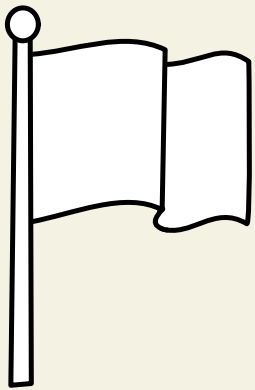
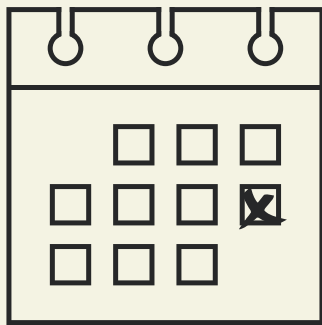


European Union symbols



The European flag symbolises unity and harmony among EU countries. It is blue with 12 golden stars in a circle, because both the number and the shape represent perfection and entirety.



Europe Day is on 9 May. It celebrates peace and unity in Europe. The date marks the anniversary of the historic 'Schuman Declaration' that set out the idea for a new form of political cooperation in Europe, which would make war between European countries unthinkable.



The European anthem is called Ode to Joy. It represents the European ideals of freedom, peace and solidarity.



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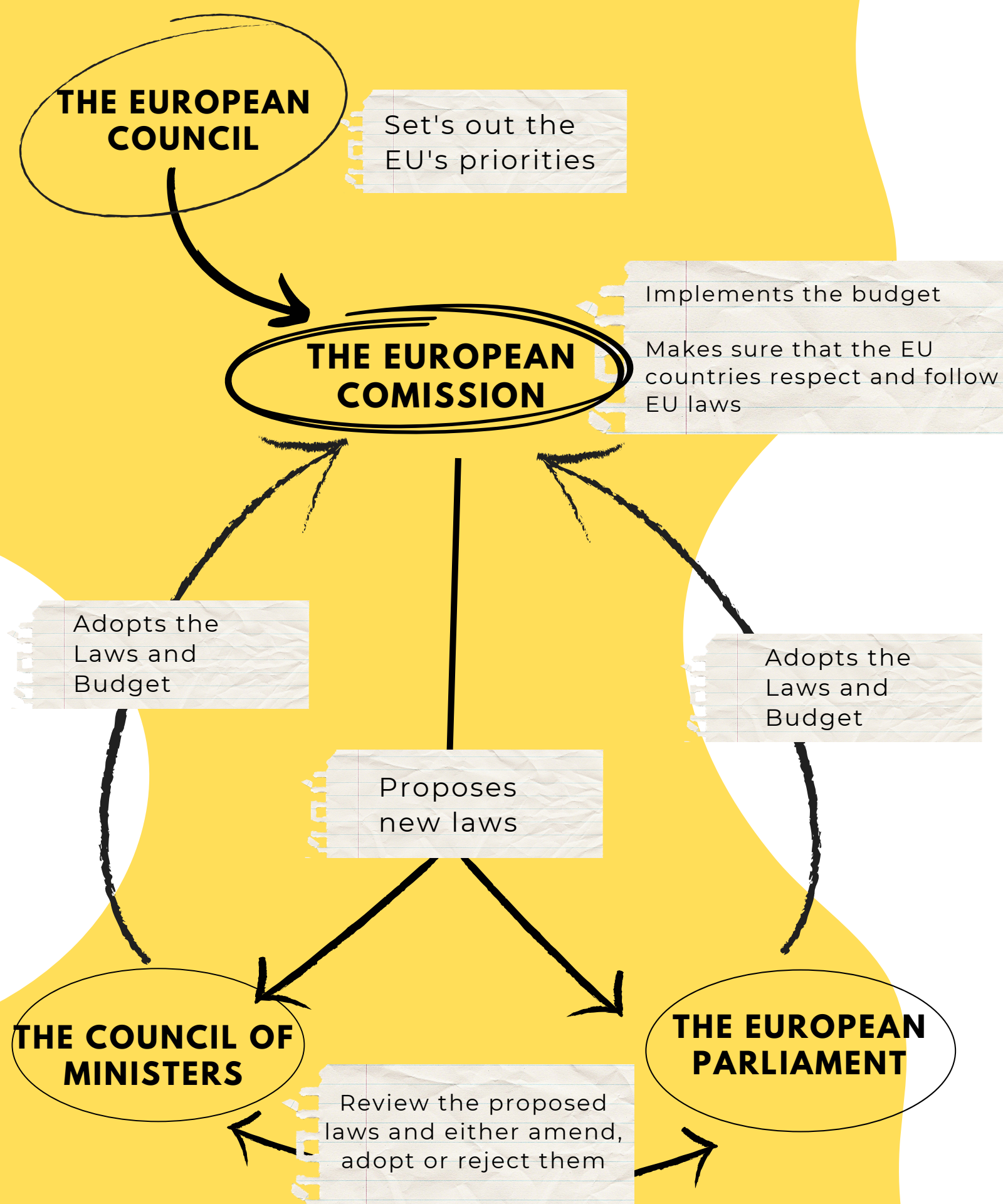


