



International training course "Countering fake-news and hate speech online". June 11-16, Amarante, Portugal

Open to participants from EU 27 countries

The training course was developed as part of the LYM project - Leave Your Mark - funded by the European Union under the CERV program. The project is led by Associazione InformaGiovani together with a network of European civil society organizations.

The training consists of two main courses, each of which is divided into several sessions. The course on countering cyber hate to prevent its danger to individuals and communities was developed on the basis of [INACH](#)'s - International Network Against Cyber Hate - long experience with research, monitoring and countering activities on the subject.

The course on fake news was developed by the [Associazione Stampa Sarda - the Sardinian Press Syndicate](#) - involving Italian journalists, media experts, university professors and researchers.

The training is aimed at journalists, civil society representatives and media workers interested in learning how to produce quality information, consume media responsibly, distinguish between reliable news and disinformation, understand what fake news and hate speech are and why it is extremely important to counter them, and learn about different methods of countering them. This training addresses all these issues and more.

Each session of the course will combine online videos and in-person presentations and will be followed by a discussion with all participants.

The course will be conducted entirely in English with interactive sessions; there will be a total of 50 participants from all EU 27 European countries. A minimum level of B2 English (spoken and listening) is required.

Financial conditions

All costs related to the participation in the programme are covered, in the frame of the CERV programme of the European Union. These include board, lodging, insurance, return transfer from Porto to Amarante. Travel costs to Porto will be 100% reimbursed up to the maximum amount of 275 euro per persons. To estimate your travel cost, please check the costs to the city of Porto.

Accommodation

Participants will be lodged at "Casa da Juventude de Amarante", the Youth hostel of Amarante, managed by the project partner Aventura Marão Clube, in common rooms. Vegetarian meals will be provided at the hostel.





Topics covered in the training

Training on hate speech and hate crimes online

- Media literacy and fake news
- What is online hate speech and crime?
- How to fight online hate speech

Training on fake news

- Fake news concept
- Distinctions between fake news and post-truth
- Motivation and impact of fake news
- War and fake news
- Examples and tools for debunking fake news
- Deepfake and the role of Artificial Intelligence
- EU current legislation and initiatives against fake news

Each session will be based on pre-recorded video lessons to be evaluated by participants who will interact with trainers to provide feedback and suggestions, which will be taken into consideration to develop a final version of the two trainings that will be available in autumn 2023.

All participants must ensure their participation for the whole duration of the programme.

Participants will be journalists, media experts, representatives of NGOs dealing with the topics of Media and Information literacy and/or countering hate speeches and hate crime online.

How to apply

To apply for the training, fill the form available at <https://forms.gle/J4UDsAwizXKvwMBP9>
Only pre-selected candidates will be contacted.

For further information, please contact info@informa-giovani.net

