Anti-Rumour Project Newsletter

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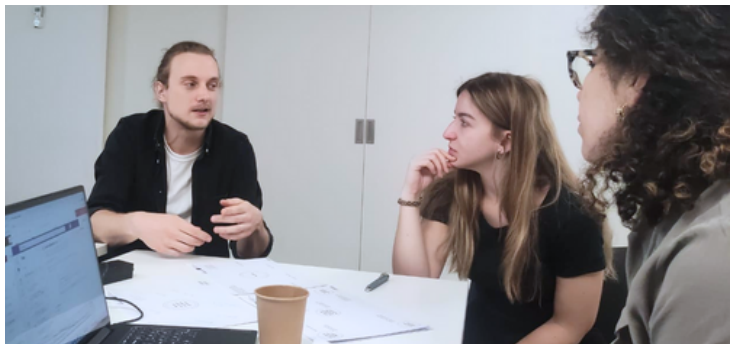
Welcome to the second issue!

The **Anti-Rumour** project is framed under the Erasmus+ Programme, developed jointly by partners from four different European countries: Stiftung Digitale Chancen (Germany), Citizens in Power (Cyprus), Dramblys (Spain) and Challedu (Greece).

The Anti-Rumour initiative, endeavors to combat **misinformation and fake news,** nurturing the intellectual capacity of young people, by offering comprehensive educational knowledge, as well as a robust set of tools and skills that will allow the European Youth to take their critical thinking to the next level.



Anti-Rumour contributes to promote an analytical and pragmatic mindset, shifting from false information to facts, within the ever-evolving media landscape

Fake news generate confusing environments. As **iscerning fact from fiction becomes increasingly challenging,** the rise of social media and online news platforms can eventually change and heavily influence the foundational understanding of reality among the youth.

When overwhelmed with confusing narratives and distorted information, **the cognitive faculties of young individuals face a substantial challenge in understanding and perceiving the world around them.**

Moreover, the **identification of fake news presents a formidable challenge.** Misleading content often adopts the guise of authenticity, **making it difficult for young individuals to distinguish between credible information and falsified narratives.** This linking network of misinformation propagates rapidly in media, making it rather unlikely for young individuals to want to dive deeper and seek for the truth.

It is fundamental for the younger generations to have the necessary tools and instruments to distinguish between fake and fact, so they could develop a more independent approach towards news and information. Moreover, they need to know how to use them in their daily lives, which some times might represent a challenge.

Here is where the Anti-Rumour project plays a big part!

The four partner organizations have developed two main tools which are now available on our website: **'The Anti-Rumour Guidebook. Fake news, conspiracy theories and how to spot them'** and a **Toolkit to track down disinformation.**
Both aim to provide crucial information regarding verification skills and strategies, empowering the youth to navigate the digital landscape confidently and discern fact from fiction.

Based on literary review and research, **The Anti-Rumour Guidebook will foster critical thinking** by providing a comprehensive set of **information** about what exactly misinformation and conspiracy theories are, how they have developed throughout history, and **how to identify them**.
Moreover, the Guidebook provides **well-structured knowledge** for **enhancing media literacy among young people**, as well as dressing the reader with strategies on how to address coherence problems by describing **best practices and tools that are currently used to identify fake news** in each partner's national context.

The Guidebook is currently available to download on our website https://anti-rumour.eu/ and it is possible to read it in English, Spanish, German and Greek.

But there is more! The Anti-Rumour project has developed an **online Toolkit to track down disinformation**.
The Toolkit offers **17 online resources** that help young people to **detect conspiracy theories and disinformation**, educate them about circulating fake news, and enhance their media literacy through **recognizing manipulation tactics.**
The toolkit follows quite a dynamic structure so to ease its use.

Each tool includes usage instructions, strengths and weaknesses, supported languages and recommended user age groups.
These were chosen based on needs identified through a survey across partner countries to maximize their usability.

The toolkit supplements complex tools with accessible and engaging mechanisms, such as tutorial videos
The toolkit is available in our website

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Coming soon…

The Anti-Rumour team is now in the process of developing a **Serious Game on literacy against conspiracy,** as well as a brand new **learning module!**

The **Serious game** follows the project approach by helping transform media literacy through engaging, active and effective resources. **At the same time, the game intends to involve real-life situations where the participants** would need to think independently and make use of the verification tools provided in the previous resources.

The **Learning Module will teach youth workers and organisations how the previous set of project results** (guidebook, toolkit and serious game) can **provide assistance to marginalized communities or individuals undergoing environmental difficulties.**

This topics will be address by the partners in our **next Transnational Partner Meeting in Athens!** It will take place at the end of November, and partners will check up with the project´s state, bringing new ideas and improving former ones, as well as implementing and developing initiatives for the next upcoming months.

Stay tuned and don't forget to follow our social channels to not miss out on new updates!

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