The 8 Goals of the European Union

- Peace, promotion of EU values and the well-being of everyone
- Freedom, security and justice
- Strong and sustainable European economies
- Social inclusion and equality
- Scientific and technological progress
- Solidarity among EU countries
- Respect for Europe's cultures and languages
- Economic and monetary union

HAVE A LOOK AT THE EU INSTITUTIONS AND HOW THEY WORK

- 1 The European Council – the Heads of State or Government – sets out the EU's priorities.
- 2 Based on these, the European Commission proposes new laws.
- 3 The proposals are reviewed and amended, accepted or refused by the European Parliament, together with the Council of ministers. Once they come to an agreement, they approve the laws.
- 4 The European Commission makes sure that all EU countries observe the new EU laws. If not, it can take action against them.



When they come to an agreement:
NEW EU LAW!



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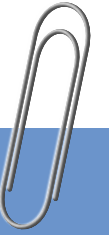


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EPLOs

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They engage with the population and increase awareness about what the European Parliament is, what it does and what it stands for

EPLOs proactively bring EU news, debates and decisions to media. They monitor inaccuracies and misleading news about the European Parliament, and rebut them

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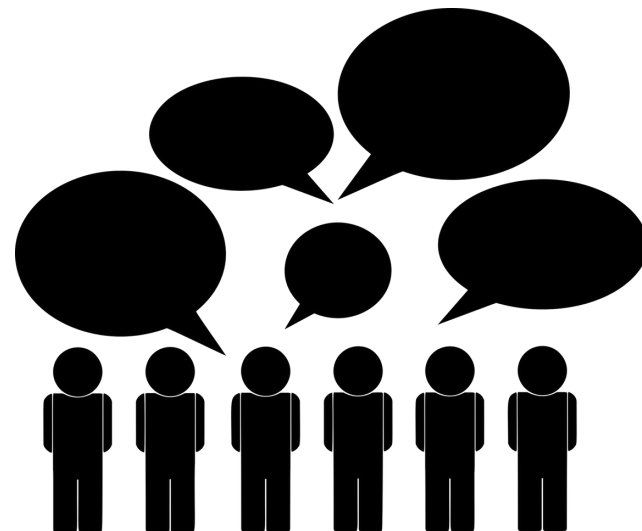
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- ➔ Ensure the needs of citizens are met
- ➔ The dialogues can influence policy decisions
- ➔ Held in cities across the EU, the sessions are free to attend and many are broadcasted live online

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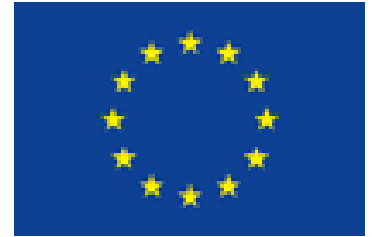
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Everything you need to know in one place:



Designed to help you do things in other European countries - moving, living, studying, working, shopping or simply travelling or, as a company, doing business abroad - 'Your Europe' is a website with advice for people living in the EU on a variety of practical topics



