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"Facts against fakes": New website tackles internet disinformation



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A new fact-checking platform on the internet makes it easier for citizens to identify false claims and disinformation campaigns on the web. Under the title "Facts against Fakes," fact-checking organizations from Germany and Austria offer up-to-date articles on false information currently being circulated on the internet. This creates the largest freely-accessible archive of fact checks in the German language. In addition, the site provides learning opportunities to promote media literacy among citizens, as well as many research articles. The new platform can be accessed under Fakten-gegen-Fakes.de and Gadmo.de or Gadmo.eu.

The project brings together the largest grouping of fact-checking teams and research units in German-speaking countries under the heading of the German-Austrian Digital Media Observatory (GADMO). Its goal is the coordinated fight against dis- and misinformation. For the first time, the leading fact-checking organizations in Germany and Austria are working together: Deutsche Presse-Agentur (dpa), Agence France Press (AFP), Austria Presse Agentur (APA) and the independent research network Correctiv. The fact-checkers cooperate with experts from TU Dortmund University and the AIT Austrian Institute Of Technology. The Athens Technology Center is the partner in charge of all the technological aspects of the project. GADMO is funded by the EU Commission for an initial two and a half years.

GADMO pursues among others the following goals:

- Makes fact checks more accessible to the public and assembles them in a unified repository.
- Identifies disinformation campaigns and investigates them scientifically.
- Promotes media literacy in Austria and Germany.

This German-Austrian cooperation will be part of the European Digital Media Observatory's network (EDMO). This EU-funded, independent coordinating body was launched in 2020 and aims to unite the forces of fact-checkers, researchers and other experts from all over Europe in the fight against disinformation. Including GADMO, the network now consists of nine regional centres active in 17 European countries. Further centres will be launched by the beginning of 2023. The project partners will be able to collaborate and conduct joint research across Europe using a common online platform. The EDMO working groups also include social media platforms to promote exchange.

More information on: <https://edmo.eu>

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