



EUROPEAN COLLABORATIVE JOURNALISM PROGRAMME (ECJP) 2024

9–13 APR 2024 GUT SIGGEN, BALTIC SEA, NORTHERN GERMANY

30 MAY–2 JUNE 2024 EIJC & DATAHARVEST, MECHELEN, BELGIUM

WHAT IS IT ABOUT?

ECJP brings you together with a group of about fifteen journalists from all over Europe to motivate and enable you to work collaboratively across borders and to form a community of practice. The programme consists of two parts:

Part 1

Meeting at the seminar centre Gut Siggen to:

- get familiar with each other
- present and discuss your story ideas
- form research teams to jointly work on a story
- receive input from experts and peers
- exchange on your journalistic practice

Part 2

Meeting at the EIJC & Dataharvest conference to:

- attend a broad variety of workshops, panels, debates
- meet like-minded colleagues and experts from other countries
- find other journalists to potentially team up with
- 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 borders. Organised crime, issues of migration, exploitation or pollution often span several countries. They are complex, multi-faceted and resource-demanding to research. Collaboration allows to pool resources and expertise, to analyse facts and data jointly, to get

a deeper understanding of a story 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 view of tight schedules and challenging decisions how to go about. Toepfer Foundation and Arena for Journalism therefore joined hands to offer the ECJP in 2024 for the fifth time.

WHAT DOES IT ENTAIL?

Meeting at Gut Siggen (about 2 h from Hamburg) from 9–13 April 2024:

- several inputs from experts
- 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 incl. four nights of accommodation and all meals

Meeting at the Dataharvest conference (about 30 min from Brussels) from 30 May–2 June 2024:

- catch up meeting and joint dinner at the pre-conference day 30 May
- attendance of conference panels and workshops according to your own interest
- occasion to further work on the investigation started at Gut Siggen
- travel fees to and from the conference venue Mechelen incl. three nights of accommodation, breakfast and lunch

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WHO CAN APPLY?

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 apply with a story idea on which they would like to collaborate with other fellows in the course of the programme (and beyond).

ECJP topics so far mainly dealt with:

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

COMMITMENT

Please note that we expect participants to attend both parts of the programme and that both parts have quite a dense schedule. This means a time commitment of nine days in total + travel time depending on your location.

HOW TO APPLY

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

Deadline: 8 Jan 2024

A jury of three to four members from the Toepfer Foundation, Arena and an external member will thoroughly review all applications.

You will be notified in early February 2024.

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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 networking and cross-border collaboration among European journalists. www.toepfer-stiftung.de



Arena for Journalism in Europe

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