



# EUROPEAN COLLABORATIVE JOURNALISM PROGRAMME (ECJP) 2022

**30 MAR – 2 APR 2022 GUT SIGGEN, BALTIC SEA, NORTHERN GERMANY**

**19 – 22 MAY 2022 EIJC & DATAHARVEST, MECHELEN, BELGIUM**

## **WHY? / THE PROGRAMME**

Issues of cross-border relevance, such as organised crime, migration or pollution, are pervasive while resource-demanding investigative and public interest journalism is 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 also enables to share the often highly demanding workload of an investigation and to provide mutual support. Hence, working closely together has become more urgent. Toepfer Foundation and Arena for Journalism therefore jointly offer the European Collaborative Journalism Programme (ECJP). In Spring 2022, up to sixteen participants will gather at the foundations' conference centre at the Baltic Sea, followed by a second encounter during the EIJC & Dataharvest in Belgium.

### **Aims:**

1. to establish a network of journalists from different European countries to foster exchange and encourage working relations
2. to provide know-how, methods and skills on collaborative, cross-border journalism

3. to facilitate the exploration and further development of a collaborative story
4. to reflect and discuss your work practices and routines

## **WHAT? / PROGRAMME COMPONENTS**

1. Four-day programme of input, training and debate on collaborative journalism with experts from Arena and varying other organisations (e.g. Investigate Europe, EIC, Correctiv) and guests
2. Opportunity to discuss and further elaborate an investigation participants have in mind or are already working on
3. Feedback from trainers and peers
4. Travel fees to and from the programme venue at Gut Siggen/Baltic Sea (Germany), including three nights of accommodation and all meals
5. Fellowship to attend EIJC & Dataharvest from 19–22 May 2022 in Belgium, organised by Arena for Journalism in Europe including travel costs and accommodation and a ½ day programme on 19 May 22

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## FOR WHOM? / TARGET GROUP

The programme is developed for journalists from all over Europe (geographical Europe, Council of Europe states), 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.

We especially encourage applicants interested in any of the following broad topics to increase the potential for future collaborations:

1. Sustainability: Food, climate, use of resources
2. Social rights: Migration, exploitation, organised crime
3. Governance: Corruption, extremism, polarisation

## ECJP & COVID SAFETY MEASURES

Depending on the further development of the pandemic, we might have to adapt the programme. Decisions 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](http://www.toepfer-stiftung.de/en/ecjp)

Deadline: 28 Nov 2021

Notification: by 15 Jan 2022

In case of any question please get in touch!

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## WHO? / PROGRAMME PARTNERS

### Toepfer Foundation

Toepfer Foundation is a Hamburg-based non-profit foundation engaged in the areas of 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 networking and cross-border collaboration among European journalists. [www.toepfer-stiftung.de](http://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](http://www.journalismarena.eu)

