinking skills as well as to promote FACT project. The event featured a comprehensive presentation detailing the project's journey and key results. Participants showed significant improvement in their public speaking skills and better understanding of advocacy's role in society. Non-formal methods activities provided practical learning experiences. The project successfully empowered a community of confident speakers and advocates. Feedback from participants was positive, expressing gratitude for the opportunity to enhance their skills in a supportive environment. An open discussion with Dr. Lina Šarlauskiene expanded participants' understanding of media literacy, critical thinking and need for fake news debunking tools. The multiplier event was a success, demonstrating the value of skill development platforms and non-formal education methods. Participant feedback highlighted the project's impact and the importance of creating supportive learning environments.

TESTIMONIALS:

"This event was very useful in order to find new ways to understand whether a piece of news is reliable or not and to learn more about European projects to curb fake news." (anonymous participant from Italy)

"I am really happy to be here with you all to talk about the EU elections and present to all of you future leaders the important work that the EU does in the Parliament (,,,) to give it visibility" (Inmaculada Rodríguez Pinñero, Spanish deputy in the EU Parliament)

"It combined playing games with learning about fake news and how it affects European elections. Challenges and discussions in the game helped me improve my critical thinking skills and made me more aware of misinformation tactics." (anonymous participant from Greece)

"It was interesting to hear others' experiences with fake news." (Sándor from Hungary)

"The meeting was a useful one. We managed to find out interesting things about the project, to deepen its stages and results. It was an interesting event." (Vlad from Romania)

"Participating in the event helped me realize that fake news alters our way of thinking. I'm glad I found out about this project that emphasizes finding out the truth in society." (Andra from Romania)

"The event wasn't just about passive learning; it was a dynamic platform where ideas flowed freely, and knowledge was exchanged. I left with a deeper understanding of the challenges posed by fake news in today's society and a renewed sense of determination to combat misinformation. Kudos to the organizers for fostering such an intellectually stimulating environment!" (anonymous participant from Poland)

"Participating in the FACT-project opened my eyes to how big of a problem disinformation really is and I have been able to apply what I learned from the trainings to other parts in my life such of EYP sessions" (anonymous participant from Finland)

"Information and media literacy is indeed important and this event helped me to learn about it more, even though i study it, i was happy to learn from a discussion with dr. Lina Šarlauskienė and as well shared insights for critical thinking training or judging news feeds" (anonymous participant from Lithuania)

HISTORY OF CHANGES		
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