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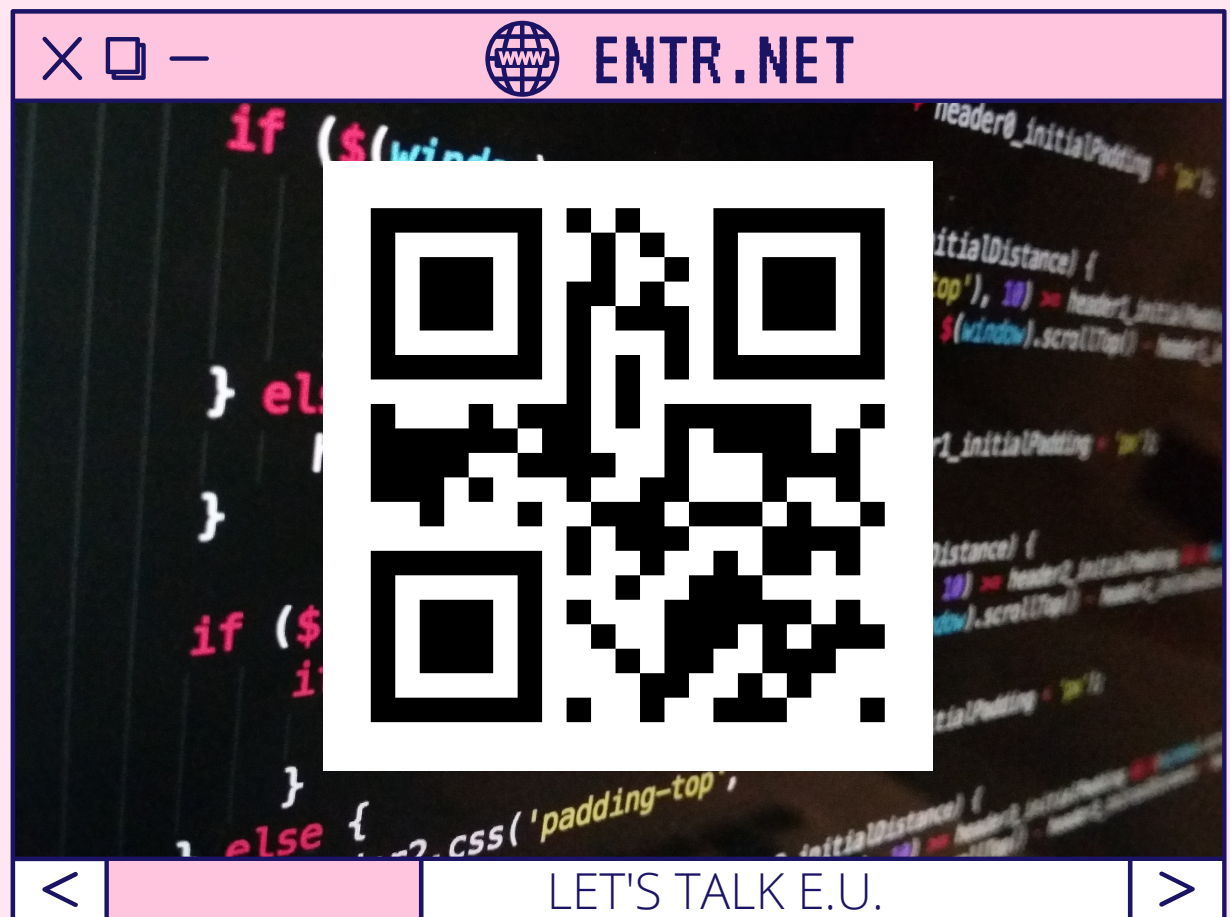
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CONFERENCE ON THE FUTURE OF EUROPE

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This is the place for citizens to share ideas and send online submissions. They are collected, analysed, monitored and published throughout the Conference;

The digital platform is the hub of the Conference: it is your way to get involved and speak up. There you can share your thoughts on Europe and the changes which need to happen, see what others have to say, find events near you, organise your own event and follow the progress and the outcome of the Conference.

