



Newsletter November 2023

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UPCOMING EVENTS

1 December 2023, 12:00 CET	EJTAik11
15-16 March 2024:	European Festival of Journalism and Media Literacy
17-21 April 2024:	International Journalism Festival, Perugia
8-10 May 2024:	EJTA Teachers' Training, Porto

AGM 2023: THANK YOU!

With more than 80 active participants, a full general meeting agenda and a very interesting conference on 'Digital Storytelling: Next step's', we can surely say that the EJTA AGM 2023 was a super success! Many thanks and loads of gratitude to the organizers of this EJTA event: the colleagues from FH Wien and the Austrian Media Academy.

For all the members who were not present: you can find photographs, a list of participants and the presentation of the key-note speaker on the EJTA closed LinkedIn group (if you're not on it yet: one more reason to do so quickly!).



AGM 2023: KEY INFO AND DECISIONS

Also for everybody not present in Vienna, a synopsis of the most important decisions taken or voted on during the AGM:

- Nikolaus Koller, the current Vice-President becomes President ad interim to replace Eric Nahon who unfortunately needs to step down due to personal and professional reasons.
- During the Teachers' Training in Porto we'll elect a new Board Member: see call to apply further in this Newsletter.
- The EJTA statutes will be amended, with new info on EJTA management, amongst other changes.
- The members voted positively on the financial plan to raise the EJTA membership fee to € 1000 by 2025, so EJTA can stay a financially sound association.
- We welcomed six new members: University of Bucharest / Universitat de Vic Barcelona / Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona / Masaryk University Brno / Tartu University and New Bulgarian University.

The AGM minutes, together with the Report of the Board and Director will be sent to you later.

The EJTA Board and Director want to express their deepest gratitude to Eric Nahon and look back at a great period of constructive cooperation.

CALL FOR APPLICATION: LOOKING FOR A NEW BOARD MEMBER

We will elect a new EJTA Board member at the Teachers' Training in Porto (in the morning of 9 May 2024), in order to replace Eric Nahon who stepped down as President / Board member.

Everybody who's interested in the position: please step forward.

There are some characteristics for the candidate's profile:

- An EJTA Board member is supposed to be present at five to six Board meetings a year (three live and two to three online) and is expected to take up responsibilities and tasks within the association.
- The EJTA Board's tasks are mainly strategic, together with supporting the EJTA Director in the daily management of the association (inexhaustive list of support to the Director: communication & social media strategy, LLL Section, new members, follow-up EJTA projects and task forces, research, revision Tartu Declaration, external relations, student mobility, ...).
- The specific tasks and responsibilities of the new Board member will be discussed in the first Board meeting after the election.
- If the current President ad interim wishes to step down as a President, the Board will also then decide about the roles and the new President.
- The Board favours a geographical spread. Since we now have an Austrian President ad interim and a Dutch, Finnish and Georgian Board member, it would be nice (but not mandatory) to have other parts of Europe represented too.
- Not only is geographical diversity favoured, but also gender diversity will work positively in the Board. So it would be nice (but not mandatory) if the new Board member is male (now: 3 females / 1 male + 1 female Director). This is not a stringent condition, though.

Candidates will make themselves known **before 23 February 2024** in an email to the EJTA President ad interim Nikolaus Koller nikolaus.koller@oema.at and Director Nadia Vissers: director@ejta.eu .

They should provide a short biography with a photograph and their motivation (about 100-150 words).

This information will be put before the membership in the EJTA Newsletter of March 2024.

In case of more candidates, we'll organise elections in Porto on 9 May 2024, according to our statutes.

EJTAik 11: 1 DECEMBER 12:00 CET

EJTAik 11 is organised together with the Ethical Journalism Network (EJN) on Ukraine Media: Defiance and Truth-telling. An invitation was sent to all members in November: please communicate this to your colleagues who might be interested. We'll listen to **Aidan White**, Founder and Honorary President of the EJN, **Svitlana Bezchotnikova** from Mariupol State University and **Karina Sardaryan** from Taras Shevchenko National University of Kyiv and the National Union of journalists of Ukraine. As always, we also want to hear your questions and comments in an open and safe conversation **on Zoom**:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88201729233?pwd=aG5PaEkyK3pJMktRS08rOGMxcVlyUT09>

Meeting-ID: 882 0172 9233

Identification code: 511206

(EJTAik12 about the Crossborder Journalism Campus will be organised together with Arena and is planned for February 2024.)

EUFACHECK

At the EJTA AGM 2023, the EUfactcheck project kicked-off the EU elections project, starting February 2024 and running until the EU elections in early June. There are many options and moments to join (see report and powerpoint on our LinkedIn closed group). We also need some more 'hands' in the project team to help us publish all your students' factchecks and blogs on our EUfactcheck.eu platform and to help EJTA schools in cross-national collaborations.

If you want to join the EU elections factchecking project please send an email to carien.touwen@hu.nl before **1 December 2023**.

TEACHERS' TRAINING IN PORTO: 8-10 MAY 2023

The colleagues from the University of Porto will soon open the website for registration and the call for your active participation with proposals for workshops or discussions on 'How to Teach Building Trust in News'.

Start planning your trip and accommodation, since prices seem to rise quickly!

CALL: EJTA MEMBER TO ORGANISE EJTA'S TEACHERS' TRAINING 2025

As you can see underneath, EJTA is still not 100% sure about the venue / organization of the Teachers' Training in May 2025.

We would really appreciate it if an EJTA member will stand up with a positive proposal to organize this EJTA event.

Please contact director@ejta.eu soon!

FUTURE EJTA TEACHER TRAININGS & AGMS

- TT 2024: 8-10 May 2024 in Porto
- AGM 2024: 16-18 October 2024 in Cluj
- TT 2025: May 2025, TBD
- AGM 2025 mid-October 2025 in Utrecht
- TT 2026: May 2026, Tartu

Members that are eager to organise an EJTA training or AGM in the future, please communicate this to director@ejta.eu



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