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### UKRAINIAN NEWS AGENCY TRAINS IN FACT-CHECKING WITH AFP AND APA

After training with journalists from Agence France-Presse and the Austrian news agency APA, Ukraine's largest news agency [Ukrinform](#) has started writing its own fact-check articles in an effort to confront a wave of war-related disinformation.

It is the first major Ukrainian media outlet to be trained in fact-checking, a crucial step as Russia's conflict in Ukraine has entered its second year.

The dedicated training was carried out by experienced digital verification journalists from [AFP](#) and [APA](#) in several sessions over late 2022. Since then Ukrinform has published more than 60 fact-checks on its website.

“Since the beginning of the Russian invasion, massive disinformation has polluted social networks, muddied the waters and made fair and impartial coverage of the conflict more and more difficult for journalists,” said [Bronwen Roberts](#), head of digital investigation for AFP's Europe region. “The training provided by AFP allows Ukrinform journalists, who already have extensive expertise in their region, to be even better equipped and aware when they investigate in the digital field.»

The training was supported by the [European Media and Information Fund](#) (EMIF) managed by the Calouste Gulbenkian Foundation.

AFP is the leading fact-checking network in the world with 140 journalists on five continents. The agency works with eight European hubs against disinformation under the umbrella of the European Digital Media Observatory EDMO. It is a signatory of the standard-setting International Fact-Checking Network (IFCN) and has played a key role in establishing a European code of good practice for fact-checkers within the European Fact-Checking Standards Network.

In addition, AFP participates in a Meta program to identify and report false and misleading information circulating on its platforms.

#### About AFP

AFP is a leading global news agency, providing 24/7 coverage of world news across all fields. Since 2017, AFP has built up the world's largest digital investigation network, with almost 140 journalists covering 85 countries to date. These specialised journalists are a reference in the fight against disinformation and publish in 24 languages on the [factcheck.afp.com](https://factcheck.afp.com) website.

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