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EDMO

European Digital Media Observatory

HOW THE EU IS FIGHTING DISINFORMATION

**EDMO IS A PROJECT THAT SUPPORTS
THE INDEPENDENT COMMUNITY
WORKING TO COMBAT DISINFORMATION**

1 Fact Check

Serves as a hub for fact-checkers, academics and other relevant stakeholders to collaborate with each other

2 Building a link

It encourages them to actively link with media organisations, literacy experts, and provide support to policy makers

3 Support public authorities

This helps to coordinate actions in the fight against disinformation

SHAPING EUROPE'S DIGITAL FUTURE

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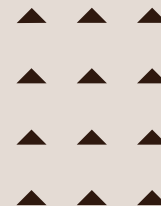
EUROPE DIRECT CENTERS ACT AS AN INTERMEDIARY BETWEEN CITIZENS AND THE EUROPEAN UNION



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Stay Informed

- run by the European Commission
- provide information, guidance, and assistance on EU issues
- share information tailored to local and regional needs
- interaction with the public in the form of questions, opinions and suggestions
- all services are free of charge



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GET YOUR FACTS STRAIGHT!



EUFACTCHECK wishes to motivate fact-based debate in the EU and to stimulate media and information literacy



SCAN ME

Through factchecking European political claims to tackle misinformation, this platform aims for the public to grow a deeper insight and interest in democratic processes, both on national and European level



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Learn through experience

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Funded with the support from the European Commission, Eurodesk works with over 1600 youth information points in 36 countries that inform young people about mobility opportunities and encourage them to become active citizens | Learning * Volunteering * Internships



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Where to get information...

The European Youth Portal is a multilingual website which provides information on both European and national opportunities and initiatives around a wide range of topics

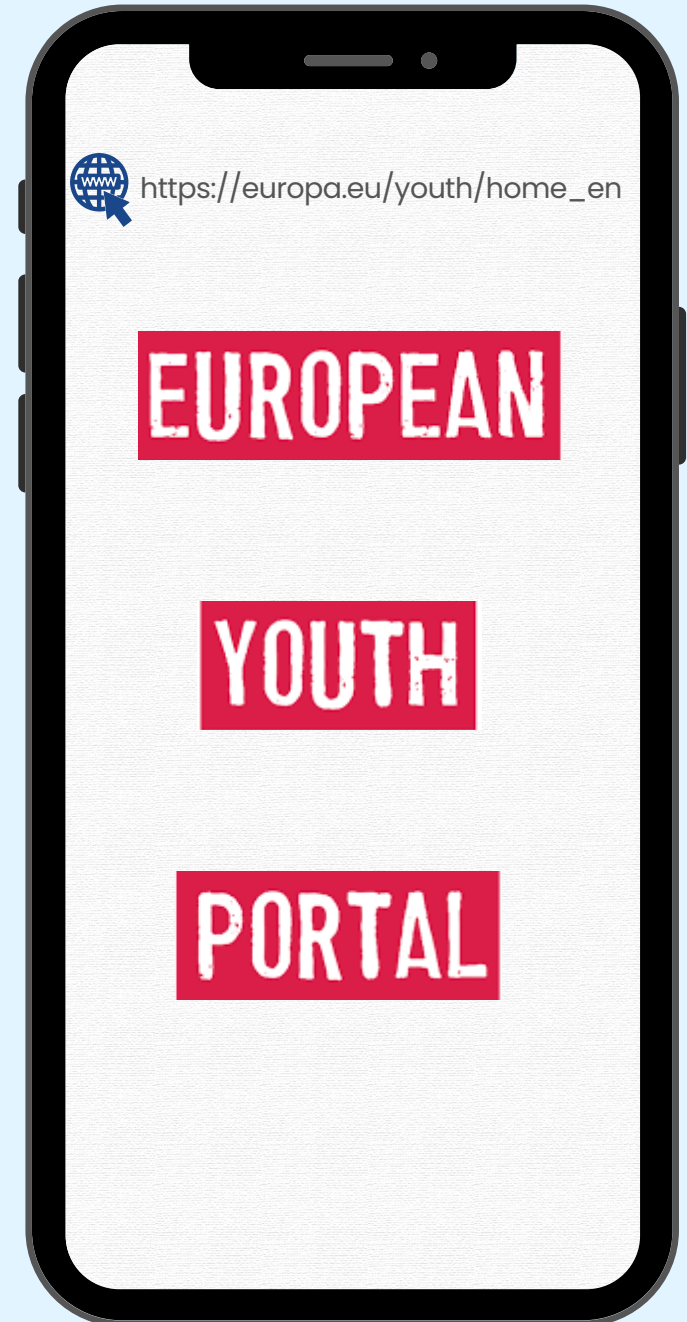
It is aimed at young people aged 13 to 30, but it is also useful for other stakeholders working in the youth field



