Call for proposals Fact-checking: Urgent Actions Special funding round – Ukraine

On February 25, EMIF published an update to its Call "Boosting Fact-checking Activities in Europe" in order to elicit fact-checking projects addressing the increasingly complex Russia-Ukraine conflict, in a moment where military actions are sustained by large-scale, coordinated, state-controlled disinformation campaigns and influence operations targeting both the Russian population and the public opinion in neighbouring countries, the European Union and beyond.

In such a critical context, debunking activities by independent fact-checkers need to be strengthened with a view to ensuring a continuous, in-depth and fact-based analysis of the information conveyed by media and shared across online communities regarding the causes, motivations, developments and effects of the conflict, as well as the actors influencing its evolution.

For this reason, responding to such a pressing need, EMIF has decided to open a Special Funding Round for Urgent Actions within the call "Boosting Fact-Checking Activities in Europe" addressing the situation in and around Ukraine.

Deadline: 29 April 2022

Allocation: €217 500

Maximum Grant Amount: €55 000

Maximum Duration: 6 months

Eligible countries: EU, EFTA and the UK.

Geographical Coverage of the actions: EU, EFTA, UK and Ukraine. Applicants may contemplate collaborations with fact-checking and media organisations and/or journalists operating in Ukraine. Though Ukrainian organisations are not eligible as funded partners, costs pertaining to such collaborations, namely subcontracting costs, will be considered as eligible.

Eligible applicants:

- All types of organisations contemplated in the call text of the call for proposals Boosting Fact-checking Activities in Europe.

- Organisations that commit to produce regular flows of fact-checks focused on the current Russia-Ukraine conflict.

Eligible activities: proposals designed to increase the coverage, depth, and speed of fact-checking activities:

- in connection to critical events, including public security crises, which may likely be targets of disinformation campaigns, directly and/or indirectly related to the Russia-Ukraine conflict,

- aimed at improving the detection and understanding of disinformation narratives related to the Russia – Ukraine conflict within relevant information environments (local/national/European, as well as Ukrainian and Russian linguistic communities in Ukraine),

- through enhancing fact-checking activities around the most relevant narratives, while following their evolution and spread during the whole duration of the project, and striving to identify the sources of disinformation, main vectors and targets.

All other conditions set out under the open Call "Boosting Fact-Checking in Europe" will remain unchanged.