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# SUPPORTING DEMOCRATIC UNION AND ACTIVE CITIZENSHIP IN DIGITAL ERA

**Novo mesto, SLOVENIA**

**5-7 OCTOBER 2020**

**INTERNATIONAL OFFLINE AND ONLINE EVENT**

**"IN THE AGE OF INFORMATION, IGNORANCE IS A  
CHOICE?" - ON MEDIA AND INFORMATION LITERACY**

## **Topics that will be handled with in this event:**

- Digital literacy and democracy
- Citizens safety online
- Political advertising offline and online
- Supporting media and information literacy as a critical element of civic participation in the digital era

## **Results:**

- Raised understanding of **the impact of digital literacy** on local and European democracy: civic participation, elections process, campaigning, citizens' safety online.
- Enhanced skills on the **tools of political advertising** offline and online
- **Policy paper 1** on how to support media and information literacy in partnership between local authorities and citizens
- Press release, social media posts

EVENT ON FB: <https://www.facebook.com/events/2440661359568257>



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Warsaw, Ljuljana, Budapest)*



**Day 1, Monday 5 October 2020**

**REGISTER FOR THE EVENT ONLINE:**

[https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1Jd\\_IDcL19tx9eo3tYpLyGIbn\\_ncGN5jHmyzvP1BbrjA/edit?ts=5f747d97&qxids=7628](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1Jd_IDcL19tx9eo3tYpLyGIbn_ncGN5jHmyzvP1BbrjA/edit?ts=5f747d97&qxids=7628)

(link to the google doc)

**14:00-15:00 ZOOM and ONLINE BROADCAST on the project FB page from Novo mesto, Spain, Italy and Germany, open for the general public**

**ZOOM meeting:**

<https://arnes-si.zoom.us/j/93438375077?pwd=QXIZcGY0TGtORDZ1VzgyMVdzRThzUT09>

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- Welcome from the local host: Mitja Bukovec and Andreja Petrovič (15 mins) - Slovenia
- Welcome from the Leader - Federación de Municipios de Madrid - José Barcia Gonzalez and Cristina Moreno (10 mins) - Spain
- Introduction into the agenda and the format of the event: Gosia Wochowska (10 mins) - Germany
- A short summary of the first project event in Penne: Aldo Di Fabrizio (10 mins) - Italy
- Presentation of Best practice EU project on Digital democracy, media literacy and journalism in digital era “Newsroom Europa”: Ester Snedec (10 mins) - Slovenia

**16:30-17:30** Presentation of Novo mesto - online show



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**Day 2, Tuesday 6th Oct 2020**

REGISTER FOR THE EVENT ONLINE:

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1bGAVhM4SehRstqIrlL63yxTk8SYYoW6Me5VjV8rAgFoQ/edit?usp=sharing>

(link to the google doc)

**9:00-11:00 ZOOM: ONLINE - OPEN FOR THE GENERAL PUBLIC** - Conference with experts and practitioners: "Supporting media and information literacy as a critical element of civic participation in the digital era" (**registrations required**)

**ZOOM meeting:**

<https://arnes-si.zoom.us/j/92436472392?pwd=ZkhWZExibVQ5YlNodit1T2c3czBJQT09>

Moderator: Dr. Gosia Wochowska, Jamboard:

[https://jamboard.google.com/d/10IHENSRNIGqNE70xepojH\\_Ls-9iIN2\\_A7eq1PzD82Q4/viewer](https://jamboard.google.com/d/10IHENSRNIGqNE70xepojH_Ls-9iIN2_A7eq1PzD82Q4/viewer)

- Digital literacy and democracy, citizens safety online by **SAFE.SI, varninaslpetu.si and arnes.si** - Academic and Research Network of Slovenia  
Awareness Centre SAFE.SI: Awareness Centre's website [www.safe.si](http://www.safe.si) provides exhaustive information regarding internet safety for all project's target groups. Children, teenagers, parents and teachers all have separate sections on the website that provide information, tips, materials, videos designed especially for the respective target group. (15 min)
- **Paolo Celot** – Founder and Secretary General, EAVI – Media Literacy for Citizenship How digital literacy can support democratic and political engagement of different age and social groups. (45 min)
- Presentations of three **Country Reviews** prepared by the partners - 5-10 minutes each on either: "digital literacy" or "safety online" - examples from partners' countries and local municipalities to illustrate interesting cases, good practices or significant issues on one of the topics. (30 mins):

**Marija Mickevica**, Digital literacy activities and safety online in the youth centre in Dagda, Kraslavas region, Latvia (10 mins)



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**Francesco Marchionni**, Bruxelles Europe ASBL and EuLabTEC, “From a safer internet towards a better internet for kids and young people”, Belgium/ Italy (10 mins)

Discussion

11:15 Coffee break

**11:30-13:00 ZOOM: ONLINE - OPEN FOR THE GENERAL PUBLIC** - Conference with keynote speakers and a facilitated discussion: “Hate speech and digital storytelling, political advertising offline and online” (**registrations required**)

Moderator: Mitja Bukovec

**ZOOM meeting:**

<https://arnes-si.zoom.us/j/92436472392?pwd=ZkhWZExibVQ5YINodit1T2c3czBJQT09>

- Dr. Jure Gombac from Slovenian Migration Institute and Science and Research Centre SASA, explored the challenges for the media when reporting on migrants and migrations topics, and presented the potential of digital storytelling tools to offer alternative narratives.
- Dr. Iztok Sori from the Peace Institute will be holding a lecture and workshop on Intercultural media education: concept and practice.
- Presentations of three **Country Reviews** prepared by the partners - 5-10 minutes each on “hate speech” - examples from partners’ countries and local municipalities to illustrate interesting cases, good practices or significant issues on one of this topic. (20 mins):

**Anastasiia Tsaruk**, Department for International Cooperation, Folkuniversitetet, Uppsala, Sweden (10 minutes)

Discussion

13:00-14:00 Lunch break

**14.30-16.30 ZOOM: ONLINE - ONLY FOR THE PARTNERS AND LOCAL CITIZENS:** Creative session - practices of supporting media/information literacy as a critical element of civic participation. As the result of this session the partner will prepare a



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Policy paper on how local authorities and citizens can support media and information literacy.

- Lecturer **J. B. Kranjec**: "Election Campaign - from Offline to Online"
- Headteacher **Andreja Petrovič**: "Being Digitally Competent or Not - Is There a Choice?"

**16:30-18:00 Optional: ADDITIONAL POINT OF THE AGENDA- ONLINE:** "No lockdown for e-democracy: The promises and challenges of local e-democracy projects in Europe" in the framework of the European Week of Regions and Cities, the biggest annual Brussels-based event dedicated to regional policy. Gosia Wochowska will be speaking on behalf of the Project Registration link: [https://europa.eu/regions-and-cities/register\\_en](https://europa.eu/regions-and-cities/register_en) (registrations close on October 1st)



**Day 3, Wednesday 7th October 2020**

**10.00-11:00 ZOOM: ONLINE - FOR THE PARTNERS AND LOCAL CITIZENS:** Community youth and digital democracy in Higher Vocational College in Novo mesto Workshop: lecturer **Sonja Kukman**: "How to Make an Online Questionnaire to research social issues using Google Forms"



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