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for 5 to 18 year olds: Find games,
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For children, teenagers, teachers and
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4 STEP GUIDE TO MANAGE FAKE NEWS

Use this guide to successfully safeguard against fake news about the EU

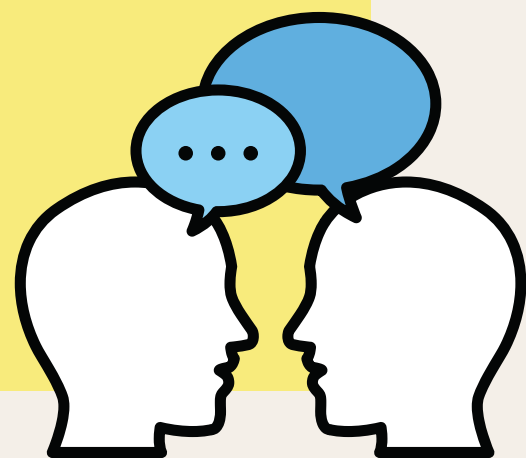
STEP 1. ENCOUNTER

Coming across a "news" article that doesn't seem 100% trustworthy



STEP 2. DISCUSS

Discussing it with your peers to see if they have the same or different information on the subject



STEP 3. RESEARCH

Do a background check on the author and research more information from trusted EU platforms on the topic



STEP 4. BECOME INFORMED!

Always use trusted sources and become an informed citizen



REMEMBER:

- Not everything you read on the Internet is true
- Always fact-check!





WHAT EUROPE DOES FOR ME

Created by the European Parliament, this website presents the European Union's actions in a simple way, highlighting examples of policies, measures, and projects. In a one-page format, these notes are available for you to read, share or reuse.

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TIPS TO FIGHT "FAKE NEWS"

WHAT IS "FAKE NEWS"?

- Authentic material used in the wrong context
- Imposter news sites designed to look like others we already know
- Fake news sites
- Fake information
- Manipulated content
- Parody content

HOW DO "FAKE NEWS" SPREAD?

Creators of fake news check verified news sources and use facts from these verified news outlets and layer it with misinformation to confuse and deceive the reader. When confronted by both the fake news and verified news, people tend to discount both the misinformation and the facts. Additionally, most adults use social media to get their news (68.15% use Facebook as a news source according to the CommEUnication survey conducted in 2021)

HOW TO HANDLE "FAKE NEWS"?

1. Think before you share.

Read the entire piece before you decide whether or not to share.

2. Verify an unlikely story.

Investigate the source, website, its mission and contact info.

3. Install a browser extension that identifies stories from websites that produce clickbait, fake news, and other suspect stories.

4. Help debunk fake news.

- Report fake news on Facebook and other platforms

5. Expand your information network to include diverse perspectives from quality sources.

6. Evaluate your news using the IMVAIN Method

- Independent sources are preferable to self-interested sources.
- Multiple sources are preferable to a report based on a single source.
- Sources who Verify or provide verifiable information are preferable to those who merely assert.
- Authoritative and/or Informed sources are preferable to sources who are uninformed or lack authoritative background.
- Named sources are better than anonymous ones.



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