



EUROPEAN COLLABORATIVE JOURNALISM PROGRAMME (ECJP) 2023

28 MAR – 1 APR 2023 GUT SIGGEN, BALTIC SEA, NORTHERN GERMANY

1–4 JUNE 2023 EIJC & DATAHARVEST, MECHELEN, BELGIUM

WHAT IS IT ABOUT?

ECJP brings together a group of sixteen journalists from all over Europe with the aim to motivate and enable them to collaborate crossborder and to form a community of practice. The programme consists of two parts:

Part 1

Meeting at the seminar centre Gut Siggen at the Baltic sea to:

- get familiar with each other
- receive input from experts
- intensively discuss and elaborate your story ideas
- exchange on your journalistic practice

Part 2

Meeting at the EIJC & Dataharvest conference in Mechelen to:

- attend a huge variety of workshops, lectures, panels
- connect with colleagues from other countries
- follow up on your investigation started at Gut Siggen
- strengthen network ties with your fellows

WHY COLLABORATE?

Many topics of public interest don't stop at the border. Organised crime, issues of migration, exploitation or pollution are often complex, resource-demanding and need to be investigated jointly, spanning several countries. While investigative journalism is costly and, therefore, under pressure, collaboration allows to pool resources

and expertise, to analyse facts and data jointly and to increase impact by publishing in several media at the same time. It enables to share the often highly demanding workload of an investigation and to provide mutual support in this process. In 2023, Toepfer Foundation and Arena for Journalism will offer the ECJP for the fourth time.

WHAT DOES IT ENTAIL?

Meeting at Gut Siggen from 28 Mar – 1 Apr 2023:

- five-six inputs from experts
- four working sessions in which you discuss and further elaborate a story
- an “editorial meeting” to get feedback from experts and peers
- travel fees to and from Gut Siggen/Baltic Sea (Germany), incl. four nights of accommodation and all meals

Meeting at the Dataharvest conference from 1–4 June 2023 organised by Arena for Journalism in Europe:

- attendance of conference panels and workshops according to your interest
- working session to follow up on the story you started in Siggen
- travel fees to and from Mechelen/Belgium incl. three nights of accommodation, breakfast and lunch

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FOR WHOM? / TARGET GROUP

The programme is developed for journalists from all over Europe, freelancers as well as staffers from all media. It is suited for juniors as well as mid-career journalists, who either already have first experiences with collaborative journalism or who firmly intend to work in this field. Participants are asked to bring a story idea to the first meeting on which they would like to collaborate with other fellows in the course of the programme (and beyond).

ECJP topics so far have mainly been from the following areas:

- 1) Sustainability: food, climate, use of resources
- 2) Social & Human rights: migration, exploitation, organised crime
- 3) Governance: corruption, extremism, disinformation

ECJP & COVID SAFETY MEASURES

Depending on the further development of the pandemic, we might have to adapt the programme. Any changes will always be communicated timely and transparently towards the participants.

HOW? / APPLICATION

Please submit your application via our website at:
www.toepfer-stiftung.de/en/ecjp

Deadline: 6 Dec 2022
You will be informed around 15 Jan 2023

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WHO? / PROGRAMME PARTNERS

Toepfer Foundation

Toepfer Foundation is a Hamburg-based non-profit foundation engaged in the areas of arts&culture, science, education, nature conservation and exchange among Europeans. As part of the latter, the foundation addressed the field of journalism in 2019 and aims to support net-working and cross-border collaboration among European journalists. www.toepfer-stiftung.de



Arena for Journalism in Europe

The foundation's purpose is to stimulate and support cross-border collaborative and investigative journalism in Europe, including collaborations with other professions, proceeding from the belief that such journalism contributes to information exchange, critical thought, mutual understanding and democracy in Europe.
www.journalismarena.eu

