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AFP'S FACT-CHECKS CITED AS BENCHMARK BY GERMAN STUDY

Germany's respected Grimme institute has just published a comparative analysis of fact-checking organisations in the country, which highlights the quality of Agence France-Presse's digital verification production.

"We strongly recommend AFP's fact-checks, which are thoroughly researched," the analysis said. "They are wellargued and largely based on their own verification work, as well as on questions directly asked to institutions and experts."

In the study, which was published on the <u>medienbildungshub</u> website, the Grimme Institute reviewed the output of six fact-checking media in Germany.

In addition to its analyses, the institute is known for its annual award for the best national television programme, which is considered the top media prize in Germany.

AFP, which has four German-speaking fact-checkers based in Berlin and Vienna, has published fact-checks in German since 2020.

They can be seen at <u>faktencheck.afp.com</u>.

About AFP:

AAFP has more than 130 journalists working on digital investigations, in over 30 countries, in constant interaction with other AFP journalists throughout the Agency's global network. They publish in 24 languages and all of their production is freely available on factuel.afp.com.

AFP is part of the International Fact-Checking Network, which has an established a charter to be followed by all fact-checkers. AFP participates in the development of the EFCSN, the European Code of Principles for independent fact-checking organizations. AFP is also part of Facebook's fact-checking program to identify and report false information on the social network.

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